

The Manager  
Companies Announcements Office  
Australian Securities Exchange

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Result of EPBC Act referral**

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers Ltd (KPT or the Company) has lodged a referral under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) seeking a decision on whether the Smith Bay wharf development is a controlled action under that Act.

The Company has been advised by the Commonwealth that its development is considered a controlled action, because of the potential impacts on four species whose conservation status is listed below:

- Endangered Southern Right Whales in Commonwealth Marine Waters
- Endangered Kangaroo Island Echidnas
- Vulnerable Hooded Plover (eastern)
- Vulnerable Southern Brown Bandicoot (eastern)

The practical effect of this decision is that KPT will need to address the potential effect of its proposed development on these species and to propose strategies to mitigate impacts, should they be required. It is considered that any potential impacts on these species will be readily manageable.

The Company remains committed to working with stakeholders on Kangaroo Island to assist in the Glossy Black Cockatoo recovery program and the Nepean Bay seagrass restoration program, even though these were not identified by the Commonwealth as being significantly affected by the Smith Bay development.

It is likely, although not certain, that the assessment of the proposed development's compliance with the provisions of the EPBC Act will be delegated by the Commonwealth to the South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, under a bilateral agreement.



The Company considers that the Commonwealth's decision is unlikely to have any significant effect on either the duration, cost or outcome of the development assessment process.

Yours faithfully

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Ms Vicky Allinson  
Company Secretary