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The Manager  
Companies Announcements Office  
Australian Securities Exchange

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Submission of Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KPT) is pleased to announce that it has submitted its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed Kangaroo Island Seaport. The Draft EIS addresses the requirements and guidelines specified by South Australia's Development Assessment Commission.

The Draft EIS has been prepared by Adelaide-based environmental consultants Environmental Projects, supported by a large Study Team of engineers, scientists and technical experts. KPT wishes to record its thanks to all those who have made a contribution, including KPT's Approvals Manager Peter Lockett, who has managed the project on the Company's behalf.

The Draft EIS and its associated studies demonstrate that the KI Seaport can be built and operated in a way that protects the environment, while providing significant social and economic advantages to South Australia, and to the Kangaroo Island community in particular. Moreover, the Draft EIS addresses key issues identified by the EIS Study Team, the community and government agencies in initial consultations.

Importantly, the Draft EIS demonstrates that construction and operation of the facility would have no negative effects on the land-based abalone farm that is also located at Smith Bay. It also shows that there would be no significant negative effect on any matters of national environmental significance.

The KI Seaport, once built, is expected to unlock more than 250 full-time jobs, most of them on Kangaroo Island, and to inject more than \$50 million a year into the South Australian economy. The project has not changed in scope or scale since it was originally declared a Major Development in February 2017, although the design of the jetty structure has been modified to reduce the environmental impact of the proposed seaport.

The Minister for Planning will advise when the Draft EIS is available for public consultation. and whether any further information or changes are required before this happens. Until then, the Draft EIS is treated as commercial-in-confidence. The Company hopes that the public consultation period will be completed before Christmas 2018, but recognises that this is a matter for the Minister.

Formal submissions made during the public consultation will be considered and answered in a follow-up Response Document. The Draft EIS and the Response Document will together form the final EIS to be lodged with State and Commonwealth governments for their decision.

Welcoming the lodgement of the Draft EIS, the Managing Director of KPT, John Sergeant said it represented a critical milestone for the Company:

*"We have invested substantial time, effort and money to ensure that we are lodging a comprehensive Draft EIS. We believe that our proposal is submitted in a form that provides government with all the information it requires. We look forward to seeing the Island community, and the State of South Australia, benefiting as soon as possible from the production and sale of sustainably grown plantation timber on Kangaroo Island."*

*"We also anticipate advantages to other sectors of the Island's economy, as a new freight access option is opened."*

*"At the same time, we recognise that a transformative project such as this raises questions and doubts. We look forward to presenting the facts. We welcome the opportunity to engage with the community and we re-commit ourselves to listening ... and addressing any concerns wherever we can."*

The Company will advise the ASX when the Minister for Planning determines that the Draft EIS will be placed on public exhibition.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Vicky Allinson  
Company Secretary