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## **NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSX: MMS, OTCQX: MMSDF)** (the **Company** or **Macarthur**) wishes to advise that the Company has been served with proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland commenced by LPD Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd (**LPD**) and Mayson Associates Limited (**Mayson**) (**Proceedings**). LPD is, and Mayson was, a shareholder in the Company. Both LPD and Mayson are controlled by Hong Kong residents.

The Company is named as a respondent. The other respondents to the Proceedings are some directors and officers of the Company and Jaldale Pty Ltd.

LPD and Mayson appear to allege a wide range of breaches of various provisions of the Australian *Corporations Act 2001* and seek a wide range of relief against the Company and other respondents under provisions of the *Australian Corporations Act 2001*.

LPD previously commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland on 16 July 2010 for inspection of books and records of the Company and its subsidiary Macarthur Iron Ore Pty Ltd (previously named Internickel Australia Pty Ltd). Those proceedings were settled by mutual agreement on 18 May 2011.

The Company considers the Proceedings are without merit and will vigorously defend the Proceedings. Legal advisors are being appointed by the Company in respect of the Proceedings.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,  
**MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED**

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**ABOUT MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED (TSX: MMS, OTCQX: MMSDF)**

Macarthur Minerals Limited is an Australian based resource development company currently focused on developing its Ularring Hematite Project, located in the Yilgarn iron ore district in Western Australia. The Ularring Hematite Project is located 110 km from rail infrastructure with a direct connection to the iron ore exporting Port of Esperance, Western Australia.

The Ularring Hematite Project has an indicated Mineral Resource of 54.46 Mt at 47.2% Fe and an inferred Mineral Resource of 25.99 Mt at 45.4% Fe (press release dated June 14, 2012; NI43-101 Technical Report dated June 29, 2012). In addition, Macarthur's Moonshine Magnetite Project has an inferred Mineral Resource of 1.3 Bt at 30.1% Fe (press release dated December 15, 2010; NI43-101 Technical Report dated March 25, 2011).

Positive Preliminary Economic Assessments were released to the market on the Ularring Hematite Project in November 2011 (press release dated November 21, 2011; Technical Report dated January 4, 2012) and the Moonshine Magnetite Project in February 2011 (press release dated February 7, 2011, Technical Report dated March 25, 2011).

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