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Carey Mining and AngloGold Ashanti Australia celebrate 20 year relationship

(PERTH) – The relationship between AngloGold Ashanti Australia (AGAA) and Carey Mining is a strong enduring relationship that has lasted for over 20 years. It is the longest working relationship between an Aboriginal company and a mining company in Australia.

In 1995 with the support of AGAA, Carey Mining was formed and in 1996 Carey Mining with its joint venture partner Downer EDI won the mining contract at AGAA's Sunrise Dam Gold Mine.

In that time Carey Mining has grown to become Australia's largest private, 100% Aboriginal-owned mining and civil contractor and this year the company celebrates its 20-year anniversary of working with AGAA.

To commemorate the achievement Carey Mining Founder and Managing Director, Daniel Tucker, presented a painting to AGAA Senior Vice President Michael Erickson.

The painting is the work of the late Lynley Tucker and captures Lake Carey at different times of the season, depicting some of the important locations and activities of the traditional Wongatha people who come from around this area.

This early trailblazing work by AGAA and Carey Mining not only helped to break down prejudice but also positively influenced the landscape of Aboriginal empowerment with regards to the evolution of other Aboriginal businesses and Indigenous entrepreneurship. It was the catalyst for change that strengthened business networks and initiated new commercial relationships between mainstream industry and Aboriginal businesses.

Daniel Tucker explained, "With AngloGold Ashanti's active support we created something that was never done before in Western Australia and that was to create an Aboriginal contracting company to form a joint venture and perform a very large mining contract back in 1996. Back then this was unheard of and something totally new to the industry in WA. What we did then was set the stage for many other Aboriginal people to follow, starting up their own businesses and taking opportunities working on projects on country."

Mr Tucker's vision was to establish a sustainable and robust business owned by Aboriginal people that would then create employment and training opportunities for local people.

This vision meshed with AGAA's desire to provide an opportunity for local Indigenous people to establish a sustainable, long-term business, capable of thriving beyond Sunrise Dam's life of mine.

Sunrise Dam is located 55 kilometres south of Laverton in WA in what is known as Wongatha Country, the birthplace of Mr Tucker and his family. The name Carey was inspired by Lake Carey, a large inland salt lake that has been used for thousands of years by the Wongatha people to maintain traditional cultural practices.

“At AngloGold Ashanti we take our commitment to local employment and working with local businesses seriously,” Michael Erickson said.

“The vision that the Sunrise Dam team shared with Daniel and Carey Mining when the mine was developed has not only been realised, it has grown stronger and evolved.

“We are proud to have played a part in what Carey Mining has achieved.”

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