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ABR CONTINUES TO DELIVER POSITIVE PROGRESS TO ENHANCE SHAREHOLDER VALUE INTO US LISTING

HIGHLIGHTS

- Balance sheet strengthened by A\$37m (before costs)
- Subject to shareholder and court approval, initial trading on Nasdaq now likely in early CY2022, with the SEC and Nasdaq registrations expected to be completed by then, supported by large US marketing effort into listing
- Initial in person meetings with North American investors to bolster US listing being held during the week of 29 November 2021 in New York
- 5E Advanced Materials company branding completed with website and corporate presentation expected by end of December 2021
- Boron education activities are ongoing focused on boron as decarbonisation enabler
- Selection of US Board close to completion with final interviews with high profile candidates
- Process commenced to solicit US Government Agency support for the Fort Cady Integrated Boron Facility, related ESG initiatives and more broadly for the Facility as an essential domestic supplier of difficult to obtain future facing commodities (boron and lithium)

American Pacific Borates Limited (ASX:ABR) (**ABR** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it continues to deliver positive progress to enhance shareholder value into the Company's proposed listing on the Nasdaq exchange in early CY2022.

The opportunity taken by the Company to strengthen its balance sheet by A\$37m (before costs) last week was important in the context of ensuring the Company was fully financed to complete all proposed activities in CY2022, including moving into initial production of boron advanced materials in 2H, CY2022. Importantly, this is expected to improve the US listing narrative as the Company now has a cash run rate of over 12 months.

Commenting on the positive progress toward the US listing, ABR CEO, Henri Tausch, said:

"Many positive workstreams are converging to support our US listing. We have a deliberate strategy in place that we believe will support a value-driven market cap re-rating as we position ourselves in a market with more obvious peers and a substantially larger pool of capital targeting investment opportunities in future facing commodities that support global decarbonisation and broader ESG ambitions."

COMPANY DIRECTORS

David Salisbury – Non-Executive Chairman

Anthony Hall – Executive Director

Stephen Hunt – Non-Executive Director

Jimmy Lim – Non-Executive Director

ISSUED CAPTIAL
389.9 million shares
61.8 million options

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American Pacific Borates Limited to be renamed "5E Advanced Materials, Inc."



Scheme of Arrangement and US Listing Timeline

Subject to a positive shareholder vote and court approval, the listing of 5E Advanced Materials, Inc is now likely to occur in early CY2022 (with the SEC and Nasdaq registrations expected to be completed by then).

Importantly, ABR shares listed on the ASX will continue to trade on the ASX throughout December and as close to the Nasdaq listing as possible at which time they will be converted into 5E Advanced Materials, Inc CDIs on a pro rata basis to the number of ABR shares held or to 5E Advanced Materials, Inc shares (at a conversion ratio of 10 ABR shares to 1 5E Advanced Materials, Inc share) for ABR shareholders who elect to receive such shares (as more fully explained in the ABR Scheme Booklet).

The revised Nasdaq listing timeline allows the Company to take advantage of a pre listing marketing window that is not complicated by a winding down of market activities into the end of December.

US Pre Listing Marketing Activities

Various marketing activities are being planned to support the US listing. Key activities include:

- Initial in person meetings with banking partners, brokers and investors in New York for the week commencing 29 November 2021;
- New branding and corporate presentation for 5E Advanced Materials, Inc; and
- Large January pre-listing marketing with key senior management to broadly introduce the Company to potential US shareholders.

The Company remains focussed on executing a deliberate strategy with select banking partners to ensure its US listing is successful.

5E Advanced Materials' Branding

Branding has been confirmed for 5E Advanced Materials, Inc and is shown below.





Ongoing Boron Education

The Company continues to focus on educating financial markets with respect to:

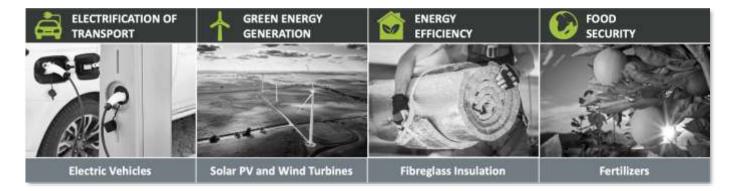
- Boron as a duopoly market with very few potential new sources of global supply; and
- the importance of boron as a future facing commodity and an enabler of global decarbonisation.



Marketing collateral designed to support educational efforts and US marketing is presented below.



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5E Advanced Materials' Board Composition

Final interviews are in train with additional high quality potential directors for the listed 5E Advanced Materials board of directors. Under Nasdaq listing rules, the Company has 12 months to convert its board into a majority independent board with an independent Chairperson.

US Government Programs

Select US and State Government Agencies have various programs to support business ESG initiatives and US companies seeking to become producers of essential future facing commodities as it looks to insource the production of these commodities where possible.

The Company is pleased to report it is well progressed in targeting various opportunities to support the Fort Cady Integrated Boron Facility.

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Forward Looking Statements

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About American Pacific Borates Limited (to be renamed 5E Advanced Materials Inc.)

American Pacific Borates Limited is an ASX listed company focused on advancing its 100% owned Fort Cady Integrated Boron Facility located in Southern California, USA.

The Company is seeking to become a fully integrated producer of Boron specialty products and advanced materials. It is targeting Boron applications in the field of clean energy transition, electric transportation and food security amongst other high-performance, high-tech and high-margin applications.

The global shift from fossil based systems of energy production to renewable energy is increasingly important to investors, consumers and governments. The emergence of renewable energy, the onset of electrification and improvements in energy storage are all key drivers of clean energy transition. Boron is a key component in energy transition because it is highly versatile in chemical reactions and can be applied in processes for storing chemical and electrical energy, amongst other applications.

Global access to mined Boron is rare and the Company's production is underpinned by an even more rare and large colemanite deposit. Colemanite is a conventional Boron mineral that has been used to commercially produce Boron for broad applications for centuries. The Fort Cady colemanite ore deposit is the largest known contained traditional Borate occurrence in the world not owned by the two major Borate producers Rio Tinto and Eti Maden. The JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and Reserve comprises 13.93Mt of contained Boric Acid.

As part of the commercialisation strategy, the Company will produce Boric Acid, Boron specialty products and advanced materials (and SOP as a by-product credit) from Mannheim furnaces. SOP is a high value specialty fertiliser prized for its low chloride potassium and sulfur content. Large target markets exist on ABR's doorstep in California and Arizona (collectively known as the bread basket of the United States)

The Company is currently working through a process to ensure a strong listing on NASDAQ having appointed a US Advisory Board and completing various activities including strengthening its executive management team, focusing on a larger initial mining operation to deliver stronger earlier EBITDA and progressing discussions with US based investment banks, potential US partners and debt capital markets advisors.



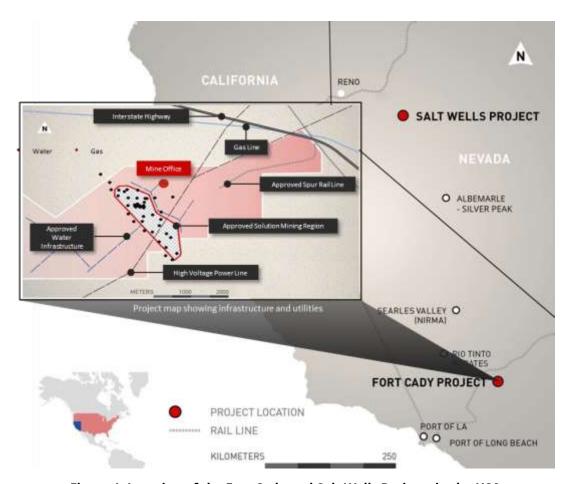


Figure 1: Location of the Fort Cady and Salt Wells Projects in the USA