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BORATES LIMITED

ASX Announcement

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SEPTEMBER 2019 QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Five major milestones completed on the Fort Cady Borate Project:**
 - Term Sheet signed with New York based mining investor for Project Finance
 - Basic engineering completed
 - Grid electricity connected to site
 - Commitments made to ensure gas pipeline is connected for first production
 - Air Quality permits awarded for production
- **Detailed engineering progressing well with a focus on infrastructure and long lead items**
- **Chinese SOEs confirmed Fort Cady boric acid meets high level technical specifications**
- **Company name changed to American Pacific Borates Limited**

American Pacific Borate and Lithium (ASX:ABR) ("ABR" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on activities at its projects in Southern California and Nevada for the period ending 30 September 2019.

Term Sheet signed for Fort Cady Borate Project Finance

The Company signed a term sheet for project finance with New York based mining investor Amvest Capital Mining Opportunities and issued US\$2m of convertible notes. Highlights include:

- Amvest Capital Mining Opportunities, LLC, a dedicated metals and mining investment company based in New York subscribed for US\$2m of convertible notes
- Indicative Term Sheet signed for US\$45m project financing to fund Phase One A of the Fort Cady Borate Project
- Project financing designed to limit dilution customarily associated with construction financing
- Amvest Capital Mining Opportunities, LLC is an affiliate of a SEC Registered Investment Advisor with over US\$1b of assets under management

Fort Cady Project major milestones

Steady progress was made in the Quarter with respect to the Company's target to be in construction by the end of Calendar Year 2019, and its aspiration to become a globally significant producer of borates. The following milestones in addition to the project finance term sheet were:

COMPANY DIRECTORS

Harold (Roy) Shipes – Non-Executive Chairman

Michael X. Schlumberger - Managing Director & CEO

Anthony Hall - Executive Director

Stephen Hunt - Non-Executive Director

John McKinney – Non-Executive Director



ISSUED CAPITAL

208.5 million shares

51.9 million options

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1. Completion of basic engineering;
2. The connection of grid electricity to site;
3. The commencement of a process to connect the gas pipeline to site that is expected to ensure network gas is ready for first production; and
4. The receipt of all air quality permits.

Detailed engineering has commenced with a focus on initial infrastructure and critical path long lead items.

Chinese SOE discussions continue after positive product testing

Final testwork samples from the Fort Cady Borate Project were provided to both Sinochem Group and Sinomach in June 2019. During the Quarter, the Company received confirmation from both entities that the samples have been tested and are in line with expectations for high grade boric acid. Importantly the product samples had very low levels of calcium that easily exceeded specifications.

As a result of the above the Company can confirm:

1. it has agreed to move forward with binding off-take contract discussions; and
2. it is considering accelerating its boric acid ramp up by commencing with a larger initial boric acid operation with financing supported by binding bankable off-takes with the Chinese SOEs.

Marketing Initiatives

In the month of October 2019, the Company presented at Hong Kong's 121 Mining Conference. The Company continues to be pleased with investor response.

Corporate

In October 2019, the Company changed its name to American Pacific Borates Limited.

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About American Pacific Borates Limited

American Pacific Borates Limited is focused on advancing its 100% owned Fort Cady Borate Project located in Southern California, USA. Fort Cady is a highly rare and large colemanite deposit and is the largest known contained borate occurrence in the world not owned by the two major borate producers Rio Tinto and Eti Maden. The JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and Reserve is presented below. Importantly, it comprises 13.93Mt of contained boric acid.

In excess of US\$60m has been spent at Fort Cady, including resource drilling, metallurgical test works, well injection tests, permitting activities and substantial small-scale commercial operations and test works.

A Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") was completed in December 2018 (ASX release dated 17 December 2018) delivering compelling financial metrics including steady state production target of 410ktpa of boric acid and 110ktpa of SOP, delivering an unlevered post tax NPV₁₀ of US\$1.25bn (NPV₈ of US\$1.59bn) and an unlevered post tax IRR of 41%.

In January 2019 (ASX release dated 31 January 2019¹) the DFS was enhanced to include a low capex starter project with an estimated capex of only US\$36.8m. This starter project delivers an EBITDA in the first year of operation of US\$26.7m and preserves the pathway to an EBITDA of over US\$340m in the first year of full production for the broader project.

JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and Reserve (ASX release dated 3 December 2018²)

JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate and Reserve						
Reserves	MMT	B ₂ O ₃ %	H ₃ BO ₃ %	Li ppm	B ₂ O ₃ MT	H ₃ BO ₃ MT
Proven	27.21	6.70	11.91	379	1.82	3.24
Probable	13.80	6.40	11.36	343	0.88	1.57
Total Reserves	41.01	6.60	11.72	367	2.71	4.81
Resources						
Measured	38.87	6.70	11.91	379	2.61	4.63
Indicated	19.72	6.40	11.36	343	1.26	2.24
Total M&I	58.59	6.60	11.72	367	3.87	6.87
Inferred	61.85	6.43	11.42	322	3.98	7.07
Total M,I&I	120.44	6.51	11.57	344	7.84	13.93

In 1994 the Plan of Operations (mining permit) was authorised along with the Mining and Land Reclamation Plan. These permits are in good standing and contain a full Environmental Impact Report and water rights for initial operations of 82ktpa of boric acid. The Company is currently working through a permitting process to gain the additional permits required to commence operations.

In addition to the flagship Fort Cady Project, the Company also has an earn in agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Salt Wells North and Salt Wells South Projects in Nevada, USA on the incurrence of US\$3m of Project expenditures. The Projects cover an area of 36km² and are considered prospective for borates and lithium in the sediments and lithium in the brines within the project area. Surface salt samples from the Salt Wells North project area were assayed in April 2018 and showed elevated levels of both lithium and boron with several results of over 500ppm lithium and over 1% boron.

¹ ABR confirms all material assumptions underpinning the production target and corresponding financial information continue to apply and have not materially changed as per Listing Rule 5.19.2.

² ABR confirms all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Resource Estimate and Reserve continue to apply and have not materially changed as per Listing Rule 5.23.2

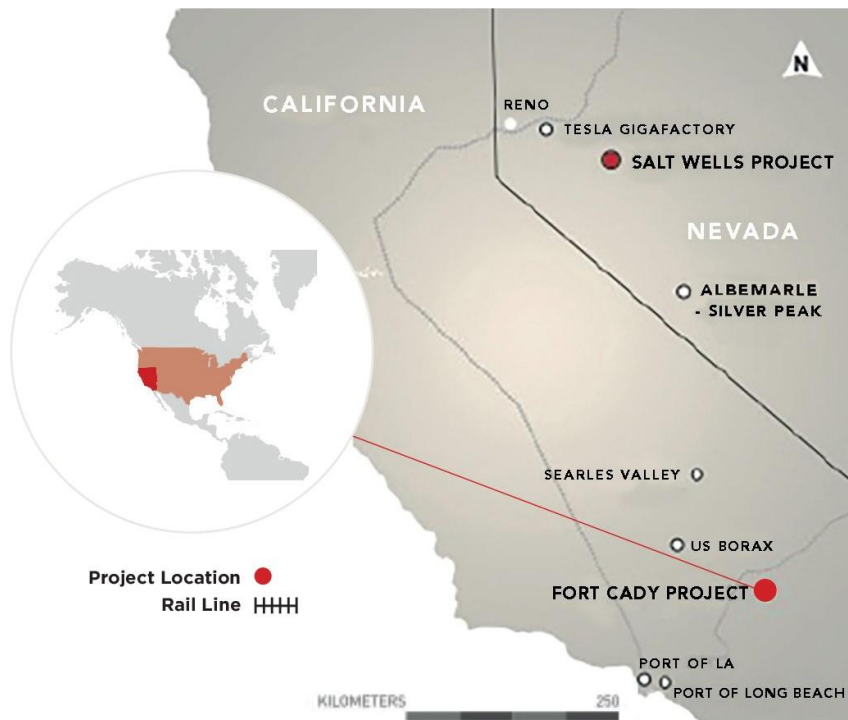


Figure 1 | Location of the Fort Cady and Salt Wells Projects in the USA



Appendix 1: Schedule of Tenements

Tenement Name	Country	Status	Grant Date	Expiry	Area	Ownership Rights		
				Date	km ²	Surface	Mineral	Lessee
Fort Gady Borate and Lithium Project								
Parcel 0529-251-01 Parcel 0529-251-03	USA	Granted	8/05/2010	N/A	0.65 0.32	FCCC	FCCC	N/A
Parcel 0529-251-04	USA	Granted	8/05/2010	N/A	1.09	FCCC	State of California	N/A
Company 1 Group Litigation 1 Group Litigation 4 Group Litigation 5 Group Litigation 2 Litigation 3 Litigation 6 Litigation 11 Geyser View 1 Company 4	USA	Granted	Various 12/09/1991 Various Various 29/07/1937 29/07/1937 29/07/1937 29/07/1937 18/11/1934 15/12/1931	N/A	0.65 0.65 0.65 0.65 0.65 0.65 0.65 0.65 0.28 0.65	Elementis	Elementis	FCCC
HEC #124 - #127, HEC #129, HEC #131, HEC #343, HEC #344, HEC #365, HEC #369, HEC #371, HEC #372, HEC #374 - #376	USA	Granted	Various	N/A	1.21	Elementis	Elementis	FCCC
HEC #19; HEC #21; HEC# 23; HEC#25; HEC #34 - #41; HEC #43 - #67; HEC #70 - #82; HEC #85 - #93; HEC #182; HEC #184; HEC #288; HEC #290; HEC #292; HEC #294; HEC #296 - #297; HEC #299 - #350	USA	Granted	Various	N/A	9.63	FCCC	FCCC	N/A
Salt Wells South Borate and Lithium Project								
The Salt Wells South includes the following claims: SW 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 251, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304	USA	Earn in to acquire a 100% interest	23/05/18	N/A	8.5	Great Basin Resources Inc	Great Basin Resources Inc	Great Basin Resources Inc

Tenement Name	Country	Status	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Area km ²	Ownership Rights Surface	Tenement Name	Country
Salt Wells North Borate and Lithium Project								
The Salt Wells North includes the following claims: SW 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 78, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 104, 106, 108, 109,	USA	Earn in to acquire a 100% interest	23/05/2018	N/A	13.8	Great Basin Resources Inc	Great Basin Resources Inc	Great Basin Resources Inc



110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 147, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, , 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555								
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FCCC - Fort Cady (California) Corporation
Elementis - Elementis Specialties, Inc.
km² – Square Kilometres

Mining Tenements disposed: Nil

Beneficial percentage interests held in farm-in or farm-out agreements: Nil

Beneficial percentage interests in farm-in or farm-out agreements acquired or disposed: Nil

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10, 01/05/13, 01/09/16

Name of entity

AMERICAN PACIFIC BORATE & LITHIUM LTD

ABN

68 615 606 114

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 September 2019

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1 Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation	(993)	(993)
(b) development	-	-
(c) production	-	-
(d) staff costs	(291)	(291)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(575)	(575)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4 Interest received	3	3
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(349)*	(349)*
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 Research and development refunds	-	-
1.8 Other	53	53
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(2,152)	(2,152)

* Relates to 12% interest on Principal Amount of the Convertible Note issued on 5 September 2019 paid annually, in cash, in advance. Refer ASX announcement dated 27 August 2019 for further details.

2. Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1 Payments to acquire:		
(a) property, plant and equipment	(97)	(97)
(b) tenements (see item 10)	-	-
(c) investments	-	-

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
(d) other non-current assets	-	-
2.2 Proceeds from the disposal of:		
(a) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(b) tenements (see item 10)	-	-
(c) investments	-	-
(d) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3 Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5 Other –	-	-
2.6 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(97)	(97)

3. Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1 Proceeds from issues of shares	-	-
3.2 Proceeds from issue of convertible notes	2,935	2,935
3.3 Proceeds from exercise of share options	-	-
3.4 Transaction costs related to issues of shares, convertible notes or options	(187)	(187)
3.5 Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6 Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7 Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8 Dividends paid	-	-
3.9 Other (provide details if material):		
- Proceeds from conversion of options	18	18
3.10 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	2,766	2,766

4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,894	2,894
4.2 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(2,152)	(2,152)
4.3 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(97)	(97)
4.4 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	2,766	2,766

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	6	6
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	3,417	3,417

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	3,417	2,894
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	3,417	2,894

6.	Payments to directors of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to these parties included in item 1.2	171
6.2	Aggregate amount of cash flow from loans to these parties included in item 2.3	-
6.3	Include below any explanation necessary to understand the transactions included in items 6.1 and 6.2	

Payment of Directors Fees and Remuneration - \$113k
Payment of Directors FY2019 STI - \$58k

7.	Payments to related entities of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
7.1	Aggregate amount of payments to these parties included in item 1.2	-
7.2	Aggregate amount of cash flow from loans to these parties included in item 2.3	-
7.3	Include below any explanation necessary to understand the transactions included in items 7.1 and 7.2	

N/A

8. Financing facilities available <i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position</i>	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
8.1 Loan facilities	-	-
8.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-
8.3 Other (please specify)	-	-
8.4 Include below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include details of those facilities as well.		

N/A

9. Estimated cash outflows for next quarter	\$A'000
9.1 Exploration and evaluation	1,073
9.2 Development	700
9.3 Production	-
9.4 Staff costs	265
9.5 Administration and corporate costs	476
9.6 Other (provide details if material)	-
9.7 Total estimated cash outflows	2,514

10. Changes in tenements (items 2.1(b) and 2.2(b) above)	Tenement reference and location	Nature of interest	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter %
10.1 Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements lapsed, relinquished or reduced	N/A			
10.2 Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements acquired or increased	N/A			

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:



(Company secretary)

Date: 28 October 2019

Print name: Aaron Bertolatti

Notes

1. The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes included in or attached to this report.
2. If this quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.