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OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO MAGELLAN METALS COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND

Perth 1 April 2009 - The Magellan Metals Community Fund has received an overwhelming response to its inaugural funding round, with 49 applications received, requesting A\$1.2 million in total.

Magellan Metals established the A\$1 million fund last year with assistance from the Esperance Shire Council. The Fund was introduced to provide support for projects that invest directly in building community capacity in Esperance with local community groups and not-for-profit organisations encouraged to apply. \$300,000 per year will be available for projects over the next three years. An additional \$50,000 has been committed to the Esperance CT Scanner project, and the remaining \$50,000 will cover essential costs and contingency items.

Due to the tremendous response received it has been necessary to extend the announcement of successful projects one month, to mid-May, to ensure a thorough assessment of all applications. The Shire of Esperance will administer the decision process, to begin immediately with input from community representatives and Magellan Metals.

The applications received for 2009 cover a broad range of categories including: sport and recreation, education and training, youth and family services, arts and culture and community facilities. A mixture of innovative and interesting ideas have been put forward and it is now up to the administration committee to decide which projects will receive funding this year.

Esperance Shire President Ian Mickel said, "We look forward to announcing the successful applications shortly and seeing the positive impact the funding will have on our community."

Requests for funding were invited at three levels; up to \$20,000, up to \$50,000 or up to \$100,000 to be spent either in a single year or spread over three years. As the Fund will cease at the end of 2011, projects put forward must expect to be complete or self-sustaining by then.

Dr. John Yeates, Magellan General Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility said, "It is our sincere desire to partner with the local community and work toward rebuilding our position as a leading corporate citizen in Western Australia. We are very happy with the community's positive response to the call for applications in this first year"

Future funding rounds will be publicly announced in late 2009 and again in late 2010.

For further information about the Magellan Community Fund go to the Magellan Metals website www.magellanmetals.com.au or the Shire of Esperance website www.esperance.wa.gov.au

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