

## **R&D Tax Incentive Refund Received**

**25 October 2018:** Environmental Clean Technologies Limited (ASX: ECT) (ECT or Company) is pleased to advise it has received its 2018 financial year R&D Tax Incentive Refund.

### **Key points:**

- ~AUD1.673 million R&D Tax Incentive refund received
- Current 'Brevet' R&D loan satisfied in full
- Surplus of ~AUD282k to support India project

The refund of ~AUD1.673 million is in line with accruals disclosed in the 2018 Annual Report and repays in full the current R&D loan provided by New York-based financier 'Brevet'.

A surplus of ~AUD282,000 will be allocated to working capital in support of the Company's priority initiatives including the India Project.

ECT Chief Operating Officer Mr Jim Blackburn noted "This year's refund has been processed and received in record time, reflecting the continuous refinement of our accounting and loan facility management processes, driven by our CFO Martin Hill."

### **Background**

The R&D Tax Incentive is a program managed by AusIndustry aimed at supporting eligible research activities.

Activities in India and Australia related to the research and development of the Company's Coldry process are covered by an advance finding and overseas ruling. An application for the same ruling on Matmor has been submitted and an outcome is expected in due course.

ECT Chairman Mr Glenn Fozard commented, "The R&D Tax Incentive program supports innovation, both in terms of the valuable research generated by companies like ours, and innovation around the financing of that research. It has seen the emergence of financial products such as that provided by Brevet, which allows the forward factoring of anticipated refunds, providing additional cashflow to the business as we work toward delivering on our objectives."

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# About ECT

ECT is in the business of commercialising leading-edge energy and resource technologies, which are capable of delivering financial and environmental benefits.

We are focused on advancing a portfolio of technologies, which have significant market potential globally.

ECT's business plan is to pragmatically commercialise these technologies and secure sustainable, profitable income streams through licensing and other commercial mechanisms.

## **About Coldry**

When applied to lignite and some sub-bituminous coals, the Coldry beneficiation process produces a black coal equivalent (BCE) in the form of pellets. Coldry pellets have equal or superior energy value to many black coals and produce lower  $CO_2$  emissions than raw lignite.

### **About MATMOR**

The MATMOR process has the potential to revolutionise primary iron making.

MATMOR is a simple, low cost, low emission production technology, utilising the patented MATMOR retort, which enables the use of cheaper feedstocks to produce primary iron.

## About the India R&D Project

The India project is aimed at advancing the Company's Coldry and Matmor technologies to demonstration and pilot scale, respectively, on the path to commercial deployment.

ECT has partnered with NLC India Limited and NMDC Limited to jointly fund and execute the project.

NLC India Limited is India's national lignite authority, largest lignite miner and largest lignite-based electricity generator.

NMDC Limited is India's national iron ore authority.

#### Areas covered in this announcement:

ECT (ASX:ECT)	ECT Finance	ECT India	India Project	Aust. Project	R&D	HVTF	Business Develop.	Sales
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