



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

10 February 2022

AVZ commits A\$25 M to early works & exploration drilling program for Manono Lithium and Tin Project

Highlights:

- Approval of early works program to maintain project timetable pending award of Mining Licence
- Extension drilling program approved at Roche Dure, targeting potential expansion of JORC reserves
- Manono Project continues to receive wide ranging Government support for all outstanding permitting and licencing requirements
- Cornerstone investor fully supportive of all initiatives to advance the Manono Project and close the Transaction Implementation Agreement¹

AVZ Minerals Limited (ASX: AVZ, OTCQX: AZZVF) (“AVZ” or “Company”) is pleased to announce the Company has committed to invest A\$25M to advance its drilling program at Roche Dure and early works program for the Manono Lithium and Tin Project (“Manono Project”) using funds received from the recent A\$75M capital raising².

The \$A25M investment will assist maintaining the achievement of the Manono Project timetable. It will also fund an extension drilling program at Roche Dure, with the potential to significantly expand the previously reported JORC mineral resource and ore reserves³.

AVZ’s Managing Director, Mr. Nigel Ferguson, said: “This decision demonstrates the Board’s confidence of receiving the support required to make the development of the Manono Project a reality and importantly, should maintain our project development timetable despite the award of the Mining Licence taking longer than we had previously anticipated.”

“We are in close consultation with the DRC Government authorities that are undertaking the Mining Licence assessment and are confident of delivering a favourable outcome for all stakeholders - most importantly the people of the DRC and our shareholders.”

“The drilling program has the potential to add significant value with respect to expanding the reserve life of the Roche Dure deposit, whilst also identifying high grade ore zones for initial feed to the plant, providing increased SC6 production volumes from the start of operations.”

¹ Refer ASX Announcement dated 27 September 2021 “Cornerstone investor secured for development of Manono Lithium and Tin Project”

² Refer ASX Announcement dated 10 December 2021 “AVZ completes successful \$75M placement to strategic institutions

³ Refer to No New Information section in this Announcement

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Market Cap

\$2.95bn

ASX Code: AVZ

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EARLY WORKS PROGRAM

The early works program to be undertaken in the second half of the 2021-2022 financial year comprises approximately A\$19m which has been allocated to:

- Upgrade existing roads and bridges to assist with the transport of equipment to and from site.
- Purchase critical mobile equipment required for initial Project development.
- Progress camp construction and enter key service contracts; and -
- Progress various technical studies with respect to metallurgical testwork, downstream processing and infrastructure projects.

The remaining AU\$6m was approved for additional resource drilling at Roche Dure

ABOUT MANONO LITHIUM AND TIN PROJECT

AVZ holds a 75% interest in the Manono Project, located 500km north of Lubumbashi in the south of the Democratic Republic of Congo, hosting the world class Roche Dure Mineral Resource, one of the largest undeveloped hard rock lithium deposits in the world.

The Manono Project is strategically positioned as a clean, sustainable source of lithium, significantly contributing to the green energy transition, feeding the global lithium-ion battery value chain. With industry leading ESG credentials, it is forecast to be one of the lowest carbon emitting hard rock mines in the world.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of AVZ Minerals Limited.

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NO NEW INFORMATION

This document may include references to information that relates to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2012. The information was extracted from the Company's previous ASX announcements as follows:

- "JORC Ore Reserves increase by 41.6% at Roche Dure" released to ASX on 14 July 2021; and
- "Updated Mineral Resource Estimate Includes Pit Floor "Wedge" Drill Results" released to ASX on 24 May 2021.

These announcements are available to view on the Company's website www.avzminerals.com.au.

The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral

Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the relevant original market announcements

FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements and comments about future events, including the Company's expectations about the Manono Project and the performance of its businesses. Forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as 'expect', 'anticipate', 'likely', 'intend', 'should', 'could', 'may', 'predict', 'plan', 'propose', 'will', 'believe', 'forecast', 'estimate', 'target' and other similar expressions within the meaning of securities laws of applicable jurisdictions. Indications of, and guidance on, future earnings or financial position or performance are also forward-looking statements.

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