



State Government Environmental Approvals Received

Metro Mining Ltd (ASX:MMI) (**Metro**) is pleased to announce Queensland State Government Environmental Approvals have been received for the Bauxite Hills Project.

Highlights

- State Government Environmental Approvals Granted
- Final Federal Government Approval expected in near future
- Mining Operations and first shipment "on track" for Q2 next year

Metro has received the Environmental Authority (EA) for the Bauxite Hills Project from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP). The State Government approval follows an extensive and detailed environmental assessment and community consultation process.

Managing Director Simon Finnis said final Commonwealth Approvals are expected in the near future.

Metro is developing its Bauxite Hills Project with the previously approved Skardon River Bauxite Project. The combined projects have been renamed the Bauxite Hills Mine.

The Bauxite Hills Mine is located 95 kilometres north of Weipa. It is one of the largest independent projects within the internationally acclaimed Weipa Bauxite Region.

"We have significantly reduced the social and environmental impacts, and optimised the economic returns by combining two projects," Mr Finnis said.

"Mine development is underway and we are on schedule to begin mining construction in Q3 2017 and first shipment in Q2 next year.

Metro has an initial four-year, 7 million tonne Binding Off-take Agreement with Xinha Group - one of the largest integrated aluminium companies in China. The company has also secured an Offtake Letter-of-Intent with Lubei Chemicals - China's fifth largest bauxite importer.

Once fully operational, the Bauxite Hills Mine is expected employ up to 200 people with a 30% indigenous workforce target.



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