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Orocobre Provides an Update on the Release of Financial Guarantees

Orocobre Limited (ORE:ASX, ORL:TSX) (**Orocobre** or the **Company**) wishes to provide an update on the release of the cash security deposits which back Sales de Jujuy S.A.'s ("SDJ") working capital facility in Argentina.

Strong positive cashflows at SDJ have allowed guarantees, on a 100% basis, of approximately US\$4.3M to be released in Argentina following the repayment of a portion of the working capital facility by SDJ. Orocobre's portion of such release is approximately US\$3.1M and such amount will now become part of the group's available cash on hand. The releases mentioned above in US\$ are quoted as approximate given they are Argentine Peso denominated.

SDJ also made a US\$13.9M principal and interest payment on 7 March 2017 .

Orocobre's Chief Financial Officer Neil Kaplan commented, "We are pleased to announce the first release of guarantees back to the Company as SDJ begins repaying its working capital facilities. This is a reflection of the strong operational cashflows being generated at SDJ which are expected to allow subsequent releases back to the Company throughout this year which will bolster Orocobre's cash balance."

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About Orocobre Limited

Orocobre Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange (ASX:ORE) (TSX:ORL), and is building a substantial Argentinian-based industrial chemicals and minerals company through the construction and operation of its portfolio of lithium, potash and boron projects and facilities in the Puna region of northern Argentina. The Company has built, in partnership with Toyota Tsusho Corporation and JEMSE, the first large-scale, greenfield brine based lithium project in approximately 20 years at the Salar de Olaroz with planned production of 17,500 tonnes per annum of low-cost lithium carbonate.

The Olaroz Lithium Facility has a low environmental footprint because of the following aspects of the process:

- The process is designed to have a high processing recovery of lithium. With its low unit costs, the process will result in low cut-off grades, which will maximise resource recovery.
- The process route is designed with a zero liquid discharge design. All waste products are stored in permanent impoundments (the lined evaporation ponds). At the end of the project life the ponds will be capped and returned to a similar profile following soil placement and planting of original vegetation types.
- Brine is extracted from wells with minimum impact on freshwater resources outside the salar. Because the lithium is in sedimentary aquifers with relatively low permeability, drawdowns are limited to the salar itself. This is different from halite hosted deposits such as Salar de Atacama, Salar de Hombre Muerto and Salar de Rincon where the halite bodies have very high near surface permeability and the drawdown cones can impact on water resources around the Salar affecting the local environment.
- Energy used to concentrate the lithium in the brine is solar energy. The carbon footprint is lower than other processes.
- The technology developed has a very low maximum fresh water consumption of <20 l/s, which is low by industry standards.
- Sales de Jujuy S.A. is also committed to the ten principles of the sustainable development framework as developed by The International Council on Mining and Metals. The company has an active and well-funded "Shared Value" program aimed at the long term development of the local people.

The Company continues to follow the community and shared value policy to successfully work with suppliers and the employment bureau to focus on the hiring of local people from the communities of Olaroz, Huancar, Puesto Sey, Pastos Chicos, Catua, Susques, Jama, El Toro, Coranzulí, San Juan and Abrapampa. The project implementation is through EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management) with a high proportion of local involvement through construction and supply contracts and local employment. The community and shared value policy continues to be a key success factor, training local people under the supervision of high quality experienced professionals.

The Company also wholly-owns Borax Argentina, an important regional borate producer.

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