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Campbell Brothers enters into a commercial venture with JKTech

Brisbane-based diversified industrial company Campbell Brothers Limited (ASX: CPB) today announced that its Laboratory Services division, ALS Laboratory Group (ALS) has entered into a commercial venture with JKTech Pty Ltd, the technology transfer company for the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre (JKMRC) of the University of Queensland.

A new company, **ALS Mineralogy Pty Ltd**, has been formed which will assume some of JKTech's exciting commercial activities, specifically those related to the provision of automated mineralogy and diagnostic services to mining and mineral processing clients. JKTech has been a pioneer in developing this sophisticated technology and has built up a client base for these services that includes many of the top 20 mining companies in the world. The ALS Laboratory Group has taken a majority position in this new company, which was capitalized at 12 million dollars, and will use its international network of laboratories to set up additional service centres within and outside Australia. Having exited the service bureau business, JKTech will now focus on enhancing its Mineral Liberation Analyser (MLA) technology for the benefit of the new services company, existing users and the minerals industry generally.

The Managing Director of Campbell Brothers, Greg Kilmister, said ALS Mineralogy brings together expertise of the parties in their respective fields; ALS is an international leader in analytical testing services and JKTech is a world class mineralogical analysis provider, and because of the existing client base, ALS Mineralogy will immediately contribute significantly to the earnings of the ALS Laboratory Group and has tremendous opportunities for rapid growth.

The Managing Director of JKTech Pty Ltd, Dr Geoff Gault said the commercial arrangement brought together a dedicated team of mineralogy experts with on-going research and development capabilities. Dr Gault went on to say that the working relationship with the ALS Laboratory Group will also provide additional opportunities for commercialisation of other pioneering technology developed at the JK Centre.

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