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BROWSE RATIFICATION A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

The signing of the Browse LNG Precinct Ratification Deed has been a significant milestone for Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country and their new administration body Waardi Ltd.

A special signing ceremony was held in Broome today to mark the ratification with Waardi Board members, Traditional Owners, the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Peter Conran, The Deputy Director General of the Department of State Development, Gail McGowan, and Woodside Energy Ltd's Vice President Kimberley, Niegel Grazia.

Waardi Chairman Warren Greatorex said at the ceremony that Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country were happy that Waardi was now legally recognised by Woodside and the State Government as their administration body.

"We have been working towards this for many months so it is good to see all the hard work come to fruition," Mr Greatorex said. "Waardi is looking forward to working with all the parties so that the very best outcomes are achieved for our people if the project goes ahead.

"It is a huge responsibility that Waardi is taking on but we are committed to achieving fairness and lasting benefits.

"As my Aunty Rita Augustine, a senior Jabbir Jabirr elder, has said, this project gives us the power to control our lives."

Woodside's Vice President Kimberley, Niegel Grazia, said the company was already implementing some of the employment and training commitments under the Native Title Agreement signed last year and currently almost 100 Indigenous people were either directly employed or undergoing training through the Browse project.

"With the establishment of Waardi Ltd, the other benefits in the agreement, estimated to be worth more than \$1 billion, can begin to flow to Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley if the project proceeds," Mr Grazia said.

The establishment of Waardi was a significant step forward for Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country to control and manage their economic interests within developments that occur on their traditional land, Mr Grazia said.

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