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## PRESS RELEASE - GET INTO MINING GRADUATION

Seven Aboriginal trainees and three companies celebrated a milestone at the Tropicana Gold Mine in the Great Victoria Desert of Western Australia in late February.

In a formal ceremony at the site, located 330 kilometres east-northeast of Kalgoorlie, the trainees were presented with certificates and traineeship offers after successfully completing the eight week *Get Into Mining* training programme.

Get Into Mining is a collaborative programme run by Aboriginal-owned mining and civil contracting company Carey Group with the support of mining contractor Macmahon Holdings and Tropicana Joint Venture partners AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd (70% and manager) and IGO Ltd (30%).

Macmahon and Carey both provide contracting services at Tropicana.

Get Into Mining comprises a blended delivery of training in the classroom, at a simulated worksite and via practical activities at Tropicana. The programme is structured to enable a phased transition into the fly-in, fly-out working environment.

Applications for the programme were received after information sessions were held in Kalgoorlie. All seven of the successful applicants completed the full programme, qualifying for a Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations.

They have now accepted traineeships with Macmahon at Tropicana as dump truck operators and in the underground department.

This is the fifth time the programme has been conducted at the site.

At the graduation ceremony the programme participants presented Tropicana with a painting capturing their journey from Kalgoorlie to working at the mine.

Carey Operations Manager Frank Bethune, said "the *Get Into Mining* training programme has the highest success rate of graduates staying in the mining industry. The opportunity for each of them to transition into full-time employment at Tropicana and to carve out a career for themselves wouldn't happen without the team on the ground and the leadership support demonstrated by all supporting partners".

Macmahon Holdings Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mick Finnegan, said he is delighted with the continued growth of the learning and development programme that supports young Indigenous people achieve real career and growth opportunities in the mining industry.

"Quality learning outcomes that encourage diversity across our operations are the result of working together with our alliance partners at Tropicana," Mr Finnegan said.

"Year-on-year we welcome a new group of eager young people and this year is no different. We are once again impressed with the quality of candidates and look forward to helping them reach their personal goals and contribute to the positive culture on site."

Tropicana General Manager Stephen Perkins said the programme was the culmination of considerable planning and preparation by the training teams at Carey and Macmahon, in collaboration with AngloGold Ashanti's community team.

"You should be proud of your achievements and thank you for having the courage to stick with it."

The graduates are: Kyle Lynch, Nadine Tucker, Sheldon Tucker, Joanne Palmer, Juan Tucker, Coen Rogers and Darien Tucker.

## **CAPTION**

From left (back row): Carey Training trainer Graham Mason with graduates Kyle Lynch, Sheldon Tucker, Darien Tucker, Juan Tucker and Nadine Tucker and (front row from left) Joanne Palmer and Coen Rogers.

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# **About Carey Group**

Carey Group is a 100% Indigenous owned business established by Daniel Tucker in 1995. Carey's original contracts were located in the Goldfields Region of Western Australia but now extend to the Pilbara Region and the Northern Territory. Carey was established at a time when Indigenous businesses and Indigenous entrepreneurs were a scarcity. Carey was a pioneer of sorts and has now evolved into a thriving business with more than 25 years' experience in delivering specialist services to the mining and civil industries.

#### **About Macmahon**

Macmahon is an ASX listed company that has been offering mining and construction services to clients for more than 50 years.

We seek to develop strong relationships with our clients in which both parties can work together in an open, flexible and transparent way.

Our approach to doing business, together with our capabilities in surface and underground mining, civil design and construction, and mine site maintenance and rehabilitation services, has established Macmahon as a trusted partner on resources projects throughout Australia and Southeast Asia.

### **About AngloGold Ashanti Australia**

AngloGold Ashanti Ltd is a global gold company with 14 operations in nine countries. In Australia it operates the Sunrise Dam Gold Mine, 55 km south of Laverton, and Tropicana (70%). The company has been a long-term active supporter of communities in the Eastern Goldfields through a range of initiatives covering youth engagement, education and health and wellbeing.

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