

# NEWS UPDATE

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## SANDY RIDGE EARLY WORKS COMMENCES

-  **Sandy Ridge early works commences to meet final licence conditions**
-  **Early works includes site preparations for construction contractor mobilisations.**

Tellus Holdings Ltd (Tellus) is pleased to announce that early works are underway at the Sandy Ridge Facility to meet the final licence conditions before the start of construction. The early works program will also prepare the site for construction contractors mobilisations later this year.

Western Australian Environment Minister, Stephen Dawson granted Ministerial Approval on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for the Sandy Ridge Facility subject to project specific conditions. One of the early works objectives is to confirm the remaining baseline data required as inputs for the final management plans prior to the commencement of construction.

Working within the conditions of the already granted tenements and Land Administration Act titles, Tellus will be completing the final vegetation surveys and reporting for the exact Facility coordinates.

Tellus will also be working with national subject matter experts and an independent Australian government agency responsible for scientific research to complete the final site-specific investigations, dating and classifications needed for baseline soils and radiometrics investigations.

Final planning is underway with Tellus' preferred project management contractor (PMC) and engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor prior to mobilisation to site later this year.

Tellus is also stepping up its operational readiness through its investment in a supporting Health, Safety, Environment, Compliance and Quality (HSECQ) Software Management System.



*Fig. 1: Welcome to Sandy Ridge*



*Fig. 2: New direction signs*



*Fig. 3: Final road and soil surveys*

“On top of the solid commercial and funding progress it is exciting to see the company gear up for operational readiness and something as simple as putting up a “Welcome to Sandy Ridge” sign is a symbolic milestone. The next step is for Tellus to reach financial close and commence construction in the second half of the year,” Mr van der Merwe said.



## **About Tellus Holdings:**

*Tellus Holdings Ltd ("Tellus") mission is to contribute towards a cleaner Australia by developing a portfolio of geological repositories that provide waste storage, recovery and permanent isolation solutions plus complementary salt and clay products to our clients.*

*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 and waste using a multi- barrier system as part of an integrated safety case. Tellus plans to permanently isolate hazardous waste using environmentally sound management (ESM) principles that protect the environment and human health.*

*Tellus also uses long-term storage that supports the circular economy 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 overseas 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). Both Sandy Ridge and Chandler were awarded Major Project Facilitation Service by the Australian Government and Chandler was awarded Major Project Status by the NT Government.*

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