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### Plans to establish cattle hub on MG land in East Kimberley

MG Corporation has entered into discussions with industry leader Jack Burton to explore the establishment of an East Kimberley cattle hub on MG land.

Mr Burton recently travelled to Kununurra to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between MG Corporation and his company Northern Pastoral Management (NPM).

The two parties are exploring the development of a cattle supply chain from the east Kimberley to Mr Burton's abattoir in Broome.

MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning said the organisation was exploring ways of earning sustainable revenue from MG land.

"MG Corporation has native title over almost 14,000 square kilometres of land in the East Kimberley, and we want to find ways to generate an income from some of that land," he said.

"Aboriginal people have a long history of involvement in the cattle industry in the Kimberley as skilled, unpaid, cattlemen and we think now could be the time to capitalise on that knowledge by taking a more active role.

"We are excited about having the opportunity to work with such a well-established name in the Kimberley cattle industry, and the opportunities this project could provide for MG people.

"We want to create sustainable and meaningful employment for our people working on country."

MGC and NPM are exploring the possibility of establishing a cattle hub which could include centre-pivot irrigation, a licensed weigh bridge, a feedlot, drafting facilities and quarantine yards.

NPM has agreed to assess the suitability of land in the Kununurra area for the proposed hub, including assessing soil type, access to water, environmental obligations, road access and Aboriginal heritage requirements.

MGC has also undertaken to explore the potential development of other parcels of MG land, following consultation with the relevant MG people.

Mr Benning said the Memorandum of Understanding would be in place for the next 12 months.

He said if the initial investigations into the feasibility of the project were successful, the two parties hoped to enter into a Joint Venture partnership in the future.

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