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# **ASX Announcement**

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# CONTINUED PROGRESS ON JWD IRON ORE PROJECT

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Camp accommodation sharing contract signed with Salt Lake Potash Limited
- Letter of Intent executed with proposed crushing and screening contractor "Rocktivity"
- Final environmental approvals received for commencement of mining
- Mine water sources identified through successful hydrogeological drilling
- Early works activities commenced
- Experienced iron ore executive Matt Ramsden joins FEL as GM Operations with responsibility for pit to port activities
- Management Incentive Option Issue to allow ongoing retention and attraction of top tier talent

Fe Limited (ASX: **FEL**) (the **Company**) is pleased to provide a further update on progress at its JWD Iron Ore Project (**JWD Project**).

# Camp Accommodation Contract Signed

The Company has executed a camp accommodation contract with Salt Lake Potash Limited to occupy up to 68 construction rooms at their Lake Way Village. The Lake Way project is located some 30km from FEL's JWD Project, allowing easy access to site for FEL's contractors and employees.

The contract provides FEL with a cost effective and immediate camp solution, with no upfront capital charge, and a competitive operating rate achieved through economies of scale that result from both companies occupying a larger facility.

#### Letter of Intent (LOI) Awarded to Proposed Crushing and Screening Contractor

The Company has executed a LOI with experienced crushing and screening contractor Rocktivity, noting an intention to appoint them as the crushing and screening contractor for the JWD Project, with the full form contract targeted to be completed within the next 30 days. The LOI enables Rocktivity to lock in the necessary plant and people for the FEL task.

# Early Works Activities Commenced

Following on from the previously executed LOI with mining contractor Big Yellow (as announced 16 March 2021), the parties have agreed a scope for preliminary earth works and clearing to



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prepare the site in advance of mining. The contractor plans to mobilise next week with commencement of works targeted before the end of the month. Mobilisation of the full mining fleet is envisaged to occur in the first half of May upon a formal decision to mine occurring. In addition to early earthworks being performed by the mining contractor, work has commenced this week to refurbish offices and other infrastructure at the existing JWD exploration camp. This work will provide the JWD Project with a mining operations centre (MOC).

The scope of these early works is in the order of \$250,000.

## Final Environmental Approvals Received for Commencement of Mining

The Company has now received approval of an administrative amendment to its JWD Mining Proposal relating to the location of the crushing and screening plant. This now finalises all necessary environmental approvals for the commencement of mining activities at the JWD Project.

# Water Drilling Successfully Undertaken

The Company has been conducting a water exploration campaign in the vicinity of the JWD deposit for the purpose of supplying water for mining operations. To date two successful bores have been drilled and are in the process of being developed into production bores. It is envisaged these bores will provide sufficient water for the commencement of mining operations, with additional drilling planned in the vicinity of the mine access road to assist in dust suppression once haulage commences.

# Strengthening of Management Team

The Company is pleased to welcome experienced iron ore executive Matthew Ramsden, joining the team as the General Manager Operations, with responsibility for operations from pit to port. Matt joins the Company after more than a decade with Atlas Iron in a variety of senior technical and operational roles, most recently as General Manager Technical Services and Integrated Planning. Matt was responsible for Operational Readiness and execution of the recently commissioned Sanjiv Ridge Operation.

Matt is a geologist by profession and has more than 20 years of iron ore experience after commencing at the Savage River Mine in Tasmania and then in the Pilbara from 2002 with Rio Tinto and Atlas Iron.

# Management Incentive Options Issue

The Company has been successful in attracting talent from major companies on cash salaries at or below what they could achieve in the wider market on the basis that they can participate with shareholders in the upside that their performance generates. The Company will seek approval for the issue of options to key personnel, including Executive Directors Tony Sage and Mark Hancock at an upcoming shareholder meeting. These options will have an exercise price



of 6 cents and will only vest on meeting of key operational milestones which will be described in the Notice of Meeting.

FEL Executive Chairman Tony Sage commented "It's exciting to see the pieces all coming together at JWD and I'm looking forward to seeing works on the ground continuing to ramp up over the coming weeks. The iron ore market remains strong, particularly for high grade lump material that we envisage to produce. We will continue to push hard to finalise the remaining operational contracts so we can join the ranks of iron ore producers."

Announcement released with authority of the FEL board of directors.

Yours faithfully FE LIMITED

Tony Sage **Executive Chairman** 

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