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## **CURCAS ENERGY LIMITED MEDIA RELEASE**

Curcas Energy Limited has appointed WA Stockbroker, Hartleys Limited ("Hartleys"), to advise and act as sponsoring broker to the listing of the company on the ASX.

During the next few weeks, the Company will place approximately \$2 million in pre IPO capital with sophisticated investors. The company then intends to raise a minimum of \$5 million at IPO and apply for listing on the ASX, targeting completion for August this year.

Curcas Energy will use the funds to further its planting of *Jatropha curcas* in Thailand and construct an oil extraction facility for processing the oil seed in Khon Kaen in Thailand.

*Jatropha* oil is a second generation biofuel feedstock used for biodiesel production and is favoured by the aviation industry as a raw material for production of aviation biofuel on an ecologically sustainable basis.

The oil extracted from *jatropha* seeds is inedible and does not have alternative uses in the human food chain. In addition, the tree is tolerant of poor soil conditions and drought, allowing it to be planted in areas that would otherwise be considered less suitable for farming.

Curcas Energy already has over 15 million *jatropha* trees planted in Thailand and plans to increase this to over 500 million in the next 3 – 5 years.

The Company has similar scale plans for *jatropha* seed and oil production in Philippines where initial planting will commence later this year.

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