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MURUJUGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION AND WOODSIDE ANNOUNCE MURUJUGA LIVING KNOWLEDGE CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Woodside Energy today announced a A$4 million contribution to the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) to fund the construction of the Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre (MLKC) on the nationally heritage-listed Burrup Peninsula.

Woodside Chief Operations Officer Meg O'Neill said the contribution to the MLKC was part of the company's A$34 million commitment to heritage, cultural and arts projects in the region under the Burrup Conservation Agreement, signed by Woodside and the Commonwealth Government in 2007.

"MAC's proposal to develop the Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre at Conzinc Bay as a world-class eco-cultural facility for the display and curatorship of rock art will attract Australian and international visitors.

"The centre will help maintain, promote and celebrate the rich and ancient cultural values of the Burrup. It will also greatly assist the Indigenous Ranger team at the Murujuga National Park, which Woodside has also supported under the Burrup Conservation Agreement, to better monitor and protect this culturally significant country.

"The Conservation Agreement was a milestone in collaboration with the Dampier Archipelago's Ngarda-Ngarli people, who have inhabited the Murujuga region around Woodside's Burrup Peninsula gas processing operations for tens of thousands of years.

"The international significance of the region's rock art is recognised in the decision by the Traditional Owners and the Premier of Western Australia to pursue World Heritage listing for the Burrup Peninsula.

"Woodside has operated gas processing facilities on the Burrup for more than 30 years, and our support for the World Heritage listing reflects this successful co-existence of heritage and industry," she said.

MAC CEO Peter Jeffries said MAC was pleased to receive Woodside's contribution to the MLKC.

"We have an ambitious plan for the Living Knowledge Centre and want it to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Burrup, putting the world's largest art gallery on the map.

"An iconic Living Knowledge Centre will be constructed to tell stories from the stones and guide visitors through the ancient land that is Murujuga. We are planning to establish a versatile eco-accommodation facility that will allow people to immerse themselves in both the cultural and natural environment.

"The construction of supporting infrastructure such as an access road and jetty in Conzinc Bay will further enhance the precinct and raise the bar for tourism experiences in the region.

"When you combine one of the world's oldest cultures with a pristine environment which is within easy reach of a growing regional centre, you have the foundations for a world-class tourism asset," he said.

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