



LANDBRIDGE GROUP MEDIA STATEMENT

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Landbridge Group (**Landbridge**) notes the recent statements made in the media regarding its claim under the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement (**ChAFTA**).

Landbridge considers the Commonwealth's proposed approach to return the Port of Darwin to Australian hands to be discriminatory and inconsistent with Australia's obligations under ChAFTA.

Landbridge acquired its interest in the port through a fair, open and competitive process in full compliance with all applicable Australian laws and regulatory approvals. Multiple Australian Government reviews have confirmed there are no national security concerns.

Having engaged with the Commonwealth in an effort to reach a constructive resolution, Landbridge has regrettably been unable to achieve a satisfactory outcome through dialogue alone and is now taking the necessary steps to protect its legal rights.

Having commenced a formal dispute under ChAFTA, Landbridge expects the Commonwealth to refrain from taking any action adverse to Landbridge's interests pending the resolution of that dispute, and to, consistent with international rules, afford Landbridge the full opportunity to have its claim heard and determined in the appropriate legal forum.

Landbridge will continue to operate the Port of Darwin to the highest standards while this matter is resolved and welcomes the opportunity to engage further with the Commonwealth. The Management Team at the Port will continue to focus on operations as the Board manage the dispute with Commonwealth.

Both the Board and Darwin Port management team appreciate your continued support. All media enquiries should be directed to:

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