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## **AGUIA INTENSIFIES COMMUNITY OUTREACH AHEAD OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TRÊS ESTRADAS PHOSPHATE PROJECT**

**Sydney, Australia, May 16, 2018** – Brazilian fertilizer developer Agua Resources Limited (ASX: AGR, TSXV: AGRL) (“Agua” or “the Company”) is pleased to update all stakeholders on the numerous activities underway in the local community as part of the consultation process in advance of the Preliminary License approval.

Over the last six months the Company has broadened its communication program and hosted a number of events to explain plans for Três Estradas to the local community, and to present the Company as a good corporate neighbour. The program has included a series of workshops with members of the local community, sponsoring cultural events in Lavras do Sul and at the State Capital Porto Alegre, and giving presentations of the project at conferences (see table below for more details).

Agua’s Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was filed with the State Environmental Agency (FEPAM) in October 2016. Subsequently, engineering optimisations identified from trade-off studies resulted in a number of modifications and improvements to the project and a revised version of the EIA was filed in September 2017. FEPAM is reviewing the EIA and Agua expects to receive their technical evaluation in the coming months. The Agency’s technical staff have conducted one site visit and a second site visit is being arranged. After the Agency is satisfied with the technical content of the EIA, public hearings will be organised with the local communities.

**Technical Director Dr. Fernando Tallarico commented,** “Environmental permitting has become a very detailed and technically sophisticated process. We are happy with progress so far and with the high technical standards that our team has delivered. We plan to intensify community activities as we approach the public hearings, which will be an important component for granting of the Preliminary License.”

**Managing Director Justin Reid added,** “The approval of the EIA will result in the issuance of the Preliminary License, a key milestone in the development of a mining project in Brazil. Our EIA was prepared by respected environmental consultants Golder & Associates who conducted a rigorous evaluation. Filing a revised EIA last September has extended the evaluation timeline, but we believe the modifications are well worth it as the optimisations have substantially reduced the project’s environmental footprint. It is critical that Agua establishes itself as a valued member of the local community and our team has done a great job so far on outreach and education. We intend on being a committed member of the Lavras do Sul community and economy for many years to come.”



Exhibition of photographs of rural life in Lavras do Sul sponsored by Aguaia



At Aguaia's booth at the annual agriculture fair in Lavras do Sul, children learn about the elements in the periodic table and how they are used in their daily lives

Event	Objective	Date
<b>Photography Exhibition</b>	Sponsored an exhibition by local photographers whose work focuses on rural life in Lavras do Sul. Photographs available on the Três Estradas Project site: <a href="http://projetofofoto.com.br/exposicao-letra-luz/">http://projetofofoto.com.br/exposicao-letra-luz/</a>	September 2017
<b>Lavras – Expolavras 2017</b>	The Company had a booth at the local agribusiness show and organized a series of activities with the local community to provide updates on the project.	October 2017
<b>Project Presentation at the Federal University of the Pampas - Unipampa</b>	Institutional relationship building	October 2017
<b>Project Presentation at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS</b>	Institutional relationship building	November 2017
<b>Ovinofest 2017</b>	The Company had a booth at the local sheep farming show and organized a series of activities with the local community to provide updates on the project.	December 2017
<b>Spokesman training</b>	Prepare Aguaia's personnel for the upcoming public hearings	Since October 2017
<b>Participation in meetings of the Santa Maria Basin Committee</b>	Update members of the Committee on the progress of the project	Monthly
<b>Media Plan</b>	Advertising with local radio, newspaper, as well in social media to update the community on the progress of the project	Since March 2018
<b>Project presentation for biology students of the Federal University of Pelotas – UFPel</b>	Institutional relationship building	March 2018
<b>Project presentation for geology students of the Vale do Rio dos Sinos University - Unisinos</b>	Institutional relationship building	April 2018
<b>Visit to the land owners located within the project area</b>	Provide details on the project footprint.	March 2018
<b>Filing of the Archeological Assessment Report at IPHAN (Historical and Archeological Authority)</b>	Part of the permitting process	April 2018
<b>Project Presentation at the II Southern Brazil Symposium of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration – SISBRAMME</b>	Institutional relationship building	May 2018

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