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Chatham Rock Phosphate joins World Ocean Council

WELLINGTON, New Zealand – Chatham Rock Phosphate Limited (TSXV: “NXP” and NZAX: “CRP” or the “Company”) announces that we have joined the World Ocean Council, which released the following announcement today.



News Release

CHATHAM ROCK PHOSPHATE JOINS WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL (WOC)

WOC – the Global Blue Economy Business Organization – Continues to Grow with the Addition of Chatham Rock Phosphate, a Leading Responsible Marine Mining Company

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Chatham Rock Phosphate is building on its commitment to responsible marine mining by joining the World Ocean Council (WOC), the international business leadership alliance for “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”.

Based in New Zealand, Chatham Rock Phosphate aims to be the premier supplier of direct application phosphate to the global agricultural sector, in support of sustainable farming and agricultural practices.

Chris Castle, Chatham Rock Phosphate CEO, stated, “Key minerals such as phosphate are critical to sustainable development. Marine sources for these minerals will play an increasingly important role as terrestrial sources become depleted and the procedures and technology for responsible extraction are developed. The WOC provides a unique global industry platform for responsible marine mining operators to collaborate and to engage with other ocean industries and stakeholders on responsible use of ocean resources.”

Chatham Rock Phosphate is working to maintain its involvement at the forefront of the marine minerals sector to leverage its expertise as a project pioneer as it develops a pathway for phosphate products for the agricultural and retail sectors.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

9 January, PARIS

U.N. Roundtable on the UN Global Pact for the Environment (Participant)

17 January, BRUSSELS

JPI Oceans seminar - Increasing the impact of European investments in marine and maritime research (Participant)

20-24 January, TROMSO, NORWAY

Arctic Frontiers (Plenary Speaker)

23-25 January, SOUTHAMPTON, UK

European Space Agency (ESA) "Atlantic from Space" Workshop (Opening Keynote Speaker)

5 December, BALTIMORE

Roundtable - Ocean Climate Geoengineering: An Assessment of Potential Risks, Benefits and Governance (Co-Organizer)

11-13 February, MUSCAT, OMAN

Ocean Economy and Future Technologies Conference (Organizing Partner, Moderator, Speaker)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in ocean sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology and investment.

WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.

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About Chatham Rock Phosphate

Chatham Rock Phosphate is the custodian of New Zealand's only material resource of ultra-low cadmium, environmentally friendly pastoral phosphate fertiliser. Our key role is connecting the resource with those who need it.

Using this phosphate will support sustainable farming practices, including healthier soil profiles and reduced accumulation of the heavy metal cadmium, reducing carbon emissions and dramatically lowering runoff to waterways and shrinking fertiliser needs over time.

The resource represents one of New Zealand's most valuable mineral assets and is of huge strategic significance because phosphate is essential to maintain New Zealand's high agricultural productivity.

New Zealand's current access to phosphate is vulnerable to economic and political events in the six countries controlling 98% of the world's phosphate reserves, with 85% of the total in the Western Saharan state of Morocco.

Chatham takes very seriously the responsibility vested in it through its granted mining permit to use the world's best knowledge and technology to safely extract this resource to help sustainably feed the world.

Our initial environmental consenting process independently established extraction would have no significant impact on fishing yields or profitability, marine mammals or seabirds.

For more information contact Chris Castle on 021 55 82 85 or chris@widespread.co.nz or check out www.rockphosphate.co.nz

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