

ASX Code: ESS

Corporate Profile

Shares on issue: 175 million
Cash: \$3.4m (30 Sep 2020)
Debt: Nil

Corporate Directory

Non-Executive Chairman

Craig McGown

Non-Executive Directors

Paul Payne
Warren Hallam

Managing Director

Timothy Spencer

CFO & Company Secretary

Carl Travaglini

Exploration Manager

Andrew Dunn

Key Projects

Sole Funded

Juglah Dome (Au)
Blair-Golden Ridge (Au, Ni)
Dome North (Li)
Sinclair Caesium Mine (Cs)
Mavis Lake (Li)

Free Carried to Decision to Mine

Acra (Au) 25%
Kangan (Au) 30%
Balagundi (Au) 25%

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2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The following Chairman's Address was delivered by the Company's Chairman, Mr Craig McGown, at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Essential Metals Limited ("Essential", the "Company") held today.

"Before we move onto the procedural matters of the meeting I would like to provide a recap of the significant achievements and changes undertaken this year by your company. I also note that your Managing Director, Tim Spencer, will provide a presentation on the Company's projects and path forward after the meeting has concluded.

Financial Year 2020 saw your Company achieve a number of successes. We concluded the Sinclair Mining operation by completing sales of caesium ore in what was a successfully executed mining operation that generated \$10 million in free cash flow.

Building on the maiden Lithium Mineral Resource reported during last financial year, was the recent increase in the Resource by 33% to 11.2Mt at 1.21% lithium oxide. With just over half of the lithium oxide classified in the indicated category we feel this is a particularly exciting project coupled with a fundamentally strong medium to long-term outlook for lithium demand. The gravity and flotation met-test work undertaken recently has returned positive results demonstrating that the Dome North Lithium Project can produce lithium concentrate that will meet or exceed accepted industry specifications.

Comprehensive changes were made at the Board and management levels along with a name change and capital reconstruction that have repositioned the company for future growth. Lastly, we firmly positioned gold as a strategic focus with drilling now underway at Juglah Dome.

The recently completed \$2 million placement and an oversubscribed Share Purchase Plan, both of which were oversubscribed, have underpinned an expanded exploration programme at our 100% owned, highly prospective Juglah Dome and Golden Ridge gold projects near Kalgoorlie.

Drilling commenced at Juglah Dome earlier this month to test the first four high-priority targets, Gards, Golden Shovel, Moonbaker and Dwyer. The Company looks forward to providing shareholders with the results of this campaign towards the end of January.

We also are planning to drill test two parallel one-kilometre long gold elevated gold soil anomalies on our 100% owned Golden Ridge Project in the coming March quarter along with several other targets currently being worked up.

Essential Metals continues to hold free-carried minority interests of between 25% and 30% in three highly prospective gold projects in Tier-1 locations with reputable farmin/joint venture partners.

Novo Resources Corp. and Sumitomo Corporation, are earning a 70% interest the Kangan Project in the Pilbara.

Northern Star Resources is our 75% JV partner in the Acra Gold Project and Black Cat Syndicate is earning a 75% interest in our Balagundi Gold Project.

At Essential's General Meeting held in July this year shareholders approved our company name change to Essential Metals. This rebranding is centred around an approach to shareholder wealth creation that adopts core environmental, social and governance principles. Essential Metals is committed to the safe and efficient exploration for key global demand-driven commodities and we believe that we have the right people in place to deliver on these values.

At the same meeting shareholders also approved a 10 for 1 consolidation of the issued capital of the Company. This consolidation was aimed at making the Company more attractive to fundamental and institutional investors alike. We feel this has certainly been achieved as evidenced by Essential's recently oversubscribed placement to sophisticated and institutional investors and oversubscribed Share Purchase Plan to existing shareholders.

This year has certainly brought with it a host of challenges, but with Essential's suite of quality projects located arguably the world's best mining jurisdiction near Kalgoorlie and Norsemen in , Western Australia, we feel that Essential Metals has met 2020 with great momentum, advancing many exciting projects, and is well placed to continue to do so. The appointment of my fellow directors Tim, Paul and Warren to the board, supported by an experienced and highly motivated team provides a clear and exciting pipeline for development throughout the year ahead and beyond.

On behalf of your Board and management team I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to keeping you updated on our progress.

We will now move onto the procedural matters of the meeting."

Authorised for release on behalf of the Company by:

Carl Travaglini
Company Secretary

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