

Press Release

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Community invited to comment on draft Ashburton Salt Environmental Scoping Document

K+S Salt Australia today announced the draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) for the proposed Ashburton Salt project is available for public comment.

The proposed solar salt facility is located 40 kilometres south-west of Onslow.

K+S Salt Australia's Managing Director, Gerrit Gödecke, said the draft document was developed after consultation with a range of stakeholders, including the communities of Onslow and Exmouth.

"The draft ESD contains details of the proposed Ashburton Salt project's possible environmental impacts and the studies needed to understand those impacts better," said Mr Gödecke.

"We developed the document after speaking with a range of stakeholder groups including environmental, recreational, business and government, capturing local knowledge and concerns.

"We look forward to the outcomes of the formal comment period."

Mr Gödecke added K+S Salt Australia was committed to minimising or avoiding environmental impacts through the project development.

"Throughout the process we will continue to engage with local people and organisations to ensure the Ashburton Salt project is developed to become one of the world's most modern salt facilities, with strict environmental standards and long-lasting benefits to the community."

The approval process is expected to take around three years, and only when the necessary permits have been granted will K+S make a final decision on whether to build the solar salt production facility.

Annual production capacity would be approximately 3.5 million tonnes of solar salt, with early K+S estimates anticipating an approximate capital expenditure of \$350 million to develop the project.

During construction, the project will employ approximately 200 full-time workers and once in production will provide at least 75 sustainable, full-time jobs. K+S is committed to employing locally where possible. There will also be opportunities for a range of local businesses to provide goods and services.

Ashburton Salt represents K+S' entry into the Australasian region. The project will supply the growing Asian market.

The draft ESD can be accessed electronically or in hard copy via the options below.

Electronically

- Download from www.consultation.epa.wa.gov.au or www.ashburtonsalt.com.au
- Request the ESD to be posted on CD or USB by calling 1300 653 357 or emailing ashburtonsalt@k-plus-s.com

Hard copies

- Available at the Onslow, Exmouth, Battye and State libraries
- Request a printed copy to be mailed by calling 1300 653 357 or emailing ashburtonsalt@k-plus-s.com

More information about Ashburton Salt can be found at www.ashburtonsalt.com.au.

The public comment period ends on 3 October 2017.

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K+S' potash and salt products are used worldwide in agriculture, food production, road safety and industrial processes.

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