

## **ASX/TSX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# OROCOBRE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A\$126 MILLION FULLY UNDERWRITTEN PLACEMENT

### Highlights:

- A\$126 million raised through an oversubscribed institutional placement (Placement)
- Demonstrates strong endorsement for Orocobre's enhanced financial flexibility and future outlook
- Non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan to raise up to A\$30 million (SPP) will open to existing eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand shortly

**Orocobre Limited (Orocobre** or the **Company)** (ASX:ORE, TSX:ORL) is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed a fully underwritten Placement to raise approximately A\$126 million at an issue price of A\$2.52 per share, representing a 13.1% discount to the last closing price of the Company's shares traded on the ASX on 27 August 2020 of A\$2.90 per share.

The Placement will result in the issue of approximately 50.0 million new fully paid ordinary shares (**New Shares**). New Shares issued under the Placement will rank equally with existing ordinary shares on issue and allotment is expected to occur on 3 September 2020. The Placement is within Orocobre's placement capacity under ASX listing rule 7.1 and is made in reliance on the Temporary Extra Placement Capacity Class Waiver Decision (as amended) effective from 9 July 2020 (replacing the earlier waiver decision dated 23 April 2020). No shareholder approval is required for the Placement.

Proceeds from the Placement will be used to ensure Olaroz Stage 2 is fully funded and to deliver Olaroz Stage 1 through a range of operating, COVID-19 and pricing environments, as well as capital for future growth initiatives.

The Placement generated significant interest from Orocobre's existing institutional shareholders and other institutional investors. Eligible existing institutional shareholders who bid for an amount less than or equal to their 'pro rata' share of New Shares under the Placement were allocated their bid in full, on a best endeavours basis.

The allocation policy for the balance of the New Shares under the Placement favoured eligible existing institutional shareholders bidding above pro rata and new institutional investors with investment strategies that Orocobre believes are aligned with its business. As far as Orocobre is aware, there were no significant exceptions or deviations from these objectives and criteria, nor were any New Shares issued or agreed to be issued to any person referred to in ASX listing rule 10.11 without an exception applying.



Orocobre's CEO Martin Perez de Solay said: "We are very pleased with the support shown by our institutional shareholders and other institutional investors for the Placement. We see the success of the Placement as a clear endorsement of Orocobre's decision to deliver financial flexibility to support Stage 1 and Stage 2 development through a range of operating and pricing environments."

#### **Share Purchase Plan**

As announced on 28 August 2020, Orocobre is also offering eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to acquire up to A\$30,000 in New Shares in the non-underwritten SPP to raise up to a further A\$30 million.

The amount of A\$30 million is considered appropriate to provide the vast majority of Orocobre's eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand with the opportunity to achieve at least a pro rata allocation, having regard to the total size of the Placement and SPP (**Equity Raising**), the composition of the share register and historical participation rates in share purchase plans generally. Orocobre may decide to accept applications (in whole or in part) that result in the SPP raising more or less than A\$30 million in its absolute discretion. If a scale back is applied, this means that an applicant may be allocated fewer Orocobre New Shares than they apply for under the SPP. If Orocobre decides to conduct any scale back, it will apply the scale back having regard to the size of the existing shareholdings of applicants as at the SPP record date.

The SPP issue price will be the lower of:

- the Placement Price (A\$2.52 per New Share);
- a 2% discount to the 5-day volume weighted average price of Orocobre shares up to the SPP closing date; or
- a 2% discount to the volume weighted average price of Orocobre shares on the SPP close date

The New Shares issued under the SPP will rank equally with existing Orocobre fully paid ordinary shares on issue.

The SPP offer document containing further details of the SPP will be released on the ASX separately and is expected to be despatched to all eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand on Friday, 4 September 2020, being the date on which the SPP will open.

Further information can be found in the announcement and investor presentation titled "FY20 Result and Equity Raising" released to ASX on 28 August 2020.

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#### **About Orocobre Limited**

Orocobre Limited (Orocobre) is a dynamic global lithium carbonate producer and an established producer of boron. Orocobre is dual listed on the Australia and Toronto Stock Exchanges (ASX: ORE), (TSX: ORL). Orocobre's interests include its Olaroz Lithium Facility in Northern Argentina, a material JORC Resource in the adjacent Cauchari Basin and Borax Argentina, an established boron minerals and refined chemicals producer. The Company has commenced an expansion at Olaroz and construction of the Naraha Lithium Hydroxide Plant in Japan. For further information, please visit <a href="https://www.orocobre.com">www.orocobre.com</a>.

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Orocobre is an "Eligible Interlisted Issuer" for purposes of the TSX. Orocobre has relied upon Section 602.1 of the TSX Company Manual in respect of the Placement on the basis that it has been completed in accordance with the standards of the ASX.