

# NEWS UPDATE

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## SANDY RIDGE PROJECT REGULATORY APPROVAL PROGRESS UPDATE

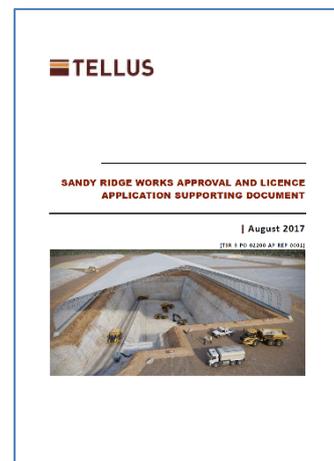
-  **Tellus lodges it's "Works Approval"**
-  **One step closer to gaining an "operating licence"**
-  **All other approvals, licences and permits will now be submitted for approval**

Tellus is pleased to have reached another major regulatory milestone towards achieving regulatory approval for the proposed Sandy Ridge project. Tellus has lodged it's "Works Approval" under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and is now preparing all other applications to receive the approvals, licences and permits required to allow the start of construction and then operation.

The Works Approval allows Tellus to construct the primary facility of the Sandy Ridge project in accordance with the Works Approval conditions. The Works Approval is presently being assessed by the WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER).

The Works Approval explains, in detail, how the day-to-day operations of the Sandy Ridge project will be carried out. The document is an extension of the Public Environmental Review document that is in the final stages of assessment by DWER.

If the Sandy Ridge project is constructed in compliance with the Works Approval conditions, the regulatory process provides that DWER would subsequently issue Tellus with an operating licence.



*Fig 1: Tellus' Works Approval*

Over the coming months, Tellus will continue working towards other regulatory milestones, including:

- an updated mining proposal
- a Development Application to the local Shire Council
- a water abstraction licence, and
- site registration to accept low level radioactive waste (like smoke detectors, medical isotopes, NORM).



**About Tellus Holdings:**

*Tellus Holdings Ltd ("Tellus") is an infrastructure development company in the business of creating economic, social and environmental value from waste, clay and salt resources. This dual revenue model involves mining the commodities kaolin clay and rock salt in thick dry remote beds which creates world's best practice geological repositories. The voids created by mining are then used to store equipment, archives or waste using a multi-barrier system as part of an overall safety case. Tellus plans to permanently isolate hazardous waste using environmentally sound management (ESM) principles that protect the environment and human health. Tellus also supports the circular economy using long-term storage by placing like-with-like materials for operational safety reasons and to create opportunities for the future recovery of valuable materials. Tellus' business model mirrors international solutions operating in the UK, Europe and North America. Tellus is developing the proposed Sandy Ridge facility in Western Australia (WA) and the proposed Chandler facility in the Northern Territory (NT) which has been awarded Major Project Status by the NT Government.*

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