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MACARTHUR MINERALS TRANSACTION UPDATE: SALE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE PROJECTS

Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSX-V: MMS) (the “Company” or “Macarthur”) would like to update shareholders on the status of the Share Sale Agreement with FIG Australia Pty Ltd (previously named GIM Australia Pty Ltd) (“FIG”) to dispose of all the shares of its wholly owned subsidiary, Macarthur Iron Ore Pty Ltd (“MIO”) for A\$6 million (“Sale”). MIO owns all of Macarthur’s Western Australian iron ore project tenements.

In accordance with the Share Sale Agreement, FIG and the Company have agreed to extend the period for financial close to January 31, 2016.

The Sale transaction is successfully moving towards completion including recent receipt of Australian Foreign Investment Review Board approval. The current status of satisfaction of Conditions Precedents for the Sale is:

Conditions Precedent	In Favour Of	Status
Acquisition by GIM of another project owned by an unrelated third party	Buyer	A contract has been signed by GIM and the third party and that transaction is scheduled for completion on January 31, 2016.
Expert Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Scope Valuation – Fairness Opinion and Valuation 	Buyer & Seller	Satisfied - Macarthur has obtained an independent Fairness Opinion and Valuation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenement Report 	Buyer	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountant’s Report 	Buyer	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geological Report 	Buyer	This requirement has been waived.
Satisfactory due diligence being performed by GIM	Buyer	Nearing completion.
Satisfactory tax advice	Buyer & Seller	Satisfied by Macarthur. Buyer’s tax advice is in progress.
Regulatory Approvals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Foreign Investment Review Board, if required. 	Buyer	Satisfied.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSX-Venture Exchange 	Seller	Satisfied - Conditional approval has been obtained.
Approval for the transaction by disinterested Shareholders	Seller	Satisfied – approved by shareholders at the EGM.

ABOUT MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED (TSX-V: MMS)

Macarthur Minerals Limited is an exploration and development company that is focused on identifying counter cyclical investments that complement Macarthur’s capabilities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
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