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Port of Portland opens new $18 million Mineral Sands Handling Facility

Today the Port of Portland announced the opening of its new Mineral Sands Handling Facility.

AIX owns 50.0 percent of Port of Portland and the asset represents 5.9 percent of the AIX portfolio.

Please see the attached release from the Port of Portland regarding this development.

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MEDIA RELEASE

A New Future Begins with the Opening of $18 Million Mineral Sands Facility

1 December 2006

The Port of Portland officially opened its new state-of-the-art Mineral Sands Handling Facility on Friday 1 December 2006.

The $18million facility was opened by Mr Peter Edmonds, Director, Utilities Trust of Australia, Martin Pakula, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport (Roads and Ports) and Peter Beilby, General Manager Murray Basin, Iluka Resources. Earlier this week Iluka Resources announced that they had received practical completion for their Hamilton based mineral sands processing plant.

The Port of Portland Mineral Sands Facility has been designed and developed to provide on-port storage and ship loading facilities. Sand will commence being received later in December and the first shipment is due in February next year.

According to Mr Edmonds "the new facility enables the Port of Portland to facilitate the export of mineral sand from the south western region of the State and reflects the Company's increased diversity while providing Iluka Resources confidence in its international supply chain".

"The completion of the new Mineral Sands Facility underscores the Port of Portland as an international gateway and an integral part of its customers' international supply chains" said Mr Edmonds.

The Facility has been developed in conjunction with Iluka Resources which originally committed to the Douglas mineral sands project in the Murray Basin in 2002. Its initial investment of $270 million was made to construct and commission the Douglas mine and mineral concentrating facilities near Balmoral, a mineral separation plant located near Hamilton and associated regional project infrastructure which is now supported by the new Mineral Sands Facility.

Mr Peter Beilby, General Manager Murray Basin, Iluka Resources said "proximity to a deep sea port is an important consideration when planning and establishing a major export industry like ours. The port facilities at Portland are ideally positioned to serve the Douglas Project and our proposed future developments in the Murray Basin.

Iluka Resources is very pleased to be associated with the opening of the Port of Portland Mineral Sands Facility and congratulates the Port of Portland on this important achievement. It marks another major milestone in the development of the Douglas Project and the Port of Portland and we look forward to working with the Port of Portland over many years to come."

Mr Scott Paterson, CEO of the Port of Portland, acknowledged and thanked the Government for its support for the project. He announced Port of Portland has earmarked an area of the Port for the expansion of this facility should future mineral sands developments proceed as currently contemplated.

Port of Portland has achieved major diversification since privatisation in 1996 and now specialises in the storage and handling of bulk commodities, serving the region's rich agricultural, forestry, manufacturing and mining industries as well as regional based aluminium and fertiliser producers.

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