MEDIA RELEASE



9 November 2020

SOUTH32 CANNINGTON RENEWS TOWNSVILLE FIRE SPONSORSHIP

South32 Cannington is proud to renew its sponsorship of JCU Townsville Fire for another season as the team prepares to challenge for the Women's National Basketball League championship.

The 2020 WNBL season gets underway on Wednesday 11 November with JCU Townsville Fire tipping off against Perth Lynx in Mackay. The season is following a revised format due to COVID-19, with all 60 games played during a six-week period entirely in North Queensland, giving local spectators a unique chance to witness the country's best female basketball players in action.

"We are very proud to sponsor JCU Townsville Fire and wish all WNBL players, coaches and spectators a safe and successful season," said South32 Cannington Vice President Operations Joe Russell.

"We have been a sponsor of JCU Townsville Fire since 2015 and look forward to continuing our partnership. I met some of the Townsville players and coach Shannon Seebohm last week and I know they are ready to make big impact on the 2020/21 WNBL championship."

Townsville Fire is the only professional female sports team in Northern Australia and has won three WNBL championships, most recently in the 2017/18 season.

Sam Pascoe JCU Townsville Fire General Manager said: "JCU Townsville Fire is proud to partner with a company like South32 Cannington, which recognises the importance of providing strong healthy female role models in the North Queensland region. It is with the support of companies like South32 Cannington that Townsville Fire remain a strong part of this community. As the only community-owned club in the WNBL, South32 Cannington continued support is imperative in the club's sustainability and as a major partner since 2015, we say thank you to South32 Cannington."

Head coach Shannon Seebohm said: "As head coach of JCU Townsville Fire, I am proud to be sponsored by South32 Cannington. Their strong support of the club is something we are very grateful for and I look forward to many more years partnered with them."

Townsville Fire guard Mia Murray added: "I have been a part of this club for many years, so I understand the importance of our partners. Our partners are more than just a logo, they become a part of the club and our community."

Ends

About South32

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. With a focus on growing our base metals exposure, we also have two development options in North America and several partnerships with junior explorers around the world.

Further Information

Media Relations
Miles Godfrey
T +61 415 325 906
E Miles.Godfrey@south32.net

1

Further information on South32 can be found at www.south32.net. Registered Office Level 35 108 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Australia ABN 84 093 732 597 Registered in Australia