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SA government agrees to Section 49 approvals process for Port Pirie facility

Western Plains Resources Limited (ASX:WPG) is pleased to advise that the South Australian government has agreed that the construction of the iron ore storage and export facility at Port Pirie proposed by WPG will be assessed under Section 49 of the *Development Act 1993*.

The government has indicated that the facility has the potential to benefit all South Australians.

WPG entered into a 30 year agreement with Flinders Ports Pty Ltd in June 2010 to export iron ore and coal from Port Pirie. The capacity of the materials handling and transhipment facilities to be built at Port Pirie will be some 7-8 million tonnes per annum. WPG's own initial requirements will account for 3-4 million tonnes per annum and the Company intends to make surplus capacity available to other users.

WPG will commence a community consultation program at Port Pirie within the next few weeks, well before the Development Application is finalised and lodged and before any construction activities commence.

WPG intends to take the decision to commit to project development at its flagship Peculiar Knob direct shipping iron ore project in H2 2010. Export sales are expected to commence in H2 2011.

To the best of WPG's knowledge, Peculiar Knob is the highest grade undeveloped direct shipping iron ore deposit in Australia, with the lowest levels of the key impurities alumina and phosphorus.

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