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# Imdex and Coretrack to merge

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Imdex will take control of fellow oil and gas supplier Coretrack's shares and options, in an agreement that will see two of Perth's listed suppliers merge.

Under the agreement Coretrack shareholders will receive \$28.4 million worth of Imdex shares, issued at 65.5 ¢.

Imdex will issue Coretrack shareholders 0.61 Imdex shares for every one Coretrack share.

Imdex supplies drilling fluids and drill bits to the mining and oil and gas sectors and its shares were unchanged at 63.5¢ at 0848 WST.

Imdex told its shareholders the merger would bring Coretrack's patented oil and gas hole coring technology to the company and compliment the its own asset base.

"Imdex's proposed merger with Coretrack complements our growing portfolio of down the hole instrumentation assets and is well aligned with our growth strategy and fundamental objective to continue to grow Imdex's exposure to the oil and gas sector," Imdex managing director Bernie Ridgeway said.

Imdex will control the lion's share of the merged company, holding 82 per cent of the issued shares, while Coretrack will hold 18 per cent.

The merger is recommended by both companies' boards and is subject to due diligence with a merger agreement scheduled to be signed by Friday.

Coretrack shares were unchanged at 29¢ at 0853 WST.

Late last year Imdex withdrew a \$12 million bid for Kwinana-based Australian Drilling Specialties because of the difficult market conditions.


Imdex's major clients include drilling majors like Sandvik and Boart

Longyear and Imdex countered the downturn by shedding 13 per cent of its global workforce last year.

This year Coretrack appointed Alto Capital as corporate advisers to help it market its technology.

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