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American Pacific Borate and Lithium Listing on the ASX to Progress the Fort Cady Borate and Lithium Project

- **American Pacific Borate and Lithium (ASX:ABR) successfully raised \$15 million at \$0.20/share via an oversubscribed IPO, with funds to advance its development stage Fort Cady Boron and Lithium Project located in Southern California, USA**
- **Highly rare and large colemanite deposit with a historical borate mineral estimate of 115Mt at 7.4% B₂O₃ or 13.2% H₃BO₃ (boric acid) equivalent (5% B₂O₃ cut off) including 69Mt at 9% B₂O₃ and 16% H₃BO₃ (7% B₂O₃ cut off)^{1,2,3}**
- **Extensive drilling program to commence in Q3 2017 to enable preparation of a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and to test the substantial complimentary lithium target**
- **Interim JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and Scoping Study planned for Q4 2017**

American Pacific Borate and Lithium ("APBL", **ASX: ABR**) is pleased to advise it will commence trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) at **12.00pm AEST today**, after successfully raising \$15 million at \$0.20/share for its initial public offering (IPO). The Company issued 75m shares for its IPO (total shares on issue 169.6m), giving the company a fully diluted market capitalisation of \$36.9 million.

APBL is focused on advancing its 100%-owned Fort Cady Boron and Lithium Project located in Southern California, USA. Fort Cady is a highly rare and large colemanite deposit with substantial lithium potential and is the largest known contained borate occurrence not owned by the two major borate producers Rio Tinto and Eti Maden.

American Pacific Borate and Lithium Managing Director & CEO Michael Schlumpberger said:

"We would like to thank shareholders for their support in what has been a heavily subscribed IPO. We are ready to hit the ground running and expect to commence drilling in August.

Importantly, we have a development stage project with over US\$50m spent on the project to date. We intend to build on this and quickly progress into a construction ready position.

We remain convinced it is the most compelling borate development project globally. We are also very excited about our lithium wildcard that is based on a very robust geological hypothesis that could add substantial value to the Company if proven."

COMPANY DIRECTORS

Harold (Roy) Shipes - Non Executive Chairman

Michael X. Schlumpberger - Managing Director & CEO

Anthony Hall - Executive Director

Stephen Hunt - Non Executive Director

John McKinney - Non Executive Director



ISSUED CAPITAL

169.6 million shares

14.0 million options

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The Project has a historical non-JORC mineral estimate of 115Mt at 7.4% B₂O₃ or 13.2% H₃BO₃ (boric acid) equivalent (5% B₂O₃ cut off) including 69Mt at 9% B₂O₃ and 16% H₃BO₃ (7% B₂O₃ cut off)^{1,2,3}. The aforementioned estimates are historical estimates and are not reported in accordance with the JORC Code. A competent person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code. It is uncertain that following evaluation and/or further exploration work that the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code.

More than US\$50m has been spent at Fort Cady to date, with substantial operations test works having been completed:

- 33 diamond resource holes were drilled by Duval Corp (1979 - 1981) at 250m spacing
- 17 production wells completed
- Metallurgical testing, well field testing, pilot plant and borate acid production completed
- Feasibility studies and permitting completed
- Three historic mineral estimates completed

Colemanite mineralisation occurs around 400m beneath surface and the deposit remains open to the northwest and southeast, while the colemanite horizon ranges from 30m to 75m thick in most areas. Minimal magnesium content is likely to result in uncomplicated and low-cost processing for the Project's lithium by-product stream.

The Project is close to existing infrastructure including an interstate highway and rail line (within 5km), gas and grid electricity, port access and a pilot plant.

APBL will be led by Mr. Mike Schlumpberger as CEO, a mining engineer with over 25 years' experience in industrial minerals who has held senior roles with Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Passport Potash and Highfield Resources. Other highly experienced Board members include Anthony Hall (former Managing Director of Highfield Resources); Harold Shipes (former CEO of OK Tedi Mining); Stephen Hunt (ex-BHP Billiton) and John McKinney (co-founded Western Gold Resources, American International Trading Company and Western States Engineering).

ABPL will commence an extensive drilling program in Q3 with the aim of establishing a maiden JORC compliant mineral resource estimate and Scoping Study by the end of Q4. Completion of pilot plant test works, a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) and initial site construction are planned to occur in 2018.

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¹ Refer to Independent Geologists Report in APBL May 2017 prospectus (ASX release 27th July 2017)

² H₃BO₃ equivalent grade = 1.78 x B₂O₃

³ The Company confirms that the supporting information provided in relation to the historical mineral estimates continues to apply and has not materially changed.



About American Pacific Borate and Lithium Limited

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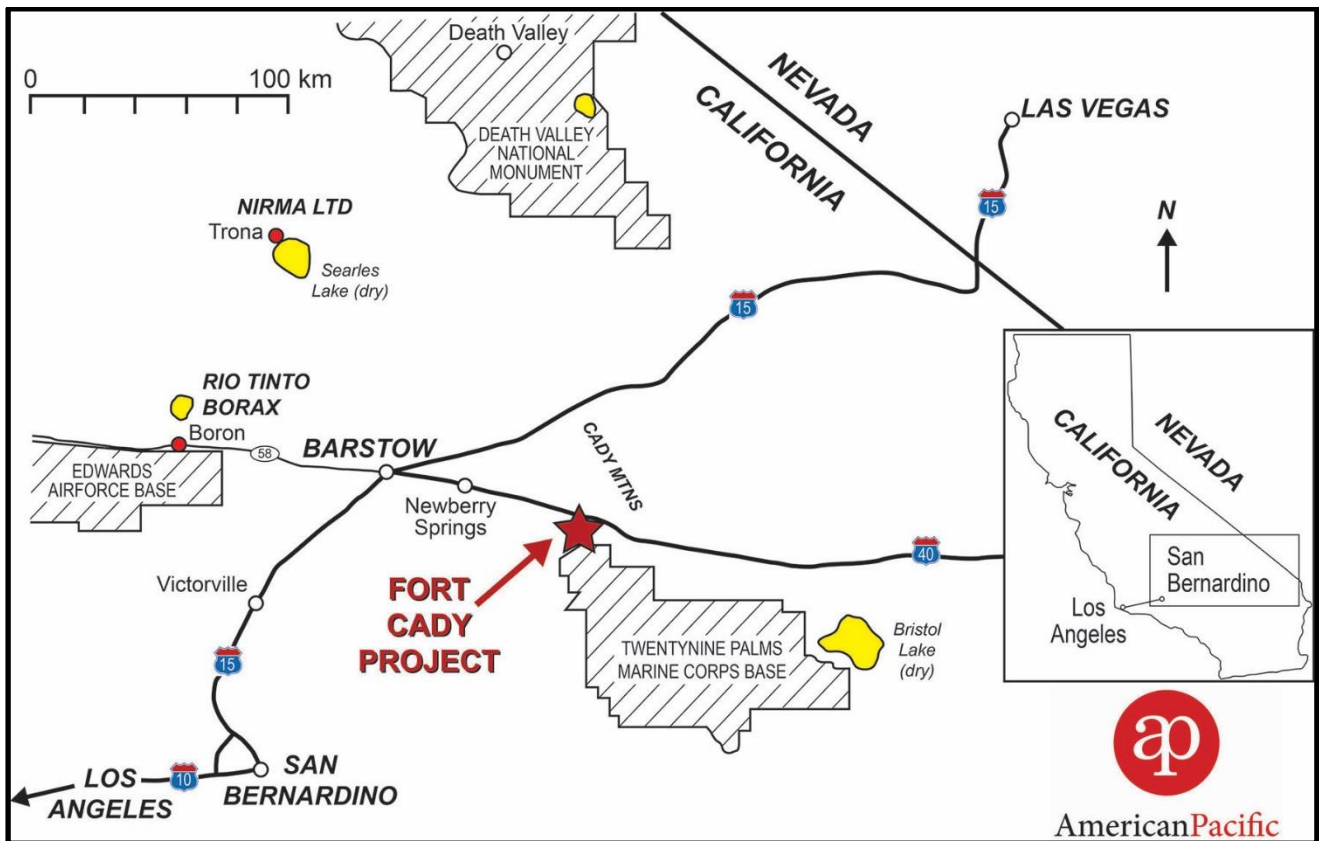


Figure 1: Location of the Fort Cady Borate and Lithium Project, California USA