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Government Agency Submissions on EIS

The Company (KPT) confirms that it has now received and reviewed the consolidated comments from all relevant South Australian Government agencies on its Smith Bay Wharf Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This feedback must be considered by the Company, (along with public submissions) in preparing a Response Document. The Response Document is a supplement to the Draft EIS which, together with the Draft EIS, forms the Final EIS. This consolidated document provides the basis for the assessment report and approval decision by the State and Commonwealth.

The government agency comments have been released by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, at the direction of the Minister. The comments can be found be found by clicking here or using the following hyperlink:

https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/planning-and-property/land-and-property-development/building-and-property-development-applications/major-development-applications-and-assessments/proposals-currently-being-assessed/kangaroo-island-plantation-timber-port-at-smith-bay

Based on its analysis and that of its specialist advisers, the Company believes that all of the issues raised by Government agencies can be satisfactorily addressed in the Company's Response Document. The Company is not aware of any matter that would prevent the project from being approved and remains confident that development consent will be forthcoming.

A small number of issues will require further scientific and engineering analysis, the extent of which will depend upon the degree to which the Company decides to amend its original proposal to address or eliminate impacts.

The Major Development process encourages the modification and improvement of projects to address public and government agency comments, together with any new information that may arise through the consultation process. KPT will continue to investigate design enhancements for the in-water structure, to further reduce dredge quantities, improve circulation of water in Smith Bay and further increase separation from sensitive receptors. Landside changes will also be considered by the Company and its project partner Mitsui. The Response Documents will provide details of any such project improvements.

The Company is considering the impact of any such changes on capital and operating costs. It notes that, after considering recent changes in market prices of hardwood chip and pine logs, together with expected production costs, the Company's forecasts of net operating cash flow expected over the 10 years during which existing plantations will be harvested are materially unchanged.







KPT will analyse and respond to all government and public submissions, constructively and respectfully, with a view to delivering the project in a way that benefits the Island and the State, while protecting the environment and existing Island businesses. The Company will provide further updates, including when it submits its Response Document.

Yours sincerely,

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