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Market update – Port Bonython and Department of Defence

Western Plains Resources is aware of recent market rumours to the effect that a major announcement in relation to the development of a new bulk commodities export facility was likely to be made at today's South Australian Infrastructure Conference in Adelaide.

The Government of South Australia called for expressions of interest from the private sector to build, operate and finance this facility in May, fully 5 months ago.

This export facility together with other infrastructure is required if the current exploration boom in South Australia is to move into a sustainable mining boom. It is a litmus test of the Government's resolve to see the South Australian economy move from a manufacturing base to one more focussed on the resources sector. South Australia's unemployment rate is high and its per-capita gross state product is low in comparison with other states. Mining has the potential to elevate the well-being of all South Australians.

Apparently no such announcement was made at the Conference. Western Plains understands that a formal announcement is now likely to be made by the Government by the middle to end of next week.

Separately, Western Plains has today been advised by the Commonwealth Department of Defence that our revised infrastructure locations for the Peculiar Knob mine are acceptable to Defence. Defence had previously accepted the proposed mine development at Peculiar Knob but negotiations in relation to the location of infrastructure have been on foot for more than 12 months. The two parties will now proceed to finalise a formal access agreement.

A separate access agreement will need to be negotiated with Defence for the Company's proposed mine and infrastructure at Buzzard in the Hawks Nest area.

Further Information

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