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# **FEDERATION PROJECT UPDATE**

Aurelia Metals Limited (ASX: AMI) ('Aurelia' or 'the Company') is pleased to provide an update on its Federation Project.

Following the wet weather impacts announced in June (see ASX announcement dated 14 June 2024 'Federation Project Update'), the Company confirms:

- underground development recommenced in early July 2024
- a 30ML water management sump dam is complete and being utilised, and construction on the main water management dam is well progressed
- discharge from a water treatment plant has been approved by the EPA and is now operational.

## Mine Development

Underground mine development at Federation recommenced in early July 2024 and has now returned to 24 hour development activity in the first stope production area in the upper levels of the mine.

A water treatment plant has been hired and arrived on site in early July with commissioning finalised late last week (refer Figure 3). Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approval has been received and the water treatment plant is operational, enabling the mine decline to be dewatered over the course of 1 to 2 weeks.

## Permanent Water Management Infrastructure

Construction of a 230 megalitre (ML) water management dam adjacent the existing Hera Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) is underway and is expected to be completed early in Q2 FY25. A 30ML lined sump dam within the footprint of the larger 230ML water management dam has been constructed to provide early access to storage capacity (refer Figure 1 & 2). The sump dam is now operational and receiving water.

As previously advised, four water cannons and two twin fan misting evaporators are in operation at Hera to help reduce on-site water levels (refer Figure 4). A third misting evaporator and three pressure sprayers will be added in the near future.

Collectively the infrastructure described is expected to provide a permanent water management solution for Federation and Hera that will mitigate the risk of water interrupting development activity in future.

### Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Quinn commented:

"It is pleasing that development at Federation has recommenced and returned to 24 hour operation. The Project team remain focused on completion of the water management dam to provide an engineered solution for the management of any further wet weather and water related challenges on site.

Accelerating these infrastructure projects has been important to ensure our medium term performance is not impacted by ongoing weather events.



Figure 1: Lining of 30ML sump dam nearing completion.



Figure 2: Completed 30ML lined sump dam within the perimeter of the larger 230ML water management dam.



Figure 3: Hired water treatment plant commissioned and now operating.



Figure 4: Water cannons and misting evaporators in operation at the Hera TSF.

#### This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Directors of Aurelia Metals.

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### **About Aurelia**

Aurelia Metals Limited (ASX: AMI) is an Australian mining and exploration company with a highly strategic landholding, and two operating mines in New South Wales (NSW). The Peak Mine is in the Cobar Basin in western NSW, and the Dargues Mine is in south-eastern NSW. The Hera mining operation, also located in the Cobar Basin, has ceased and the surface facilities have been placed into care and maintenance.

In addition, Aurelia has two consented high grade development projects. The polymetallic Federation Project is currently under construction. The development of the Great Cobar copper deposit will follow.

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