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# **UPDATE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Sydney, Australia** - Aguia Resources Limited ABN 94 128 256 888 (ASX: AGR) ('**Aguia**' or the '**Company**') wishes to advise the market of a development in the Public Civil Action regarding the environmental licensing for the Tres Estradas Phosphate Project ('**TEPP**' or the '**Phosphate Project**').

As previously disclosed, the initial Federal Trial Court decision found that the Federal Public Prosecutor (FPP) had no standing to sue in the Federal Court because the Federal Court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case and consequently referred the case to the State Court of Lavras do Sul.

The FPP appealed against this decision.

The appeal has now been decided by the Federal Court of Appeals, which, following the vote of the reporting Justice that had previously granted a staying effect to such appeal, has decided to overturn the initial Federal Trial Court decision, thus keeping the case in the federal court.

The grounds for the Federal Court of Appeals decision were that:

- the mineral (phosphate) belongs to the Federal Government as it has jurisdiction in relation to mining; and that
- the Federal Government has an interest in the case.

The Federal Government's interest in the case stems from it having declared phosphate fertiliser to be a strategic mineral' of upmost importance to the economy of Brazil and for food production. The Brazilian Federal Government has declared that it plans to reduce Brazil's dependence on imported phosphate fertilisers by encouraging local phosphate fertiliser production. As announced on 13 October 2021, Aguia's TEPP Phosphate Project has been recognised as being of strategic importance by the Brazilian Government in accordance with this policy.

This means that the Public Civil Action will now once again be tried before the Federal Trial Court and the Federal Government has now been granted the right to join the case as an interested party. Five associations allegedly representing the traditional communities have also been granted the right to join the case in support of the FPP.

Subsequently, the Federal Trial Court has ordered (i) that the associations comment on the injunctive relief request presented by the FPP, and (ii) that the defendants, the FPP and the Federal Government provide updated information on the issuance of the Installation Licence (LI) in 30 days.

We will provide further updates in due course.

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## About Aguia:

Aguia Resources Limited, ("Aguia") is an ASX listed multi-commodity company (AGR:ASX) with preproduction phosphate and metallic copper projects located in Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state of Brazil. Aguia has an established and highly experienced in-country team based in Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul. Aguia is committed to advancing its existing projects into production whilst continuing to pursue other opportunities within the sector.

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