



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MG Corporation welcomes Ord announcement

MG Corporation Chairperson Ms Edna O'Malley has welcomed the Western Australian Government's announcement that a proponent has been selected to farm lands developed under Stage 2 of the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project.

Chinese-owned company Kimberley Agricultural Investments Pty Ltd (KAI) was today named as the government's successful proponent, paving the way for a \$700 million dollar investment in the Kununurra region.

"Miriuwung and Gajerrong traditional owners look forward to working closely with KAI and the WA government to ensure that local Aboriginal peoples gain opportunities from this massive capital investment in the region," Ms O'Malley said.

"During the construction phase of Ord Stage 2 hundreds of local Aboriginal people have gained access to employment, business, training, up-skilling and personal development opportunities and we'll be working closely with KAI and other parties to ensure this continues.

"MG people gave up their native title rights to allow this important development to go ahead and our expectations regarding employment and economic development opportunities for our peoples will always be high."

Ms O'Malley reminded media outlets and the wider community that no deals have yet been done regarding additional MG native title country which lies to the east of the WA-NT border.

"The relevant traditional owners in the NT are continuing talks with their native title representative body, the Northern Land Council, and the NT Government," she said.

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About MG Corporation

MG Corporation is a 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.