

Successful Granting of the Barrow Creek Lithium Project Exploration Licence, NT

Highlights:

- Barrow Creek Exploration Licence (EL 32804), located in the Arunta Pegmatite Province of the NT, has been successfully granted for an initial period of 6 years
- AS2 Phase I exploration campaign discovered fertile LCT-Type pegmatites with up to 817ppm Li₂O
 - Open-ended Fertile Pegmatite Zone of 950m x 500m identified underpinned the design basis of the Phase II exploration campaign
 - A significant milestone supporting the prospectivity of the Barrow Creek project area
- Detailed Phase II exploration campaign was recently completed at the Barrow Creek Lithium Project
 - Phase II program tested high-priority targets with 119 rock samples and 350 soil samples collected over an area measuring 3.8 km x 4.8 km
 - Assay results are expected during April 2022
 - The results received from the Phase II exploration campaign are expected to lead to the design and execution of the first drill campaign, testing the Lithium potential of the recently discovered fertile pegmatites on the Barrow Creek Lithium Project
- High potential areas remain untested outside of the Phase II work area
 - These areas will be systematically explored with a further field campaign due to commence during April 2022

Askari Metals Limited (ASX: AS2) ("Askari Metals" or "Company"), an Australian based exploration company with a portfolio of battery metals (Li + Cu) and gold projects across Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales, is pleased to announce that the Company has received confirmation that Exploration Licence (EL) 32804, representing the Barrow Creek Lithium Project, has been successfully granted by the Northern Territory Mines Department.

Commenting on the grant of the Barrow Creek Exploration Licence Executive Director, Mr Gino D'Anna stated:

"The granting of the exploration licence covering the Barrow Creek Lithium Project paves the way for the Company to continue its accelerated exploration strategy at this exciting lithium project. Previous field exploration has identified fertile pegmatites with assay results of up to 817ppm Li₂O, and we have recently completed a further exploration campaign consisting of detailed surface mapping and sampling. We expect to receive the assay results from our Phase II exploration campaign during April 2022, and the Company is eagerly preparing for its inaugural RC drilling campaign on the Barrow Creek Lithium Project."



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Under the binding agreement signed with Consolidate Lithium Trading Pty Ltd, the Company has completed the issue of 269,542 fully paid ordinary shares (ASX: AS2) at a deemed issue price of A (0.371, representing the 7-day VWAP up to and including 7 March 2022, being the last trading day before the grant of the licence, for total consideration of A\$100,000. An Appendix 2A and Cleansing Statement will be lodged shortly.

This now concludes the first stage of the binding agreement with Consolidate Lithium Trading Pty Ltd and provides the Company with an option period of 12 months to undertake exploration. The Company has the right to extend the option period for two further consecutive periods of 12 months (each) via the payment of A\$50,000 and A\$80,000 respectively, payable in cash.

Complete details of the acquisition terms are contained in Appendix A of the ASX announcement dated 28 January 2022 and titled "Askari Metals Acquires Barrow Creek Lithium Project, NT".

Background: Barrow Creek Lithium Project, Northern Territory (AS2 – 100%)

The Barrow Creek Lithium Project (BCL Project) is located in the Northern Arunta Pegmatite Province of Central Northern Territory, with the Stuart Highway cutting across the project.

The project covers 278km² within the highly prospective Northern Arunta Pegmatite Province, known for hosting extensive pegmatites and is highly prospective for Spodumene dominated hard-rock Lithium mineralisation. The project's location, its under-explored nature and the numerous mineralised occurrences nearby point to significant exploration upside for the BCL Project.

The map below highlights the location of the Barrow Creek Lithium Project.

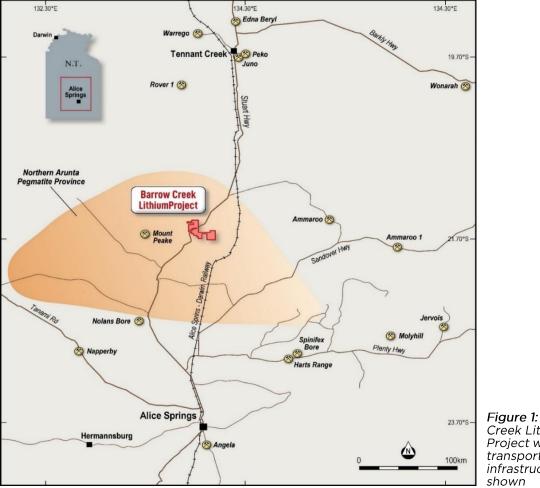


Figure 1: Barrow Creek Lithium Project with local transport infrastructure

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The BCL Project is surrounded by tenements associated with Core Lithium Limited (ASX: CXO) and Lithium Plus and is proximal to several known Lithium-Tin-Tantalum occurrences. These also share similar geological settings with the BCL Project. Highly fractionated pegmatites have been mapped and documented in government reports in this region, but limited exploration has been undertaken on the BCL Project area.

The pegmatites of the Barrow Creek Pegmatite Field have yielded historical discoveries of Sn-Ta-W; however, before investigation by government geologist Frater in 2005, no historical exploration had considered the potential for Lithium (Li) mineralisation. Geochemical analysis by Frater (2005) strongly points to Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum (L-C-T) Type pegmatites in the Barrow Creek Pegmatite Field. Swarms of pegmatite dykes and sills are related to the Ooralingie and Bean Tree granites of the Barrow Creek Granite Complex (~1803 Ma; Smith 2001).

The image below depicts the simplified geology of the Barrow Creek Lithium Project area and the known Lithium-Tin-Tantalum occurrences.

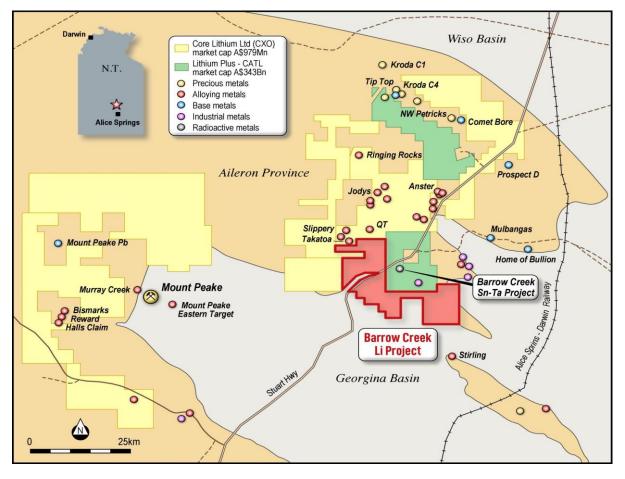


Figure 2: Simplified geology map with known Lithium-Tin-Tantalum occurrences of the Barrow Creek Lithium Project (red)

Pegmatite occurrences include the Anster prospects, Jody's, Slippery, Krakatoa and the Ringing Rocks prospect areas amongst others (See Figure 2).

Numerous W to NW trending faults have been interpreted from geophysical data and mapped by Bagas and Haines (1990), Haines et al. (1991) and Donnellan (2008). A major NW-trending thrust fault system likely separates rocks of the Barrow Creek Sn-Ta-W (Pegmatite) mineral field, from the Ali Curung Granite dominated polymetallic domain. It is suggested that the interpreted structure may be of a fundamental crustal-scale through the region.



Future Work

The results from the initial reconnaissance program have verified the prospectivity and scale of the mineralising systems and represent a good foundation for future work on the Barrow Creek project.

The Company will continue to build on these successes. Future phases of exploration will include additional surface sampling and mapping of untested priority areas outside the identified fertile pegmatite zone, expected to commence in April 2022, and drill testing of the anomalous areas identified by the Phase I and II exploration campaigns.

Assay results from the Phase II exploration campaign are expected in April 2022.

The Company is excited by the prospect of the inaugural drilling program on the Barrow Creek Lithium project.

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About Askari Metals Limited

Askari Metals is exploring and developing a portfolio of battery metals, high-grade gold and copper-gold projects in **Northern Territory**, **New South Wales** and **Western Australia**. The Company has assembled an attractive portfolio of lithium, gold and copper-gold exploration/mineral resource development projects in Northern Territory, Western Australia and New South Wales.

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Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Johan Lambrechts, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Lambrechts is a full-time employee of Askari Metals Limited, who has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Lambrechts consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

ASX Compliance

Information contained within this announcement has been prepared based on information contained in the Company's ASX dated 10 February 2022 and titled *"817ppm Li2O LCT Pegmatites Confirmed at Barrow Creek Lithium Project, NT."* The Company confirms that there is no new information which would change or alter the conclusions of accuracy of the information contained in that announcement. All material information from the ASX announcement dated 10 February 2022 is unchanged and can still accurately be relied upon for the purposes of this announcement.

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