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UWA Confirms Continued Support for the Centre for Exploration Targeting

The Centre for Exploration Targeting (CET) was established in 2005 as a research centre that focuses on applying geoscientific research to improve the success rate of mineral exploration. The CET is collaboration between UWA, Curtin University and the mineral exploration industry built on a strong foundation of well-established mineral geoscience research at UWA. A 10-year review of CET has highlighted the significant impact that CET has had on industry, government and university stakeholders. The review also highlighted the world-class interface that has been established between the mineral industry, government agencies and CET, and praised the Centre's achievements as a model for end-user facing research centres.

As part of its ongoing improvement programme, the University is establishing a new School of Earth Sciences. CET is integral to the development of this new School and the University and the Faculty of Science have reaffirmed their continued support for CET and its fundamental role in helping the University deliver high quality research products to its external stakeholders.

As previously announced, Professor Cam McCuaig, founding Director of CET, will be taking up a senior role in industry at the end of July. During this restructuring of earth sciences at UWA, the formal search for a new Director, one committed to building on CET's strengths in industry-focused research and training excellence, will commence early 2017. In the interim, Western Australian Fellow Professor Mark Jessell has kindly agreed to assume the role of CET Director. Mark comes with significant experience as a Research Director at IRD in France, and as a leader of several industry-government collaborative research projects including the flagship West African Exploration Initiative. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Professor McCuaig in building the CET's strong reputation, research team and collaborative culture, and wish him well in his new position.

In this period of industry and academic restructuring, CET maintains a healthy research portfolio and a continued commitment to research training. The well-established research expertise of CET's senior staff means that the Centre is able to take advantage of new opportunities. We acknowledge the significant contribution of CET industry and government sponsors and collaborators to the success of the CET to date, and we look forward to their continued support and collaboration into the future.

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