

Environmental Studies at Governor Broome

- Astro commences hydrological studies at the Governor Broome Mineral Sands Project
- The studies will contribute to mine planning for high priority development zones and infrastructure development
- The commencement of the studies will play an important role in effective and ongoing community consultation and relationships

Astro Resources NL (**Astro** or the **Company**) (ASX:ARO) is pleased to announce the commencement of environmental studies at the Governor Broome Mineral Sands Project.

The extensive study programs have been developed by Environmental Manager, Dr. Nicole Mann, to define the project's environmental parameters.

Executive Director, Robert Hyndes said:

"We're very pleased to have been able to commence such extensive environmental studies during the first season of drilling, the results of which are invaluable input into mine planning processes which are due to start later this year."

Dr. Mann said the results would provide valuable baseline information for project assessment and subsequent environmental management.

"The early start to the studies will help Astro to prepare comprehensive data to support the proposal for environmental approval," she said.

"It will also contribute to the community consultation program by making sure that interested stakeholders have a clear understanding of environmental matters."

Hydrological and soil profiling studies are being undertaken over key areas at the Governor Broome East Deposit in addition to several water monitoring stations currently being installed.

Laboratory test work is being conducted on water and soil samples taken from strategic sites throughout the exploration area with regional water and land use analysis also being undertaken.

Flora and fauna specialists will be commissioned to undertake multi-seasonal surveys and regional desktop analysis for the program.

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