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## Media Release

### Cape Alumina funds Mapoon education program

Cape Alumina Limited (ASX Code: CBX) will fulfil its commitment to an important community sponsorship program in Mapoon, western Cape York, despite the company's nearby bauxite project being jeopardised by a wild rivers declaration.

As part of what Cape Alumina had hoped would be extensive ongoing social and economic benefits for traditional owners and the local community, the Company earlier this year undertook to fund the Mapoon Parents and Learning (PaL) program. The program assists indigenous parents to support their children's early literacy and numeracy learning.

Cape Alumina Managing Director Dr Paul Messenger said that the Company's involvement with the program pre-dated the Queensland Government's Wenlock Basin wild rivers declaration, which has forced the Company to review the viability of the Pisolite Hills bauxite project.

"This is the type of community program that Cape Alumina is pleased to support. We gave an undertaking to provide funding prior to the Queensland Government's wild rivers declaration but despite our project now being in jeopardy we are still pleased to support the local community," Dr Messenger said.

"The Pisolite Hills project can bring great economic and social benefits to Cape York and far north Queensland but unfortunately the wild rivers declaration has placed the project's future in doubt."

Cape Alumina will provide \$8,000 over two years to support the Mapoon PaL program, which will ensure the program continues to deliver services for families in the Mapoon community.

Initial establishment and implementation funding for the Mapoon PaL program provided by the government ceased in 2009.

The Mapoon PaL program continued to operate through the support of the Napranum Preschool PaL Group and the Mapoon Shire Council, but was in jeopardy prior to Cape Alumina's commitment to provide financial support.

"We are happy to support this program as a positive and practical example of a responsible industry working with local communities to 'close the gap' on indigenous disadvantage," Dr Messenger said.

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