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## Mount Weld – “Licences to Operate”

Lynas Corporation Limited (“Lynas”) (ASX:LYC, OTC:LYSDY) is pleased to announce that the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum, and the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation have now issued their licences for Lynas to operate its Mount Weld Concentration Plant. This completes the regulatory requirements for the commencement of operation of the plant, and it is now expected that the first feed of ore into the Mount Weld Concentration Plant will occur within a week.

### About Lynas Corporation

Lynas owns the richest known deposit of Rare Earths, also known as Lanthanides, in the world at Mount Weld, near Laverton in Western Australia. This deposit underpins Lynas’ strategy to create a reliable, fully integrated source of Rare Earths supply from the mine through to customers in the global Rare Earths industry.

Lynas will concentrate the ore mined at Mount Weld in a Concentration Plant approximately 1.5km from the mine. The concentrate produced by the Concentration Plant will be shipped in sea containers and transported by road and ship to the east coast of Malaysia to the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) within the Gebeng Industrial Estate, Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia, to process the Mount Weld concentrate through to separated Rare Earths products

Engineering and construction of both the Concentration Plant in Western Australia and the LAMP remain within budget. The first feed of ore into the Concentration Plant in Western Australia is scheduled to commence within a week. The first feed of concentrate to the kiln at the LAMP in Malaysia is scheduled for September 2011. Lynas has received all required approvals to construct both plants, and is in the process of applying for all pre-operation and operation approvals.

The company plans to become the benchmark for security of supply and a world leader in quality and environmental responsibility to an international customer base, with production anticipated to commence in 2011.

‘Rare Earths’ is the term given to fifteen metallic elements known as the lanthanide series, plus yttrium. They play a key role in green environmental products, from energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to hybrid cars, automotive catalytic converters and wind turbine generators. They are also essential in the development and manufacturing of many modern technological products, from hard disc drives to flat panel displays, iPods and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans.



Lynas American Depositary Receipts (**ADRs**) trade under the code LYSDY (CUSIP number 551073208). The Bank of New York Mellon is the depositary bank in respect of Lynas ADRs.

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