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## ASX/Media Announcement

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### L-Max<sup>®</sup> Licence Agreement with Latin Resources

- **Lepidico and Latin Resources sign binding term sheet to explore for lithium in Argentina and Peru via JV**
- **Lepidico will leverage off Latin Resources' in-country experience**
- **Lepidico free carried for the first \$1,000,000 in each country**
- **Lepidico's initial interest in JV is 40% in return for contributing L-Max<sup>®</sup> technology**

Platypus Minerals Ltd (**ASX:PLP**) ("Platypus" or "Company") is pleased to announce that Lepidico Ltd ("Lepidico") has entered into a licensing agreement ("Agreement") for its proprietary L-Max<sup>®</sup> technology with Latin Resources Limited (**ASX:LRS**) ("Latin Resources").

Under the terms of the Agreement, Lepidico and Latin Resources will form two joint venture companies ("JV Companies"), one focussed on Argentina and the other on Peru. Lepidico will grant the JV Companies an exclusive right to market and acquire L-Max<sup>®</sup> licences ("L-Max<sup>®</sup> Rights") in each respective country for a period of 12 months.

At the end of the 12 month period, the JV Companies individually will retain their L-Max<sup>®</sup> Rights if they acquire, or have rights to acquire, a lithium project and Latin Resources secures \$1,000,000 in funding for each of the JV Companies.

Platypus and Lepidico have signed a Share Sale Agreement under which Platypus is to acquire 100% of the issued shares in Lepidico. The transaction is to be voted on by Platypus shareholders in general meeting to be held on 30 May 2016.

The Agreement between Lepidico and Latin Resources is conditional upon drafting of detailed joint venture agreements for each of the JV Companies. Upon execution of these agreements, Latin Resources will issue Lepidico 10,000,000 shares with a subsequent tranche of another 10,000,000 shares issued 12 months later. Each tranche of shares will be subject to a 12 month escrow period. The JV Companies will also pay Lepidico a gross product royalty of 1% on any revenue received from the sale of lithium and other by-products produced using L-Max<sup>®</sup>.

Lepidico Chairman, Gary Johnson, commented:

*"We are very pleased to establish a relationship with Latin Resources. Our goal is to deploy L-Max<sup>®</sup> around the globe and transactions of this nature allow Lepidico to leverage off the in-country experience of our partners, gaining exposure to new lithium opportunities."*

For further details of the Agreement and information on Latin Resources, please refer to Latin Resources' ASX announcement dated 9 May 2016.

**Key Terms Relating to L-Max® Rights:**

Phase	Terms
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The JV Companies hold the exclusive right to market and acquire L-Max® licences.</li> <li>The JV Companies must acquire, or have rights to acquire, a hard rock lithium project in their respective country.</li> <li>Latin Resources must secure \$1,000,000 in funding for each of the JV Companies.</li> </ul>
Years 2 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The JV Companies must spend at least \$1,000,000 and complete a bankable/definitive feasibility study for a project.</li> </ul>
Year 7 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>L-Max® rights for the JV Companies remain valid as long as lithium is being produced using the L-Max® technology.</li> </ul>

**Key Terms Relating to Lepidico's interest in the JV Companies**

Expenditure Level	Lepidico Interest
\$1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lepidico's initial interest will be 40%.</li> <li>Lepidico is free carried for the first \$1,000,000 of expenditure.</li> </ul>
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lepidico can elect to contribute its pro rata interest for the next \$1,000,000 of expenditure.</li> <li>If Lepidico elects not to contribute, it will be diluted to 35%.</li> </ul>
\$2,000,001 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lepidico can elect to contribute its pro rata interest for all expenditure over \$2,000,000.</li> <li>If Lepidico elects not to contribute, its interest will be diluted to, and remain at, 30%.</li> </ul>

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**About Lepidico Ltd**

Lepidico is a public unlisted lithium company with interests in lithium exploration assets and processing technology. It's current exploration assets include an option over the Lemare project in Canada; ownership of the Euriowie project near Broken Hill in New South Wales; and a joint venture agreement with ASX-listed Crusader Resources (ASX:CAS) to jointly exploit lithium opportunities in Brazil, including Crusader's Manga prospect. Lepidico also owns the L-Max® technology, a metallurgical process that extracts lithium from non-conventional sources, specifically Li-rich mica minerals such as lepidolite and zinnwaldite. Lepidico's largest shareholders are Strategic Metallurgy Pty Ltd and Potash West Ltd (ASX:PWN).

**About Platypus Minerals Ltd**

Platypus Minerals Ltd is a Perth-based ASX-listed company that is dedicated to the exploration and development of mineral projects prospective for copper, gold and other strategic metals in both Australia and overseas in stable jurisdictions. The focus is on projects that exhibit proven mineralisation, are under-explored, and have the potential to generate large economic deposits and deliver returns to shareholders.

In late 2015 Platypus made a decision to divest all non-performing assets and focus on its assets in the Gobbos area in WA whilst also initiating a strategic entry into the lithium sector by screening potential lithium opportunities globally, resulting in it reaching agreement on terms on 15 March 2016 to acquire 100% of Australian lithium company Lepidico Ltd.