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MACARTHUR SIGNS STRATEGIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSIFIED CONGLOMERATE JIN SUNG INTERNATIONAL

Macarthur Minerals Limited (ASX: MIO) (TSX-V: MMS) (OTCQB: MMSDF) (the “Company” or “Macarthur”) is pleased to announce that it has signed a Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) with diversified Singaporean-based conglomerate Jin Sung International Pte Ltd (“Jin Sung”), paving the way for a potential strategic investment into Macarthur’s iron ore and non-iron ore assets.



Figure: Signing Ceremony between representatives of Jin Sung International Pte Ltd and Macarthur Minerals Limited in Seoul, Korea

Established in 1967, the Jin Sung Group is a large, diversified producer of construction products with a procurement and trading business. Jin Sung is headquartered in Singapore and has diversified interests in a range of producing businesses and is also involved in the procurement and trading of coal, clinker, aggregate, molybdenum concentrate, copper cathodes, gold and silver. Jin Sung is now partnering with Macarthur under a non-binding Co-operation Agreement to explore the potential to bring high grade iron ore and battery minerals into its diverse portfolio of investments.

The Jin Sung Group’s interests had a total sales turnover of some USD700 million in 2020. The majority of the Group’s 2020 turnover was attributable to its construction interests, predominantly in concrete products which have formed an integral part of a post Covid-19 infrastructure-led recovery. The Group’s significant international operations are focused in south-east Asia, and include Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

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Figure: The breadth of Jin Sung's business operations and commodity interests

The non-binding Cooperation Agreement sets out the terms and conditions upon which the Parties intend to progress discussions on the development of a transaction involving a strategic equity investment in Macarthur's iron ore and non-iron ore assets (at the project level). Following completion of further due diligence, a strategic investment into Macarthur by Jin Sung would be subject to the execution and closing of definitive transaction documentation. The Agreement also facilitates a continuation of potential investment discussions between Jin Sung and Infinity Mining Limited with respect to Macarthur's Australian non-iron ore assets following a successful spin-out of those assets on into that entity and its intended listing on ASX later this year (see the Company's recent announcement regarding the Infinity Mining Limited transaction dated 11 June 2021 ([here](#))).

A potential transaction between the parties may take the form of a strategic equity investment by Jin Sung into Macarthur's iron ore assets or non-iron ore assets, or provision of direct project financing.

Mr Jung Sung Chun, Director of Jin Sung commented:

"We are very glad to have established a long-term perspective 'win-win' partnership with Macarthur Minerals through the Signing Ceremony for the Cooperation Agreement, and we look forward to deepening our strategic relationship with them."

Richard Moon, General Manager, International Sales & Marketing for Macarthur Minerals commented:

"Macarthur has worked collaboratively with Jin Sung's management over several months, and this Agreement represents a material step forward in the relationship between our two organisations."

Jin Sung has a significant business presence in Korea as well as Southeast Asia and I have been particularly pleased to have led the development of this engagement for Macarthur over here in Seoul."

Andrew Bruton, CEO of Macarthur Minerals commented:

"Macarthur is very pleased to be co-operating with Jin Sung. We look forward to building a strategic relationship with them into the future and to working with them on a mutually beneficial investment as the Company's exciting transition into production continues."



On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr Cameron McCall, Executive Chairman

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Company profile

Macarthur is an iron ore development, gold and lithium exploration company that is focused on bringing to production its Western Australia iron ore projects. The Lake Giles Iron Project mineral resources include the Ularring hematite resource (approved for development) comprising Indicated resources of 54.5 million tonnes at 47.2% Fe and Inferred resources of 26 million tonnes at 45.4% Fe; and the Lake Giles magnetite resource of 53.9 million tonnes (Measured), 218.7 million tonnes (Indicated) and 997 million tonnes (Inferred). The JORC reporting tables and Competent Person statement for the magnetite and hematite mineral resources have previously been disclosed in ASX market announcements dated 12 August 2020 and 5 December 2019. Macarthur has prominent (~721 square kilometer tenement area) gold, lithium and copper exploration interests in Pilbara region of Western Australia. In addition, Macarthur has lithium brine Claims in the emerging Railroad Valley region in Nevada, USA.

About Jin Sung International Pte Ltd

Jin Sung International Pte Ltd was established in 1967. It has large, diversified holdings in construction products, and has a commodity procurement and trading business that is presently focused on coal, clinker, aggregate, molybdenum concentrate, copper cathodes, gold and silver. Jin Sung is headquartered in Singapore and has operations in Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Bangladesh.



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