



Orion Minerals

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# All Conditions Satisfied for Orion to Complete First Closing of Acquisition of High-Potential Okiep Copper Project

All conditions satisfied, with first closing of the transaction expected to occur on 7 May 2024

- ▶ Key approvals received from strategic funding partner, the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Ltd (IDC), and all regulatory approvals met.
- ▶ Orion now able to proceed to completion of the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Okiep Copper Project (OCP) in the Northern Cape Province, South Africa.
- ▶ IDC approves ZAR43.75 million (~A\$3.6 million) of additional funding to fund its proportional share of ongoing drilling and operating costs at the OCP.
- ▶ The OCP is a highly strategic asset, located within a prolific copper producing district that historically produced over 2 million tonnes of contained metal.
- ▶ The Okiep district is currently undergoing a major revival against the backdrop of surging copper prices.
- ▶ An 11-hole, 5,800m confirmation drilling program is ongoing across the Flat Mines East, Flat Mine South and Flat Mine North deposits with further assays expected in May 2024.
- ▶ The confirmation drilling program continues following the outstanding results reported recently from the first hole, which returned a spectacular intercept of: drill hole OFMED153: 49m @ 4.89% Cu from 231m down-hole, including 10.23m at 12.47% Cu.

## Orion's Managing Director and CEO, Errol Smart, commented:

"We are very pleased to have reached the final stages in our acquisition of a controlling interest in the Okiep Copper Project, which is a high-quality asset that forms an integral part of Orion's growth pathway to become a significant new mid-tier ASX/JSE listed copper producer."

"Orion's 641km<sup>2</sup> package of mineral rights holdings in the Okiep copper district represents a highly strategic asset, located in the heart of a rich historic mining camp that produced over 2 million tonnes of contained copper under previous ownership including Newmont and Goldfields."

"This district is in the early phases of an exciting new chapter in its history, with a huge opportunity to meet surging global demand for copper metal from the EV and AI-driven revolutions that are currently transforming the global economy."

"Building on the momentum generated by our superb recent drilling intercepts, we have an ongoing drill program with more assays expected in the coming weeks, and a feasibility study well advanced and on track for delivery in July this year. Given the major activity at the Okiep Copper Project, we are looking forward to delivering significant news-flow from Okiep in the coming months."

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Orion Minerals Ltd (**ASX/JSE: ORN**) (**Orion** or the **Company**) is pleased to advise that it has taken another key step in its strategy to become a leading diversified international base metals producer as it reaches the final stages of its acquisition of a controlling interest in the Okiep Copper Project (**OCP**), located approximately 570km north of Cape Town in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa.

Following its ASX/JSE announcement on 17 April 2024, Orion is pleased to advise that:

- The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Ltd (**IDC**), which is a strategic funding partner in the OCP, has now obtained its internal approvals and counter-signed the addenda to the agreements pursuant to which Orion will acquire the controlling interest in the OCP; and
- All the supplementary conditions to implement the first phase of the Okiep transaction have been fulfilled (including receipt of the relevant approvals from the Foreign Surveillance Department of the South African Reserve Bank and the South African Takeover Regulation Panel) and the Okiep transaction agreements (as amended) have accordingly become unconditional.

Following on from the above developments, Orion anticipates completing the first phase of the Okiep transaction on or about Tuesday, 7 May 2024 with payment of ZAR46 million (~A\$3.8 million<sup>1</sup>), being ZAR11 million payable in cash and ZAR35 million settled by way of Orion issuing fully paid ordinary shares (**Shares**) (refer ASX/JSE release 23 April 2024).

As set out in the ASX/JSE announcement by Orion on 23 April 2024, Orion will seek shareholder approval at a General Meeting of shareholders, to be held on Thursday 23 May 2024 to seek approval for, amongst other things, the ratification of the agreement to issue the consideration Shares.

## **Next Steps**

IDC approval has been received for ZAR43.75 million (~A\$3.6 million) funding for its proportional share of drilling and operating costs for the New Okiep Mining Flat Mines Project.

A diamond drilling program commenced in the Flat Mines area of the OCP in February 2024. A total of eleven diamond core drill holes have been planned at Flat Mine East (**FME**), Flat Mine South (**FMS**) and Flat Mine North (**FMN**) comprising a total of 5,800m.

The program has been designed to confirm historical drilling information and resultant interpretations, provide geotechnical information, and provide additional drill core for confirmatory metallurgical test work.

The planned program comprises five holes at FME, four holes at FMS and two holes at FMN. All holes include a deflection (or wedge) through the mineralisation to provide the additional drill core for confirmatory metallurgical test work.

Assay results from the first two completed holes at FME were reported on 22 April 2024, including the high-quality intercept in drill hole OFMED153 which returned 49.00m at 4.89% Cu from 231.00m to 280.00m, including 10.23m at 12.47% Cu.

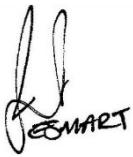
Drilling is progressing well, with the next batch of assay results from this ongoing drill program expected during May 2024.

Completion of the Flat Mines Feasibility study is on schedule for completion in July 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the AUD:ZAR exchange rate of 12.16 as at 3 May 2024.

For and on behalf of the Board.



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