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## **Leigh Creek Energy Project Research and Development Working Capital Facility**

- **Research and Development Working Capital Facility established with CBA**
- **Allows early access of up to \$4m in refundable tax offsets**
- **Expedites Pre Commercial Demonstration Stage of Leigh Creek Energy Project**

South Australian energy company, Leigh Creek Energy Limited (ASX: LCK) ("Leigh Creek Energy" or "the Company"), is pleased to announce that it has established a Research and Development Working Capital Facility ("the Facility") with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("CBA").

The Company announced on 18 November 2016 that it had been awarded a "Certificate for Advance Finding" from Federal Government agency Innovation Australia, enabling the Company to claim refundable tax offsets for FY 2015/16 to FY 2017/18, for total anticipated expenditure of approximately \$21m to be incurred on the Pre Commercial Demonstration stage of the Leigh Creek Energy Project.

The 12 month Facility with the CBA effectively allows the Company to bring forward access to refundable tax offsets by providing a progressive drawdown of eligible project expenditure of up to \$4m. Under the terms of the facility CBA will be repaid from the proceeds of the Company's taxation return rebate.

*Commenting on the announcement Mr Phil Staveley (Chief Executive Officer) said: "This Facility is a natural progression from the awarding of the Advanced Finding, and provides early access to funds to expedite progress with the Pre Commercial Demonstration stage activities."*

### **Summary**

LCK continues to move forward with the development of the Leigh Creek Energy Project. Further announcements regarding progress with the project will be made as the project moves toward operations.



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***About Leigh Creek Energy***

*Leigh Creek Energy Limited (LCK) is an emerging gas company focused on developing its Leigh Creek Energy Project (LCEP), located in South Australia. The LCEP will produce high value products such as electricity, natural gas and fertiliser from the remnant coal resources at Leigh Creek utilising In Situ Gasification (ISG) technologies, and will provide long term growth and opportunities to the communities of the northern Flinders Ranges and South Australia.*

*The Company is committed to developing the LCEP using a best practice approach to mitigate the technical, environmental and financial project risks.*