

Heritage & Aboriginal Engagement Update – Flinders Project

Taruga Minerals Limited (ASX: **TAR**, **Taruga** or the **Company**) is pleased to advise progress on previously reported Aboriginal heritage authorisations being sought for the Flinders IOCG project in South Australia.

Strikeline Resources Pty Ltd. **(Strikeline)** has agreed with the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) division of the South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet to extend the Public Consultation period until November 5th, with the original end date being the 30th of September. The extension will allow interested parties additional time to consult with AAR and Strikeline regarding the Section 23 and 21 authorisations sought under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA) (**authorisations**).

If granted, the authorisations would allow for a substantial exploration program across the Jenkins and Woolshed Project Areas. The authorisation would allow for:

- A stage 1 exploration program of up to 150 auger holes and 60 drill holes (diamond, RC and AC).
- A potential stage 2 exploration program of up to a further 500 auger holes and 350 drill holes (diamond, RC and AC).
- A range of geophysical surveys including gravity, induced polarisation, electromagnetic and seismic surveys.
- Ancillary activities to support the above.

Once the consultation period closes, the application for authorisations will be considered by the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee and then ultimately by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, who is responsible for the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

To date, Strikeline have received 13 submissions from Aboriginal interested parties, which include submissions of support for the authorisations to be granted.

CEO Thomas Line commented "We are very pleased to be seeing submissions of support from key Aboriginal stakeholders in the local community and welcome the extension to the consultation period, which ensures all interested parties have an opportunity to participate. It is clear from submissions received to date that there is a strong desire for the Flinders Project to progress and deliver economic opportunities for Aboriginal stakeholders in the region."

This announcement was approved by the Board of Taruga Minerals Limited.

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