

## Status announces its membership with Supply Nation – 26 September 2016

Status is delighted to announce its new membership with Supply Nation.

Our membership of Supply Nation embodies our commitment to diversity both in our workforce and procurement process. Even prior to our membership of Supply Nation, Status has implemented the following initiatives:

- a Board endorsed Indigenous Action Plan (IAP), highlighting our commitment to ‘Closing the Gap’
- establishing a framework for the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan to be endorsed by Reconciliation Australia
- a commitment to providing 4 traineeships in Business Administration for Indigenous Australians over the next 3 years and to lift our proportion of Indigenous employees to 2.5% of total staff by 2020
- an annual expenditure target of between 0.5% and 1.5% that will ensure the awarding of a minimum of \$50,000 per annum of business to Indigenous enterprises

Status’ Executive Chairman, Gary Hatwell, stated “we welcome the opportunity to partner with Supply Nation to strengthen our relationship with the Indigenous business community. Membership with Supply Nation confirms our commitment to the goals established by the Board and we look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship”.

Supply Nation Chief Executive Officer, Ms Laura Berry, said “we are delighted to welcome **Status** into the Supply Nation program and look forward to working with them to develop their supplier diversity footprint. And the measure of our collective success will be in the value of transactions between our members and suppliers.”

Supply Nation is a simple and effective collaboration between Government, Corporate and Indigenous Australia. Supply Nation’s mission is to facilitate, encourage and promote business between these sectors and Indigenous owned businesses.

Supply Nation connects its members to Indigenous businesses to build a vibrant and prosperous Indigenous business sector by incorporating Indigenous owned, controlled and managed businesses into the supply chain of Australian companies and government agencies.

Supply Nation and its membership will play an important role in closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage by facilitating and contributing growth in Indigenous enterprise in Australia.