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Dear Sir / Madam

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A press release is attached.

Yours sincerely,

WATPAC LIMITED

Mark Baker

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

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Watpac Managing Director Martin Monro said the increased facility supports the Group's long-term operational plans.

"We have substantial capacity to grow our workbook across all of the Group's business operations and regions, particularly in Contracting, and this enhanced banking arrangement is an endorsement of our efforts to continue to deliver quality outcomes for our clients," Mr Monro said.

"With almost \$2 billion of work in hand across the company's contracting businesses, the facility will allow Watpac to continue to pursue new project opportunities across the country."

Watpac Chief Financial Officer Mark Baker said the Group is well placed with a strong balance sheet in an improving construction market.

"Securing the increased bank guarantee facility provides Watpac with a competitive advantage in the current market, and ensures the Group is able to build on the solid platform we have established over the past few years," Mr Baker said.

"This facility increase amends the existing three year syndicated banking arrangement finalised in May this year, which also includes a \$25 million revolving credit facility.

"Achieving this enhanced limit so soon after reaching financial close on our new syndicated facility is a testament to our keen focus on financial strength and improving shareholder returns."

Nationally, Watpac is delivering a number of major projects including the \$114 million Southpoint Office Tower in Brisbane, Queensland; the \$83 million Nuclear Medicine Molybdenum-99 Facility in Lucas Heights, New South Wales; the \$60 million Leicester Street Student Accommodation Project in Melbourne, Victoria; stage one of the new Mater Private Hospital in Springfield, Queensland, valued at \$47 million; and the \$29 million mining services contract with Hanking Gold Mining at its Cornishman Pit, located at the centre of its Southern Cross operations in Western Australia.

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**Note to editors:** Watpac is a leading, national construction and mining contracting group. We have been listed on the Australian Securities Exchange since 1985 and have offices in Brisbane, Townsville, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. More information is available at <a href="https://www.watpac.com.au">www.watpac.com.au</a>.



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