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Via email: Jeremy.newman@asx.com.au; tradinghaltsperth@asx.com.au

Dear Jeremy,

## RE: Platypus Minerals Ltd ("Entity" or "Platypus" or "Company"): ASX Price Query

We refer to your letter dated 4 March 2016 and respond below to your questions therein.

- 1. No.
- 2. N/A.
- 3. As per our recent response to a volume query from the ASX on 25 February 2016, we again state that while Platypus is not aware of any specific explanation for the recent increase in the price in its securities on 4 March 2016, it is relevant to note a number of pertinent facts disclosed to the market in the past month, subsequent to which the Company's securities have seen an increase both in price and traded volume.

As announced on 1 February 2016, Platypus initiated its entry into the lithium sector by signing a 1 month exclusivity agreement with Lepidico Ltd ("Lepidico"), a public unlisted lithium exploration company and owner of the L-Max technology, a metallurgical process for the extraction of lithium from non-conventional sources, specifically, lithium-rich micas such as lepidolite and zinnwaldite. Lepidico's current exploration portfolio includes an option over the Lemare project in the James Bay area of Quebec, Canada, the Euriowie exploration licence application near Broken Hill in NSW and a memorandum of understanding with Crusader Resources Ltd to jointly seek to exploit lithium resources in Brazil through a 50:50 strategic joint venture. Platypus informed the market of these matters on 3 February 2016, 12 February 2016 and in response to the previous volume query on 25 February 2016. In addition, Platypus continues to seek out additional lithium exploration opportunities in its own right, both locally and internationally.

On 19 February 2016, Platypus announced results of its initial due diligence on Lepidico's Euriowie project comprising a site visit by Platypus staff, reporting excellent lithium results peaking at 4.45% Li<sub>2</sub>O from outcropping pegmatites rich in amblygonite, a lithium phosphate mineral that can contain up to 10.1% Li<sub>2</sub>O.

In regard to the Lemare project, it is relevant to note the strategic location of that project in the James Bay area of Quebec, an area that hosts several significant lithium resources held by other parties, including ASX-listed Galaxy Resources and Canadian companies Critical Elements Corporation and Nemaska Lithium. Lemare itself hosts an undrilled spodumene pegmatite with up to 12 m @ 1.96% Li<sub>2</sub>O from trench sampling and provides an immediate exploration focus.

The lithium sector is strongly supported by the market at the moment with a number of recent entrants, holding exploration stage assets, with a market capitalisation well above that of Platypus. These include Ardiden Ltd (ASX:ADV; \$18M market cap), Dakota Minerals Ltd

(ASX:DKO; \$15M) and Metalicity Limited (ASX:MCT; \$29M). At the closing price on of 2.0c on 4 March 2016, Platypus's market capitalisation was \$11M.

Finally, the original 1 month exclusivity period with Lepidico, mentioned above, and which expired on 29 February 2016, was extended by mutual agreement between Lepidico and Platypus by 14 days to 14 March 2016 (as announced on 29 February 2016), so that both parties could finalise mutual due diligence and progress discussions on a potential transaction by which Platypus would acquire Lepidico or its assets. As previously advised, while transaction discussions have progressed, no deal terms have been concluded. However, Platypus and Lepidico hope to finalise their mutual due diligence and terms before the expiry of the extension period and will keep the market informed in that regard.

4. We confirm that the Entity is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Dukovcic

**Managing Director** 

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