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SOUTH32 CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS LIVING WITH MACHADO JOSEPH DISEASE IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

We are pleased to continue our longstanding relationship with the Machado Joseph Disease (MJD) Foundation by announcing a new three-year partnership.

The MJD Foundation works across Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory to provide a better quality of life for Indigenous Australians and their families living with MJD. There are more than 600 Indigenous Australians alive today who are at risk of having the genetic, neurodegenerative disease.

The partnership, valued at AU\$900,000, will see South32 fund physiotherapy services, medical equipment and technology, education, projects to improve remote service delivery to the communities and the general operations of the MJD Foundation.

The MJD Foundation is headquartered on Groote Eylandt where many MJD clients are located, which is also home to Groote Eylandt Mining Company (GEMCO), a manganese mining operation, 60 per cent owned by South32, with Anglo American holding the remaining 40 per cent.

Acting Vice President Operations, GEMCO, Ryan Kleinschmidt said South32 was proud to be able to continue its support of the very important work the MJD Foundation undertakes.

“The statistics surrounding MJD are concerning, with researchers finding the disease is 100 times more prevalent in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory than the rest of the world,” Mr Kleinschmidt said.

“South32 is an important part of the Groote Eylandt community and we’ve seen firsthand the wonderful work of the MJD Foundation and their dedicated staff.

“Anything we can do to help make life a little easier for those affected is worthwhile.”

MJD Foundation CEO Nadia Lindop said: “There are substantial barriers to the delivery of culturally appropriate services in very remote communities, and the support we receive from South32, both cash and in-kind, enables us to overcome many of these barriers.

“This includes provision of staff accommodation, improved community accessibility, improved disability infrastructure, targeted therapy treatments and improved transport.

“Government funding alone is just not enough to overcome these substantial barriers, and it is due to our important partnership with South32 that we are able to be so responsive and supportive of our clients and families living with MJD.”

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About South32

South32 is a globally diversified metals and mining company with high quality operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. 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 have a simple strategy to maximise the potential of our operations and shareholder returns by optimising our existing operations, unlocking their potential and identifying new opportunities to compete for capital.

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