



Altech Chemicals
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ALTECH – \$2 MILLION SHARE PLACEMENT COMPLETED

Highlights

- A\$2 million received from share placement to existing cornerstone investor
- Shares issued at \$0.14 per share
- Existing Malaysian shareholder MAA Group Berhad

Altech Chemicals Limited (Altech/the Company) (ASX: ATC) is pleased to announce that following the unanimous approval of shareholders in a General Meeting held on 29 May 2017, the Company has now completed the \$2 million placement of shares at \$0.14 per share, to existing Malaysian cornerstone investor MAA Group Berhad.

Funds raised from the share placement will be applied to the completion of detailed design and engineering of the Company's proposed Malaysian high purity alumina (HPA) plant.

MAA Group Berhad (MAAG) is a Malaysian publicly listed insurance, investment, credit and finance group and an existing shareholder of Altech. Altech non-executive director, Tunku Yaacob Khrya is the executive chairman and majority shareholder of MAAG, consequently the placement of shares to MAAG was subject to the prior approval of Altech shareholders.

The Company has issued 14,285,714 shares to MAAG for this placement, taking the total shareholding of MAAG in the Company to 25,913,621 shares or 9.23% of total issued shares.

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About Altech Chemicals (ASX:ATC) (FRA:A3Y)

Altech Chemicals Limited (Altech/the Company) is aiming to become one of the **world's leading suppliers of 99.99% (4N) high purity alumina (HPA)** (Al_2O_3).

HPA is a high-value, high margin and highly demanded product as it is the critical ingredient required for the production of synthetic sapphire. Synthetic sapphire is used in the manufacture of substrates for LED lights, semiconductor wafers used in the electronics industry, and scratch-resistant sapphire glass used for wristwatch faces, optical windows and smartphone components. There is no substitute for HPA in the manufacture of synthetic sapphire.

Global HPA demand is approximately 25,315tpa (2016) and demand is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16.7% (2016-2024), primarily driven by the growth in worldwide adoption of LEDs. As an energy efficient, longer lasting and lower operating cost form of lighting, LED lighting is replacing the traditional incandescent bulbs.

Current HPA producers use expensive and highly processed feedstock materials such as aluminium metal to produce HPA. Altech has completed a Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) for the construction and operation of a 4,000tpa HPA plant at the Tanjung Langsat Industrial Complex, Johor, Malaysia. The plant will produce HPA directly from kaolin clay, which will be sourced from the Company's 100%-owned kaolin deposit at Meckering, Western Australia. Altech's production process will employ conventional "off-the-shelf" plant and equipment to extract HPA using a hydrochloric (HCl) acid-based process. Production costs are anticipated to be considerably lower than established HPA producers.

The Company is currently in the process of securing project financing with the aim of commencing project development in Q4, 2017.



Forward-looking Statements

The Company reports that the ECA application process is currently targeted for Q-3 2017, however there is no certainty that German government project finance export credit cover (ECA) and/or project debt finance will be approved. The Company makes no representations or warranties whatsoever as to the outcome of the ECA application process. In addition, the Company to date has not been provided with any estimates of the capital costs of the project from its appointed proposed EPC contractor, which is still finalising the detailed design of the proposed Malaysian high purity alumina (HPA) plant and has not been provided with sufficient firm quotations of costs to provide the estimate.

This announcement contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'anticipates', 'forecasts', 'may', 'will', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'targets', 'expects', 'plan' or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. Indications of, and guidelines or outlook on, future earnings, distributions or financial position or performance and targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of production, prices, operating costs, results, capital expenditures, reserves and resources are also forward-looking statements. These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions and estimates regarding future events and actions that, while considered reasonable as at the date of this announcement and are expected to take place, are inherently subject to significant technical, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, the directors and management. We cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement will actually occur and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to various risk factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the events or results estimated, expressed or anticipated in these statements.