

Australian Potash Limited: Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash (SOP) Project

NAIF Loan: Up to \$140m. Investment Decision: March 2021



About the Project

The Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project – located 160km north-east of Laverton in the Eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia – is the current flagship project for Australian Potash.

NAIF's \$140m loan will be used by the company for key infrastructure including a processing plant and equipment. The Project will comprise of brine abstraction and evaporation operations, a salt processing plant and associated infrastructure to produce 170ktpa of SOP over a 30 year mine life.

SOP is primarily used as fertiliser for agriculture. NAIF's loan illustrates further support for Australia's critical minerals sector.

Securing NAIF's commitment is a key step in Australian Potash Limited's funding strategy and is one tranche of a multi-tranche debt facility.

Economic Impact

An independent economic analysis has assessed the project to provide significant benefits to Northern Australia of \$547m in NPV, which includes the Company to source from Northern Australia 30% of relevant work packages and 24 FTE during three years of construction and 32 FTE jobs during operations.

Indigenous Engagement

Australian Potash satisfactorily meets the IES Mandatory Criterion under the NAIF Investment Mandate with outcomes across Indigenous participation, procurement and employment appropriate to the nature and scale of the project and the size of the NAIF loan.

Indigenous employment targets of 14% workforce during construction and 15% during operations and creating training and employment pathways through STEM and VET programs.

Project:

Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project

Location:

North-eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia

Sector:

Resources

Total Project Value:

\$510m

Economic Impact:

\$592m to region

Forecast Jobs:

56 (construction and operations)