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## **AGUA COMPLETES \$8.5 MILLION PLACEMENT TO FUND COMPANY THROUGH TO COMPLETION OF BFS**

### **Highlights:**

- Heavily oversubscribed placement with strong support received from local and international institutional investors
- Capital raising provides sufficient working capital to fund an extensive works program and completion of Bankable Feasibility Study
- Infill drilling program at Três Estradas to commence immediately
- Offtake negotiations for phosphate and calcite are ongoing

**Brazilian fertiliser developer Agua Resources Limited (ASX: AGR) (“Agua” or “Company”)** is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed an \$8.5 million Share Placement (Placement) through the issue of 85,000,000 new Fully Paid Ordinary Shares to institutional and sophisticated investors at \$0.10 per share. The new shares will rank equally with existing shares on issue.

The Placement, which was led by Patersons Securities Limited, was heavily oversubscribed and Agua is pleased to welcome a number of new shareholders to the register, including Australian and international institutional investors, as well as participation from some existing shareholders. Agua thanks all investors for their support.

Proceeds from funds raised and Agua’s existing cash reserves will be used as follows:

- Complete an Infill drilling program at Três Estradas to commence immediately in order to convert Inferred Mineral Resources to Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources for the Bankable Feasibility Study (“BFS”);
- Fully commission all engineering and appoint a Lead Third Party to oversee the BFS completion;
- Commission a Column Flotation Pilot Plant Program at the Eriez Flotation Division in Pennsylvania;
- Conduct all Community Consultations and public outreach programs to complete permitting;
- Undertake exploration of recently optioned projects adjacent to Três Estradas; and
- Lease maintenance and general working capital purposes.

Agua’s Managing Director Justin Reid commented:

“We are grateful for the strong support received for this Placement and are delighted to welcome a number of new institutional investors to our register that recognise the value that can be unlocked from Três Estradas. The strong demand from investors is testament to the quality of the asset.

Aguaia now has the necessary funding to carry us through to the BFS, and we are continuing with an active works program to achieve this critical milestone as soon as possible. We are well into the project development phase for Três Estradas, and our immediate priority is to commence infill drilling at the project with rigs mobilising in the coming weeks.

We look forward to reporting on our operational progress and providing project development updates as they occur. As well, discussions are continuing with potential offtake partners for both the calcite and phosphate that will be produced at Três Estradas, and we look forward to progressing these negotiations.”

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