

Memorandum of Understanding promotes Indigenous involvement in the Top End

Darwin, Monday 23 October 2017: Lendlease today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Northern Land Council acknowledging a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation on Lendlease projects in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

The MoU aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through economic participation in construction projects by connecting Indigenous people to work opportunities and Indigenous businesses to supply goods and services to the project.

Other objectives of the MoU, which extends to subcontractors and others involved in projects, include acknowledging Aboriginal peoples in the Top End of Northern Territory as the traditional custodians of the land and making project sites places of cultural competency and cultural safety.

Chief Executive Officer of Northern Land Council, Joe Morrison said the MoU with Lendlease signaled a fresh approach to economic development and a new kind of partnership between Traditional Owners and the business sector.

“Indigenous people are a primary stakeholder in the economic development of the NT. Indigenous people make up 30% of the Territory’s population and are also the fastest growing and youngest sector of the Territory’s population.”

“Lendlease and the Northern Land Council share a vision of fostering permanent economic participation of strong, capable and skilled Aboriginal people and businesses in the region.

“The Northern Land Council has worked with Lendlease to create a MoU that is responsible, realistic and creates business, training and employment opportunities for our constituents, the 36,000 Aboriginal people who live in our region.

“We entered into this MOU and partnership with Lendlease because we have seen how they delivered on Indigenous participation in others parts of the country. We believe Lendlease has a genuine commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities get a fair go in these development and construction projects.

“We will work with Lendlease to help identify and connect them with Aboriginal individuals and subcontractors who are available and interested in working on projects,” said Mr Morrison.

Dale Connor CEO for Lendlease's Building business, said the MoU signing was in line with Lendlease's vision for Reconciliation.

"Key to delivering major public projects is providing local opportunities for employment and training. As one of Australia's largest building contractors, we are in a good position to work with our clients and stakeholders to create real opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," said Mr Connor.

"Since 2011, Lendlease has been investing in our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and RAP Partnerships to acknowledge and celebrate the proud heritage of Australia's first people, and promote opportunities for career development, sustainable business growth, and economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This MoU is a real example of our RAP focus in action," said Mr Connor.

Lendlease has six current and upcoming projects in the Northern Territory spanning the health and defence sectors.

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About Lendlease

Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group with operations in Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Our vision is to create the best places; places that inspire and enrich the lives of people around the world.

Headquartered in Sydney, Australia, and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, Lendlease has approximately 12,350 employees internationally. Our core capabilities are reflected in our operating segments of Development, Construction and Investments.

The combination of these three segments provides us with a sustainable competitive advantage and allows us to provide innovative integrated solutions for our customers

About the Northern Land Council (NLC)

The NLC is an independent statutory authority of the Commonwealth of Australia responsible for assisting Aboriginal people in the northern region of the



Northern Territory in acquiring and managing their traditional lands and seas. The NLC is committed to a Northern Territory in which all Aboriginal people benefit economically, socially and culturally from the secure possession of their lands, seas and intellectual property.

The NLC covers an area of approximately 605 800 square kilometres that includes the four major (predominantly non-Aboriginal) centres of Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine and Jabiru, and some 200 Indigenous communities (including homelands and outstations). Approximately 36 000 Aboriginal people live in the area (some 80 per cent of them in remote locations) the majority of whom are multi-lingual and speak an Aboriginal language as their first language.