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SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PREMIER, MR. DES CORCORAN, AT THE OFFICIAL
OPENING OF THE OFFICES AND LABORATORIES OF MCPHAR GEOPHYSICS
PTY. LTD., ON FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1970.

MR. CHAIRMAN,
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,
THE MEMBER FOR UNLEY,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
(LADIES) & GENTLEMEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE HEAD OFFICES
AND LABORATORIES OF MCPHAR GEOPHYSICS TODAY.

THE INVITATION WAS ORIGINALLY EXTENDED TO THE PREMIER,
MR. DUNSTAN, AND HE HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS APOLOGIES -
HE WISHED TO BE HERE, BUT IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT WE
HAVE AN EAST AND A WEST HOUSE, AND IN SPIKE OF KIPLING, AT THE
MOMENT THE TWAIN ARE MEETING.

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NEVERTHELESS, I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE IN HIS STEAD.
THE GOVERNMENT WAS ELECTED WITH A WIDE-RANGING POLICY FOR DYNAMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN THIS STATE, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THAT ONE
OF OUR MOST POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AREAS IS MINING
AND MINERAL EXTRACTION. WE THUS BROUGHT TOGETHER UNDER ONE
MINISTER, THE PREMIER, ALL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIOS, INCLUDING MINING.
AND MCPHAR, OF COURSE, ARE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN MINERAL EXPLORATION
IN THIS STATE. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA FOR NINE
YEARS, AND ITS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN IN ADELAIDE SINCE 1964.
AT THE PRESENT TIME MCPHAR IS THE LARGEST GEOPHYSICAL CONTRACTOR
TO THE MINING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA, AND IN ADELAIDE ITS
AUSTRALIAN STAFF OF SOME 150 IS PLAYING A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT
ROLE NOT ONLY IN THIS STATE'S MINERAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO IN
OUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS A WHOLE.

IT IS GRATIFYING TO OBSERVE THE COMPANY'S EXPANSION OVER THE PAST NINE YEARS. IT COMMENCED OPERATIONS BEFORE WHAT HAS NOW BECOME KNOWN AS THE 'MINERAL BOOM' AND IT HAS, THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF DYNAMIC MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES BEEN ABLE TO ATTRACT HIGHLY TALENTED AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS. AS AN ORGANISATION IT IS UNIQUE IN AUSTRALIA, BEING PROBABLY THE ONLY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE MINERAL CONSULTANT GROUP IN THE WORLD ABLE TO OFFER SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES. AND, OF COURSE, ADELAIDE IS FORTUNATE IN HAVING SUCH AN ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED HERE, IN THE CENTRAL STATE.

THE COMPANY'S ESTABLISHMENT IN ADELAIDE FOLLOWED THE INCREASING TEMPO OF EXPLORATION AND THE CONSEQUENT NECESSITY FOR A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION CAPABLE OF SERVING CREWS THAT OPERATE IN AREAS AS WIDELY SPREAD AS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, N.T., AND QUEENSLAND.

WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE IN 1965 TO MOVE FROM MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE, NINE MCPHAR INDUCED POLARIZATION CREWS WERE OPERATING IN AUSTRALIA, AND SINCE THAT TIME THERE HAVE BEEN UP TO TWENTY CREWS WORKING. CURRENTLY THERE ARE SIXTEEN CREWS LOCATED IN PLACES AS DIVERSE AS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND, THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, TASMANIA AND FIJI.

OVER THE YEARS, I.P., MAGNETIC AND ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN ALL STATES OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA. THE GROUND I.P. AND AIRBORNE SURVEYS EMPLOYED ELECTRO-MAGNETIC, AFMAG, RADIOMETRIC AND MAGNETIC EQUIPMENT DEVELOPED AND MANUFACTURED BY MCPHAR. DRILL HOLE INVESTIGATIONS USING MCPHAR RADIOMETRIC, E.M. AND I.P. EQUIPMENT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THREE LOCATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTRACT AND SALES EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED BY ELECTRONICS LABORATORIES IN ADELAIDE AND KALGOORLIE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE DIVERSIFICATION OF MCPHAR'S ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA BEGAN IN JANUARY 1966 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF DR. PETER DONOVAN TO ESTABLISH A GEOCHEMICAL LABORATORY AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA. THE SUCCESS OF THIS VENTURE BROUGHT ABOUT THE MOVE TO THE LARGER PREMISES AT MARY STREET, UNLEY, IN 1967. TO DATE MCPHAR GEOCHEMICAL CREWS HAVE COVERED APPROXIMATELY 25,000 SQUARE MILES BY RECONNAISSANCE STREAM SEDIMENT SURVEYS IN MOST PARTS OF AUSTRALIA. THE MINERALOGICAL AND PETROGRAPHIC DIVISION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND THE GEOLOGICAL DIVISION IN 1970.

IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS STATE OF SUCH ENTERPRISES AS MCPHARS, SINCE WITHIN SEVERAL YEARS ADELAIDE WILL BE REGARDED AS THE MINING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION CENTER OF AUSTRALIA. THE AUSTRALIAN MINERALS FOUNDATION, WHOSE BUILDINGS ARE NOW BEING DESIGNED AND WHOSE OPERATING FUNDS ARE ACCRUING, SHOULD BE IN BUSINESS IN 1971, AND IT IS TO BE SITED IN A 'CAMPUS' SETTING IN FREWVILLE ALONGSIDE THE AMDEL LABORATORIES, THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AUTHORITY AND NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MINES DEPARTMENT. WITH MCPHARS OPERATIONS EXPANDING, AND WITH ITS OWN DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMME UNDERWAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE METALLURGY, ORE PROCESSING AND MINING ENGINEERING, THE FUTURE OF OUR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL IS ASSURED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND IN THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

I AM THEREFORE BOTH PROUD AND PLEASED TO DECLARE THESE OFFICES AND LABORATORIES OPEN.