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## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Quarterly Activity Statement to 30 September 2021**

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The Company advises its operational activities for the quarter to 30 September 2021 as follows;

#### **Sea Cucumber Project**

The travel bans to Western Australia and Queensland and the lockdowns of State borders particularly between NSW, WA and Queensland have continued to significantly restrict our ability to manage our businesses in WA and establish new supply lines from Queensland.

The dispute with our dedicated contractor at Shark Bay remains unresolved.

The Company continues to pursue other supply possibilities in Western Australia and Queensland. The Company is now focused upon non indigenous suppliers particularly in northern Queensland.

The Company has also ordered product directly from Peru to be delivered to Australia for the manufacture of supplement products in Melbourne designed for export to southern Asia, particularly Singapore and Malaysia.

In the quarter to 30 September 2021 the Company has manufactured supplements in Japan from Peruvian sea cucumber ordered by the Company. The products manufactured in Japan are destined for sales in Japan, the PRC and other parts of Asia. The Company has on sold some wholesale product and generated sales in Japan.

Operations in Japan in the quarter were hindered by significant COVID outbreaks in Tokyo and Yokohama.

The Company's primary source of raw material product is now Peru. The Company plans further deliveries in the next months, but international freight deliveries have been slow and often difficult to arrange. The shipping of finished product is also a major issue out of Japan to the PRC.

#### **Blue Ocean Japan**

The Company's Managing Director, Mr Nakamura has again returned to Japan where he is now managing all BOJ operations.

The Company has been focused on securing its intellectual property surrounding its finished product, completing its marketing plan and commencing a social media campaign to support the sales of the products.

#### **Sandalwood Project**

The first sample production was completed in the quarter to 30 September 2021. Test marketing to customers has now commenced.

The Company is continuing to pursue the direct acquisition of sandalwood timber from WA suppliers.

The Company does not need to remind its shareholders of the hardships of 2020-21 including the current quarter to 30 June 2021. The coronavirus has had a significant impact on the Company's operations over the past 3 months and this continues to be the position to the date of this release.

The Company does not expect any substantial change to these issues over the current quarter, although the reduction in restrictions in NSW in October 2021 allows positive planning for the calendar year 2022.

The Company is encouraging all its staff and the staff of its dedicated contractors, including in Japan to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

The Company is optimistic that sales leads for its products throughout Asia can be fully explored and finalised throughout 2022 as international travel restrictions are lifted. The Company also expects supply issues of sea cucumber from both Peru and Australia to Japan to improve substantially throughout 2022, as will the shipment of finished product.

The Company is confident of substantially improved sales in 2022 and beyond.

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