




# NEWS RELEASE

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## CHANDLER DRILLING UPDATE

-  **Tellus conducts groundwater investigation program for approvals and mine planning**
-  **Positive environmental baseline studies results**
-  **Tellus appoints Environment and Approvals Manager, Mr Richard Phillips**

Tellus Holdings Ltd (“Tellus”) is getting positive results from its baseline environmental field studies that are being used to support the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and ongoing mine development studies.

Alice Springs based Ride Consulting have been contracted to manage the groundwater investigation drilling program based on its extensive local aquifer knowledge and experience.

Diverse Drilling was selected to provide drilling services, based on its accreditations, safety record and extensive experience in Central Australia.

Additional ecological studies will also take place in the coming weeks by Low Ecological Services, of Alice Springs. The company has already performed a number of other desktop and field studies over different seasons to get representative baseline data.

The EIS studies will be managed by Tellus’ recently appointed Environment and Approvals Manager, Mr Richard Phillips, with support from leading subject matter experts.

Richard brings 14 years of experience in environmental impact assessment and approvals management. Previous employment includes roles as Senior Environmental Scientist with GHD in Australia and for international environmental and engineering consulting firms such as URS and WS Atkins.

Richard has provided specialist technical roles in water resource management, soils management, flora assessment and the preparation of tailored environmental management plans. Richard’s experience extends to project management, approvals and contractor engagement for specialist EIA infrastructure and energy projects in the Australia, UK, and the Middle East.



*Fig1: Chandler Water Investigation Drilling*



*Fig 2: Richard Phillips with Department of Mines and Energy regulators*



### **About Tellus Holdings:**

*Tellus Holdings Ltd is an infrastructure project development company with a proposed dual revenue business model. This involves mining the commodities salt and kaolin and backfilling the voids left from mining with equipment, archives or waste. Tellus plans to store like-with-like materials, so as to create opportunities for the future long term, temporary storage, treatment and recovery of valuable materials or permanent isolation of waste. Tellus' business model mirrors world's best practice solutions operating in the UK, Europe, USA and Canada. Tellus is developing the Chandler salt mine project in the Northern Territory (NT) and the Sandy Ridge kaolin mine project in Western Australia. Tellus' flagship 'Chandler Project' was recently awarded Major Project Status by the Northern Territory Government.*

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