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ASX/TSX ANNOUNCEMENT

**OROCOBRE PROVIDES UPDATE ON OLAROSZ PROJECT APPROVALS**

Orocobre Limited (ASX: ORE, TSX: ORL) provides a brief update on its flagship lithium-potash Olarosz project in Jujuy, Argentina.

On 26 April, 2012, the Company announced that it was in discussions with Jujuy Energía y Minería Sociedad del Estado (“JEMSE”), the recently formed mining investment company owned by the provincial Government of Jujuy, concerning its participation in the Olarosz project. Since then, Orocobre has made significant progress in finalising the structure of the Company’s relationship with JEMSE. In addition, the Company continues to constructively engage with the Jujuy government concerning a limited number of matters required for final project approvals.

While the definitive timing to complete the approvals process is to a degree uncertain, the Company believes that the final approvals required to begin construction will be received in the near term.

Orocobre has now completed the construction engineering for the Olarosz bore-fields, ponds and related infrastructure in order to facilitate the start of construction once final governmental approvals are received and the Japanese financing is closed.

Further guidance will be provided, as it is available.

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**About Orocobre Limited**

Orocobre Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange (ASX:ORE, TSX:ORL), and is the leading lithium-potash developer in the lithium and potassium rich Puna region of Argentina. For further information, please visit [www.orocobre.com](http://www.orocobre.com).

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*This news release contains “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking information contained in this release includes, but is not limited to, the JEMSE’s potential participation in the Olaroz Project, the potential receipt of final approval from the Government of Jujuy for the Olaroz Project, the completion of a definitive agreement between Orocobre and TTC and lending documentation with Mizuho and JOGMEC, the financing of the Olaroz Project, the commencement of construction at the Olaroz Project, and the timing of each of the foregoing.*

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