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## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS AT THE 2020 AGM TODAY**

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Following is the address made by the Company's Chairperson to the shareholders at the Company's AGM held today.

***"To the Shareholders A1 Investments & Resources Limited***

*The Company does not need to remind its shareholders of the hardships of 2020. The coronavirus has had a significant impact on the Company's operations over the past 12 months.*

***Sea Cucumber Project***

*The travel bans to Western Australia which commenced in late March have significantly restricted our ability to manage our businesses in WA and for those businesses to complete all their respective requirements to operate. We have been fortunate to have had excellent consultants available, but it is not the same as being in Denham, Bundybunna or Perth as required.*

*Our sea cucumber project is now months behind schedule and has suffered a major set back by the failure of our partner to perform. We are now actively pursuing other operators to fill the void and the Board remains confident of a solution in the near term. At all times we have sought to encourage our partner to perform but its current position leaves little opportunity to resolve an on-going solution, although we still believe this would be in the best interests of all parties and the local community in Shark Bay. The Company has strengthened its relationships with the local Aboriginal community leaders and we now await confirmation of the local community obtaining further rights to harvest sea cucumbers in WA. Throughout the past 6 months we have supported local Aboriginal persons in their endeavours to better understand the sea cucumber resources in Shark Bay and subject to the weather the Company will continue to support this process through summer.*

*Throughout 2020 the Company has continued to investigate and settle its manufacturing contractor in Japan, maintain and expand its sales leads throughout Japan, the PRC and other parts of Asia.*

*The Company is also sourcing raw dried sea cucumber from other suppliers to meet its demand. A contract to supply up to 27-28 tonne pa of product to our Japanese subsidiary is currently being settled. All funds will be provided by the Company from existing funds. The Company is projecting annual revenue for this project for 2021 between \$1.1 and \$2 million.*

*Revenue from the sale of supplements will be additional. We expect to confirm finalisation of this supply agreement in the next 14 days.*

#### **Sandalwood Project**

*The Company has this week exchanged a Terms Sheet to form a joint venture company called Genesis Sandalwood Pty Limited, which will be 75% owned by the Company and 25% by our partner operators. The project provides for our partners to secure the supply of Australian native sandalwood from traditional owners throughout WA to provide for a target production of sandalwood oil of 3,000 litres pa. The Company has an initial commitment of \$500,000 to the project over the next 12 months. All funds will be provided by the Company from existing funds. The Company is projecting annual revenue for this project from 2022 onwards between \$7 and \$9 million.*

#### **New Funding**

*The Board has also received an assurance from me that related companies to me will provide a further \$300,000 on or before 25 December 2020. These further funds reflect my personal confidence in the Company's strategy and future.*

#### **Bundybunna**

*The coronavirus has delayed the finalisation of the termination of the winding up of Bundybunna Aboriginal Corporation Limited, and this process must be completed before the lease can be signed. I expect this process to be completed within 3 months. In anticipation of the finalisation the Company has secured a professional farmer/manager for the farm from early 2021. The Company expects this project to be cash flow neutral in 2021 with little significant capital needs. If the termination does not take place within 30 days of the meeting the shares to be issued pursuant to Resolution 8 will not be issued.*

#### **Consolidation**

*Resolution 4 on the agenda is a 1 for 2 consolidation. The Board has recognised that the Company has too many shares on issue and this consolidation represents the first step in reducing the number of shares and the creation of a more readily tradeable stock.*

*Although the last 12 months have been very difficult, the Board remains very confident of the future of the Company. At the same time, we do not make light of the significant difficulties all companies will face in 2021. This week's encouraging news concerning the Oxford University vaccine for COVID 19 must be considered in the light of work it will take to vaccinate the world and re-establish the trading of past years.*

*The Company is planning for 2021 to be no less challenging than 2020 has proved to be. However, the Company is of the opinion that the fast tracking of vaccine production and the vaccination of our management, workforce and the workforce of our contractors during 2021 in Australia will produce an environment in which we can confidently plan for a productive 2022 and beyond.*

*The Company is well placed to meet its commitments for 2021. We have two current projects that can be managed and operated under the current restrictions, which will in our opinion lead to a very positive outcome in 2022 and onwards.*

*A number of shareholders expressed some concern of a perceived lack of focus by the Company. The Board assures all shareholders that the Company's stated focus will remain food & food related businesses (which includes the production of supplements and health and cosmetic products from our production) and general investments in which we are focused upon renewal energy and low carbon projects. The Company's recent commencement of a sandalwood project is consistent with this strategy and focus.*

***Appreciation of the Support of Shareholders and Fellow Directors***

*I again take this opportunity to thank all the Company's shareholders and my fellow directors, for their support and to confirm the directors' continued support for the Company and its prospects for 2021 and beyond despite the performance of the past 12 months.*

*2021 will be an extremely exciting and busy year for the Company, both operationally and financially. I look forward to keeping all our shareholders apprised of all these developments."*

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**Peter Ashcroft**  
**Director & Secretary**

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