



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### ***MG Corporation welcomes arrival of new CEO***

MG Corporation Chairperson Ms Edna O'Malley has today welcomed the arrival of John Hughes as the Corporation's new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Hughes, a lawyer, commenced employment at MG Corporation this week, replacing Craig Bonney who recently resigned to take up an employment offer in the Pilbara.

Previously employed by Indigenous Business Australia as a senior commercial lawyer while completing a Masters of Laws course at ANU, Mr Hughes also spent nine years working at the Northern Land Council in Darwin, both as a commercial projects lawyer and as manager of the NLC's Mining and Major Projects branch.

Ms O'Malley said Mr Hughes' appointment was a "recruiting coup" for MG Corporation.

"John brings with him the skills-set required to lead MG Corporation during what are exciting but also challenging times," she said.

"His experience in negotiating sustainable commercial outcomes for Aboriginal people will ensure MG Corporation is well-positioned to capitalise on development and business opportunities."

Mr Hughes, who grew up in Kalamunda in Perth's Darling Ranges, said he was excited about the opportunities which currently exist to continue to grow MG Corporation and the wider Miriuwung and Gajerrong community.

"I thank the MG Corporation board for appointing me to this role and I look forward to working closely with directors and staff to capitalise on current and future opportunities occurring on land for which Miriuwung and Gajerrong people hold Native Title rights."



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**About MG Corporation**

MG Corporation is the leading indigenous organisation that receives and manages the entitlements and benefits transferred under the Ord Final Agreement (OFA) to the Miriwung and Gajerrong peoples, the native title holders over their country in the East Kimberley.