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## ASX/Media Announcement

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## Platypus Minerals Appoints Chief Financial Officer

- Ms Shontel Norgate, an executive with over 20 years of resources industry experience, joins Platypus Minerals Ltd as Chief Financial Officer.
- Based in Brisbane, Australia, Ms Norgate will be a key member of the executive team leading Platypus in its strategy to become a lithium producer by exploring for lithium minerals and by developing operations using the L-Max® process.

Platypus Minerals Ltd ("Platypus" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Shontel Norgate as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Most recently Ms Norgate held the position of CFO for ten years with TSX-listed resources company, Nautilus Minerals. Prior to her appointment at Nautilus Minerals Ms Norgate was Financial Controller with Macarthur Coal and Southern Pacific Petroleum, both listed on the ASX.

Ms Norgate is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' resources industry experience in finance and administration. During her tenure with Nautilus Minerals she was accountable for the leadership and stewardship of the company in all financial and commercial areas. Crucial to the success of the role was her ability to liaise with external stakeholders, including financiers, investors, international governments, NGO groups and contractors, always demonstrating strong business and financial acumen. These responsibilities also included the negotiation and management of numerous, large commercial contracts prior to and during project implementation. Ms Norgate holds a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) with Distinction from Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane and a Graduate Diploma in Company Secretarial Practice from the Australian Institute of Chartered Secretaries.

Platypus Managing Director Joe Walsh said: "Shontel's skills, experience and professionalism will be invaluable as Platypus delivers on its strategy to become a lithium producer by exploring for lithium minerals and by developing operations using its proprietary L-Max® process.

"I am thrilled that the Company has been able to attract a CFO of the calibre of Shontel. Her experience and leadership in transitioning dynamic and innovative companies from the predevelopment phase and into production will be deployed to great effect," Mr Walsh said.

## **Further Information**

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## **About Platypus Minerals Ltd**

Platypus Minerals Ltd is an ASX-listed Company focused on exploration, development and production of lithium. Its current exploration assets include options over the Lemare and the Royal projects, both in Quebec, Canada; ownership of the Euriowie project near Broken Hill in New South Wales; joint venture agreements with ASX-listed Crusader Resources (ASX:CAS) in Brazil and Latin Resources (ASX:LRS) in Peru and Argentina to jointly evaluate lithium opportunities. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary Lepidico Ltd, Platypus also owns the technology to a metallurgical process that has successfully produced lithium carbonate from non-conventional sources, specifically lithium-rich mica minerals including lepidolite and zinnwaldite. The L-Max® Process has the potential to disrupt the lithium market by providing additional lithium supply from alternative sources. On 27 September 2016 the Company announced the commencement of a pre-feasibility study for a Phase 1 L-Max® plant targeting production for 2019.