

## Significant Marketing Progress through Traxys Strategic Relationship

Alligator Energy Limited **ASX: AGE** (Alligator or the **Company**) is pleased to advise significant progress over the first two years of the strategic relationship formed in May 2021 with Traxys North America LLC (Traxys), the U.S. arm of the global commodities trading group Traxys. Under the agreement announced on 10 May 2021, Traxys is providing uranium marketing services for future uranium production long-term offtake contracting, will consider potential support in project development financing and is assisting in uranium and energy minerals project acquisition opportunities.

### Highlights

- Traxys is a long-standing metals, minerals and alloys merchant, with a turnover exceeding US\$ 9 billion annually. Their uranium marketing and trading group covers the Americas, Europe, Australia and Asia and transacts up to 15 million lbs  $U_3O_8$  annually, along with managing contract supply books in conversion, UF<sub>6</sub>, futures and options.
- Alligator is deriving significant benefits from this relationship, including:
  - Coordination of over 25 meetings in the last two years with nuclear utilities based both in the US and Europe;
  - Identification of several key anchor nuclear utilities willing to discuss establishment of conditional offtake contracts with Alligator around the time of progression of a feasibility study for the Samphire Project which is currently targeted for 2024;
  - Joint attendance at several global nuclear conferences, including the recent World Nuclear Fuel Market meeting where uranium and nuclear fuel component upwards price pressure was a significant point of discussion;
  - Continued involvement in the evaluation of external uranium resource opportunities to develop a future supply pipeline; and
  - Provision of regular uranium and nuclear market updates to both the Board and Management.
- In March 2023<sup>1</sup> the Company released a Scoping Study for the Samphire Project which included a target timeline for completing a bankable feasibility study, a mining lease approval and a final investment decision. The ability under the Traxys Agreement to access pre-production finance of up to US\$15 million by way of a secured commercial prepayment for  $U_3O_8$  is expected to be a significant positive in achieving these objectives. The support of Traxys in any mine start-up operation provides the ability to backstop the initial commissioning production from Samphire to meet contractual obligations should this be required.
- Recently Alligator Energy and Traxys attended the World Nuclear Fuel Market (WNFM) meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, attended by many nuclear utilities, uranium producers and developers, conversion, enrichment and nuclear fuel fabricators, and other industry players. The WNFM

meeting presentations and discussions continued to highlight the increasing shortage of (in particular) enriched uranium product (EUP) in the short and long term markets. This is due both to transport difficulties and restrictions of Russian material to western markets, and due to significant self-imposed restriction that utilities are placing on any contracted deliveries from Russia. EUP requires the input of uranium concentrates, conversion and enrichment services, and the consensus was that these components will continue to see substantial upwards pricing pressure. Already the uranium spot price has lifted to US\$57 / lb this month, and the long term price lifted at the end of May to US\$55 / lb, and is expected to continue to come under upwards pricing pressure.

- Relationships with nuclear utilities take time to develop, and the planned Field Recovery Trial at Samphire later this year and ongoing work into next year presents an opportunity for Traxys and AGE to facilitate prospective customers to travel and view our Project's technical operations at the formative trial stage.
- The annual agency fee for 2023/24 of US\$125,000 will be settled through the quarterly issue of fully paid ordinary shares.

1. ASX Release 14 March 2023 – Samphire Scoping Study

**Alligator's CEO and Managing Director, Greg Hall, said** *"We view the relationship with Traxys as a key differentiator for Alligator Energy, providing market penetration into the opaque long-term uranium and nuclear fuels contracting business, while providing potential access to available uranium supply to either support mine start up, or add to produced uranium volumes and increase market share. The broader benefit of direct engagement with potential offtake customers and the wider industry is already apparent from the interactions that have occurred over the last two years".*

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Alligator CEO and Managing Director.

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## About Alligator Energy

Alligator Energy Ltd is an Australian, ASX-listed, exploration company focused on uranium and energy related minerals, principally cobalt-nickel. Alligator's Directors have significant experience in the exploration, development and operations of both uranium and nickel projects (both laterites and sulphides).

### Projects

