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NOLANS PROJECT AWARDED MAJOR PROJECT STATUS

- **Allows access to Australian Government Major Project Facilitation services through to the end of 2019**

Arafura Resources Limited (ASX: ARU, “Arafura” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that its 100 per cent-owned Nolans Rare Earths Project in the Northern Territory has attained Major Project Facilitation (“MPF”) status with the Australian Government.

Access to services under the Government’s MPF program was approved by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, The Hon Darren Chester MP, in recent days. Discussions with Australian Government officials which highlighted Nolans’ strategic and advanced nature (both commercially and in regulatory approvals), and the potential net economic benefit of the project to regional Australia, commenced in May 2016.

The MPF program is managed through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. It provides Nolans with a tailored facilitation service to support a timely and efficient approvals process, including coordination of all relevant Australian and Northern Territory government processes so that they occur, as far as practicable, simultaneously and without delay.

The awarding of MPF services for Nolans through to the end of 2019 follows the conferral of Major Project Status by the Northern Territory Government’s Department of the Chief Minister in August 2014.

The Nolans Project joins 17 other significant development projects around Australia, including Shell’s Prelude FLNG Project, as current recipients of MPF services.

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