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MACARTHUR MINERALS STAKES FURTHER ACREAGE FOR HARD ROCK LITHIUM

Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSX-V: MMS) (the “Company” or “Macarthur Minerals”) is pleased to announce that it has applied for five additional exploration licences in the Pilbara region of Western Australia to expand its total tenement area to 1,379 square kilometres (341,000 acres).

The Company continues to expand its acreage and has one of the largest acreages for ‘hard rock’ lithium of any junior exploration company globally and is one of a few TSX-V listed companies to have potential projects for lithium in Australia. The expansion of the Company’s acreage package is consistent with the Company’s focus on exploration of raw materials for the production of lithium batteries.

New Pilbara Tenements

The location of the five new Pilbara exploration licence applications (E46/1133, E45/4747, E45/4748, E45/4749, and E45/4750), which covers an area of 185 square kilometres (45,000 acres), is shown in Figure 1.

The applications contain similar geological settings to the Pilgangoora Li-Ta pegmatite deposits, which host the lithium projects of Australian Securities Exchange listed companies, Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS) and Altura Mining Limited (ASX: AJM).

Geological Setting of New Applications

Macarthur’s new acreage applications in the Pilbara are based on geological relationships that are broadly consistent with the currently accepted exploration/mineral system model for Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum (“LCT” type) rare element pegmatites. The applications comprise areas of greenstone belt (meta-volcanic sequences) as well as earlier granitoids and gneisses likely to contain LCT pegmatites. They are located within 5–10 km of ~2.9 Ga¹ post-tectonic monzogranite (S-type) intrusions, which are considered to be the source of magmatic fluids from which the LCT pegmatites crystallised. The fertile character of the highly fractionated younger monzogranites², and their potential link to lithium mineralisation, adjacent to and within the new application is supported by the numerous occurrences of lithium (Li), tantalum (Ta), tin (Sn), and beryl (Be) associated with these monzogranites.

Lithium Strategy

The Company’s strategy is to apply for prospective acreage proximate to known lithium occurrences or where there are either, producing lithium mines or lithium mines under development. Consistent with this strategy, the Company has acquired acreage in the Pilbara region where Pilbara Minerals Limited has its Pilgangoora lithium-tantalum project for which it recently raised A\$100 million for further development and in the Ravensthorpe region where Galaxy Resources Limited (ASX: GXY) has commenced production for spodumene and tantalum concentrate at its Mt Cattlin project.

Macarthur is currently undertaking a detailed review of all its acreage and plans to commence a Stage 1

¹ Ga is giga anna – 1 Billion years.

²S-type monzogranites are biotite-bearing granitoids considered to have formed by crystallisation of melts from metasedimentary protoliths.

helicopter borne reconnaissance program over the Pilbara acreage, which will be undertaken by our senior technical team.

Macarthur is currently evaluating its acreage and commencing discussions with various third parties concerning potential joint ventures to maximise the exploration effort throughout 2016.

The Company has undertaken an extensive review of geological datasets for available acreage prospective for lithium in Western Australia based on geological attributes referred to above. That review indicates that available acreage in Western Australia having those geological attributes is becoming scarce.

Acreage Package

The Company now holds 19 exploration licence applications covering a total area of 1,379 square kilometres (341,000 acres) in the Pilbara Craton, and in the Ravensthorpe and the Edah regions of the Yilgarn Craton.

SHAREHOLDER ENQUIRIES

Macarthur has received numerous shareholder enquiries over the past 30 days. Macarthur currently has 81,623,799 shares on issue and there have been over 55 million shares traded so far in the month of April. Macarthur currently has 25.6 million warrants on issue with an exercise price of C\$0.05, which expire in July and August 2016.

IRON ORE PROJECTS

The iron ore price has increased significantly over recent months up to today's price of US\$66 per tonne³. As a result, the Company is receiving renewed interest from third parties in its iron ore projects located west of Menzies in the Yilgarn region of Western Australia. As previously announced on August 16, 2012, the Company's Ularring hematite project has an indicated resource of 54.46 mt @ 47.2% Fe and an inferred resource of 25.99mt @ 45.4% Fe for which it has completed a Pre-Feasibility Study⁴.

The Company is having continuing discussions with third parties to dispose of its iron ore projects. During 2015, the Company entered into a Share Sale Agreement to dispose of all the shares of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Macarthur Iron Ore Pty Ltd for A\$6 million. As announced previously on February 1, 2016, the transaction did not complete due to depressed iron ore prices.

ABOUT CSA GLOBAL

As previously announced on February 15, 2016, the Company appointed CSA Global Pty Ltd ("CSA Global") as independent global lithium and mining exploration experts to assist it in project development.

CSA Global is a leading geological, mining and management consulting company whose staff includes geologists, mining engineers, project managers, data management professionals, and technical personnel. CSA Global has been operating from Perth, Western Australia since 1986. It is an independent company, with origins dating back to 1984 as part of the CSA Group founded in Ireland. CSA Global now has offices in the UK, Indonesia, Johannesburg, Vancouver, Darwin, and Brisbane. CSA has a high level of expertise in most mineral commodities gained from over twenty years' experience within the exploration and mining industry at an international level. It has experience in all stages of the mining cycle from project generation to production. For further information regarding CSA Global, please refer to the company website at www.csaglobal.com.

Dr Andrew Scogings MSc, PhD, MAIG, MAusIMM, has more than 30 years of experience in industrial minerals exploration, geology, mining, product development, and marketing. During his time with CSA, he has undertaken project management and technical advice for a diverse range of industrial minerals

³ Australian Financial Review, April 26, 2016.

⁴ NI 43-101 Technical Report filed October 1, 2012, titled "NI 43-101 Technical Report, Macarthur Minerals Limited, Pre-Feasibility Study, Ularring Hematite Project, Western Australia."

exploration and mining projects including lithium, graphite, chromite, potash, mineral sands, silica, and REE in Australia, Africa, Greenland, Indonesia and Norway. Andrew is a regular contributor to Industrial Minerals Magazine (UK), SME Mining Engineering (USA) and Geobulletin (RSA) having published several papers on the requirements of JORC 2012 Clause 49, highlighting the need to report industrial minerals resources according to market specifications. Andrew was lead author for Industrial Minerals Research's recently published '*Natural Graphite Report- Strategic outlook to 2020*'. He is a member of the AIG and AusIMM and is a Registered Professional Geoscientist (RP Geo.) specializing in industrial minerals.

Mr Ralph Porter MSc, BSc (Geology), MAIG, MSEG is a geologist with over 35 years' of mineral exploration experience. He is highly experienced in target generation, project evaluation and exploration program implementation for gold, base metals, tantalum, nickel and PGM's. He has a strong understanding of many deposit styles with particular strength in orogenic gold, epithermal gold and porphyry copper-gold systems. He is credited with the discovery of the Pajingo epithermal gold deposits, North Queensland, Australia and was involved in the early exploration and discovery phases of Thunder Bay North PGM-Ni-Cu deposit, Ontario, Canada. Ralph was Special Projects Manager for Sons of Gwalia in Western Australia for nearly 10 years, which included responsibility for tantalum exploration (hosted within pegmatites and other deposit styles) for 5 years.

ABOUT PROFESSOR KEN COLLERSON

Professor Collerson a member of the Company's Lithium Advisory Board, who has more than 40 years' experience as a geoscientist. He will provide a significant depth of knowledge and breadth of lithium experience to the Company that is unsurpassed.

Professor Collerson is a world leading authority on the geology and geochemistry of strategic metal mineralization including lithium. He has significant experience with LCT (lithium-caesium-tantalum) spodumene-bearing pegmatites and has worked extensively in the Pilbara region where the Company's acreage is located in Western Australia. Most recently Ken worked on a hard rock lithium project in the Jarkvissle area of Sweden. Professor Collerson believes that the Company's acreage in the Pilbara region of Western Australia is highly prospective for lithium.

Professor Collerson has a PhD from the University of Adelaide and is an internationally recognized thought leader in the geosciences. He has published extensively and his work is highly cited.

QUALIFIED PERSONS

Mr Porter, a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, is a full-time employee of CSA Global and is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101. Mr Porter has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release.

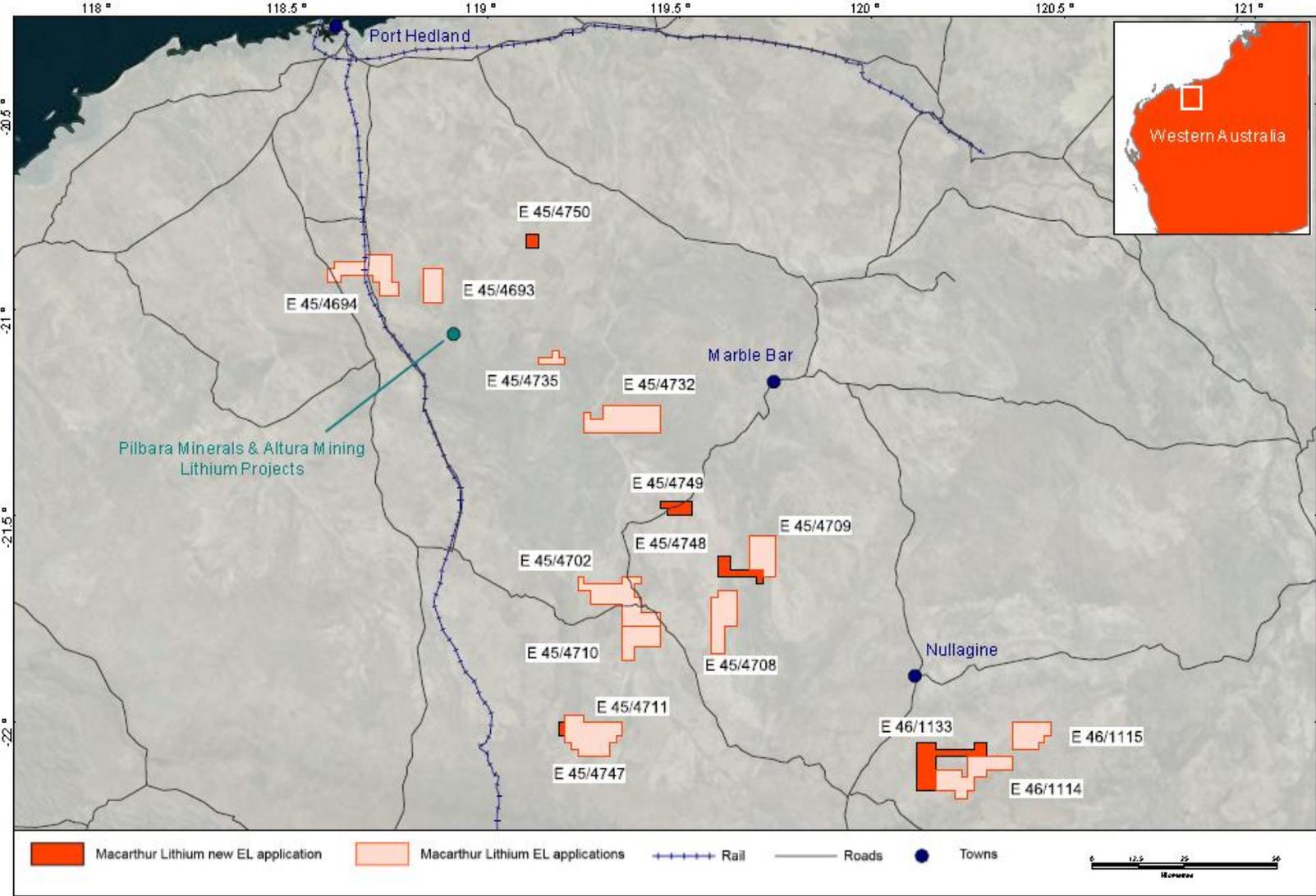
Dr Scogings, a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Registered Professional Geoscientist (Industrial Minerals), is a full-time employee of CSA Global and is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101. Dr Scogings has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release.

Professor Kenneth D. Collerson is a Fellow of the AusIMM, is a member of the Lithium Advisory Board of Macarthur and is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101. Professor Collerson has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release.

ABOUT MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED (TSX-V: MMS)

Macarthur Minerals Limited is an exploration and development company that is focused on identifying and developing high grade lithium and counter cyclical investments that complement Macarthur's capabilities.

Figure 1 – Macarthur’s new and existing lithium acreage in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.



On behalf of the Board of Directors,
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