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# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **CITIC PACIFIC MINING PARTNERS WITH CLONTARF FOUNDATION**

CITIC Pacific Mining (CPM) has announced an important new partnership with the Clontarf Foundation to support Indigenous boys and young men in the Roebourne and Karratha communities.

CPM Chief Executive Officer Barry Fitzgerald said the company's three-year partnership would allow the Foundation to increase the number of students in its education-based program which aims to build life skills, self-esteem and self-discipline in Indigenous 13–18 year-olds.

The Clontarf Foundation is a highly-successful not-for-profit organisation which encourages participants to stay in mainstream education and later make a transition into the workforce using the incentive of Australian Rules Football.

"The partnership is a long term investment in and commitment to the Indigenous communities in the Karratha/Roebourne area, especially the families of the Traditional Owners of the Cape Preston area." Mr Fitzgerald said.

"Under the agreement, participants will be able to foster links with CPM staff, gain mentorship on future career options and in the longer term be offered training and employment opportunities."

Clontarf Foundation General Manager of Operations Craig Brierty welcomed the CPM partnership which he said would make a difference to the lives of many local Indigenous males.

"By engaging in education and employment, the participants will gain the skills and abilities to become a valuable part of the Roebourne and Karratha community," Mr Brierty said.

"The program helps develop role models and leaders and that has the power to change the whole fabric of a community.

"The key to the program is the building of partnerships between Clontarf, education, business and the Indigenous community and it's through these partnerships that we can significantly impact the lives of the young men with whom we work."

Mr Brierty said the program worked by forming football academies in association with high schools. An academy is already attached to Roebourne School.

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