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LOW EMISSION TECHNOLOGY AUSTRALIA AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS JOIN FORCES ON NET ZERO INNOVATION

Low Emission Technology Australia (LETA) and The Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are launching a partnership to address global greenhouse gas emissions through the acceleration of groundbreaking net zero technologies.

Through a newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), LETA and PRI will drive advancements that target both climate change mitigation and sustainable economic benefits for communities worldwide.

This collaboration includes a range of initiatives aimed at directly addressing emissions reduction. By integrating expertise from both institutions, the partnership will explore new approaches to critical climate challenges with an emphasis on delivering local economic and environmental gains, including for communities with limited access to sustainable technology.

Mark McCallum, Chief Executive of LETA said the MoU signals the organisations' shared commitment to a net zero future. "LETA is proud to have formalised a working relationship with PRI and we look forward to exploring innovative emissions reduction solutions together."

"We're thrilled to embark on this partnership with LETA, aligning our strengths to make measurable progress toward global sustainability goals," said Kevin O'Brien, director of the Net-Zero Center of Excellence. "Together, we aim to bring cutting-edge solutions to the forefront and demonstrate that impactful climate action can also drive economic benefits."

The five-year MOU includes options for renewal, underscoring both organisations' dedication to a sustained impact. Future announcements will detail specific projects and updates on this joint mission to advance net zero technologies.

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ABOUT LOW EMISSION TECHNOLOGY AUSTRALIA

Low Emission Technology Australia (LETA) is a not-for-profit investment fund that accelerates the development and large-scale deployment of technology solutions to reduce and remove greenhouse gas emissions from critical industries like steel, cement and power generation.

LETA's investment in technology unlocks a faster, cheaper pathway to net zero for hard-to-abate industries that are critical to the economy, provide thousands of Australian jobs and support households every day.

Since 2006, LETA members have contributed more than \$400m to low emission projects and unlocked a total investment of \$1.1b. LETA members recognise the crucial role of low emission technology in enabling a net-zero future for their industries, their customers, their workforces and Australian communities.

ABOUT PRAIRIE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign conducts transformative research to address society's most pressing challenges, including climate and energy transitions. By uniting expertise in geology, ecology and biodiversity, archaeology, hydrology and water, weather and climate, pollution prevention, and sustainable energy, PRI delivers innovative, scalable solutions that benefit the people, economy, and environment of Illinois, the nation, and the world.

PRI is home to five renowned state scientific surveys: the Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. Together, they provide critical data, research, and insights to support sustainable development and improve quality of life. Learn more at www.prairie.illinois.edu