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# AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED JOINS WITH THE WIRRPANDA FOUNDATION PLEDGING JOBS FOR LAVERTON REGION



*Figure 1: Wirrpanda Foundation Founder David Wirrpanda and Australian Potash Limited Managing Director and CEO Matt Shackleton signing the partnership agreement today at Kings Park.*

Australian Potash Limited (APC) is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the Wirrpanda Foundation to create opportunities for indigenous employment at the Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project.

APC is an ASX listed company, which has recently published the findings of a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) into the development of a 150,000 tonne per annum, solar salt SOP operation. The Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project (LSOP) is located 160 km NNE of Laverton and consists of granted mining and exploration licenses covering a total of over 2,100 square kilometres.

The Wirrpanda Foundation is the Community Development Program (CDP) provider in Laverton, catering for the registration of all job seekers in the region. Launched in 2005 by former West Coast Eagles player David Wirrpanda, The Wirrpanda Foundation aims to

lead the provision of education and employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians by working together to empower and build capacity amongst individuals, their families and their communities.

Through the establishment of a number of successful programs in Perth, regional Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, the ACT, and Queensland, the Wirrpanda Foundation has reached over 35,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nationally.

The cooperation between APC and the Wirrpanda Foundation is focused on creating real employment opportunities during construction of the LSOP, embracing inclusion and diversity to create a vibrant culture that represents the local communities. APC is committed to providing flexible work arrangements, active Indigenous participation and gender balance.

Wirrapanda Foundation Director and Founder David Wirrpanda said, "The Foundation is committed to partnering with Matt and the team at APC to provide local people with long term career opportunities. To achieve that goal we will be actively engaging the community to identify and prepare CDP participants who can take up roles as the project develops."

APC Managing Director and CEO Matt Shackleton said, "We are and have always been committed to making real substantive change to the Laverton community through our close working relationship with the Shire and the township. We are proud to extend this endeavour by pledging jobs through the Wirrpanda Foundation's excellent and sector leading programs that encompass work skills, on the job mentoring and on-going employment support for indigenous new hires. Over the next several months we look forward to developing our relationship into one delivering productive outcomes for APC, the Wirrpanda Foundation and most importantly, the local and regional people of Laverton."

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