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Water supply secured for Hillside Project

Rex Minerals Limited (“Rex”) has secured a water supply for the Hillside project near Ardrossan on the Yorke Peninsula. The new pipeline will connect into the existing SA Water supply network at Ardrossan, increasing the availability of supply, which will in turn support future growth in the township.

Rex partnered and co-invested with SA Water and the Regional Development Authority in 2013 to upsize the recently constructed 43km water pipeline from Auburn to Port Wakefield. The upsize of this pipeline has made available up to 2 gigalitres p.a. of water to Rex, ensuring its water demands can be met.

With the water supply secured, Rex is now in the process of finalising a contract with SA Water to construct and fund the extension from Port Wakefield to to Ardrossan and Pine Point.

Rex has continued to progress the required approvals to finalise its Mining Licence approvals from the SA government. This has included an extensive period of consultation and formal responses to all concerns raised. As part of Rex’s intent to maintain an open and transparent approach, this response document has been released to the public. This period of time typically focused on the negative elements associated with any new infrastructure project. However a balanced approach to understanding the impacts of any new project should also take into account the positive long term benefits that a large project like Hillside can deliver into the community.

The new pipeline will provide for new water supply for both the Hillside project and other community needs. In addition, beyond the life of the mine, the infrastructure will remain as a lasting benefit that the community can utilise for decades to come.

Managing Director Mr Mark Parry said “It is extremely rewarding to work towards establishing a new mine and build infrastructure where the community can receive substantial long-term benefits. Improvements to the water supply, power supply, roads and ports are all meaningful benefits that the local community will see as a direct result of the Hillside project.”

“Once built this infrastructure will be in place for many years beyond the 15 year plus mine life of the Hillside project this leaving a lasting legacy and benefit for the current and future occupants of the Yorke Peninsula. As we continue to progress approvals and financing discussions we are moving closer to opening up a new opportunity for growth on the Yorke Peninsula and will be actively looking to encourage many new families to make the Yorke Peninsula their home.” Mr Parry said.

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