



Divestment of Bowen former salt field assets

Melbourne, Australia 5 February 2014: Ridley Corporation Limited (**Ridley**) (**ASX: RIC**)

Ridley today announces that a share sale agreement has been executed to divest the former salt field assets at Bowen in Queensland. All of the shares held by wholly owned subsidiary Ridley Land Corporation Pty Ltd in Bowen Land Development Corporation Pty Ltd are being sold for a total consideration of \$1.25 million. A small profit or loss on the sale is expected to be generated on the transaction for which there are no material conditions precedent and which is scheduled to complete on 28 February 2014.

Production activity at the former salt field adjacent to the township of Bowen ceased several years ago and the assets were transferred into a special purpose, landholding entity wholly owned by Ridley, and thereby excluded from the prior year divestment of Cheetham Salt. Marketing campaigns which have been conducted in recent years failed to recover the book value of the assets, the sale of which relieves Ridley from the ongoing maintenance of the site, lease arrangements with the Queensland authorities, and ultimate rehabilitation of the site. The natural biological aspects and physical layout of the crystalliser and condensing ponds are conducive to the production of a wide variety of algae.

Mr Kevin Murphy, Chairman of Advanced Algal Technologies (AAT), parent of the purchasing entity Futura Holdings Qld Pty Ltd, stated "The procurement of the salt farm in Bowen provides AAT the opportunity to produce algae on a large commercial scale. The salt farm is ideally set up for the production of spirulina as it covers 500 acres of production area. The technologies patented by AAT were primary designed for sequestering carbon dioxide from coal fired power stations, however the enormity of the production area will allow AAT to capture the global market for human food, animal feed & pharmaceuticals. With the acquisition of the Bowen salt works, this will make AAT the largest production facility of algae in the world."

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RIDLEY BACKGROUND

Ridley Corporation Limited (ASX: RIC) is Australia's leading supplier of animal nutrients, ingredients and feeds for the safe and sustainable production of food from livestock. Ridley's operations service both ends of the food production value chain. Ridley is a leading supplier of animal nutrition products to producers in the beef, dairy, poultry, pig, sheep, and aquaculture industries, laboratory animals and equine and canines animals in the recreational sector. Through its rendering operations, Ridley is also one of Australia's largest processors of animal by-products, supplying a range of products to service Australian and export markets. Ridley has a diversified production base across eastern and southern Australia and a portfolio of well recognised brands servicing customers across Australia.