



ASX Announcement

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HASTINGS RAISES A\$40 MILLION IN STRATEGIC PLACEMENT TO L1 CAPITAL

Key Highlights:

- Share placement to Melbourne based L1 Capital, the Company's largest shareholder
- L1 Capital has been a long-term investor in the rare earths and battery minerals sectors with a track-record of successful investment in natural resources
- L1 Capital's shareholding increased to 15.15% of enlarged capital base following the Placement
- Placement proceeds will be used to accelerate key workstreams, long lead equipment order and mine site works
- Hastings will have a cash balance of \$131 million upon settlement of the Placement

Australia's next rare earths producer Hastings Technology Metals Limited (**ASX: HAS**) (**Hastings** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has received a firm commitment from the Company's largest shareholder, L1 Capital Pty Limited ("**L1 Capital**"), for a placement of 160,000,000 shares ("**New Shares**") to raise a total of A\$40 million ("**Placement**"). The New Shares will be issued at a price of \$0.25 per share, representing a 5.7% discount to the last traded price.

The Placement proceeds, along with existing cash reserves, place Hastings in a strong financial position as it accelerates key workstreams and mine site works at its flagship Yangibana Rare Earths Project. Hastings will have a cash balance of \$131 million upon settlement of the Placement (before costs).

Share Placement

L1 Capital is a Melbourne (Australia) based global investment manager with a track record of successful investment in natural resources and is the Company's major shareholder. L1 Capital has been a long-term investor in the rare earths and battery minerals sectors.

Under the Placement, the Company will issue L1 Capital with a 1 for 2 free-attaching unlisted option with an exercise price of \$0.325 and an expiry date two years from the date of issue ("**Options**").

The New Shares and Options will be issued under the Company's Listing Rule 7.1 Placement capacity. Settlement of the Placement is scheduled to occur on Thursday, 31 March 2022 and the New Shares will rank equally with the Company's existing shares on issue.

Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited acted as sole lead manager to the Placement.

Use of Funds

Funds raised from the Placement will be used to advance Hastings' world-class Yangibana Rare Earths Project (**Yangibana**) in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia. Principally, funds will be used for:

- Procurement of long-lead item equipment;
- Front-end engineering plant design;
- Mine site works – camp installation, access road construction, civil plant base earthworks, water bore and pipeline installation, IT backbone tower installation; and
- General working capital

Hastings Technology Metals' Executive Chairman, Charles Lew, commented:

"This Placement demonstrates the confidence and commitment of L1 Capital to the Yangibana rare earths project.

As outlined in our recent updated project economics announcement¹, we are well advanced in discussions with a range of funding partners in finalising the appropriate capital structure that best positions the Company for bringing Yangibana into production by 2024.

This placement enables Hastings to continue the current pace of project development ensuring we deliver the next large scale rare earth mine into a very strong market for our product."

Note 1: ASX announcement dated 21 Feb 2022 - Yangibana Project NPV increases 84% to A\$1Billion (post tax).

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This announcement was authorised for release by the Company's Board of Directors.

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About Hastings Technology Metals Limited

Hastings Technology Metals Limited (ASX: HAS) is a well-managed Perth based rare earths company primed to become the world's next producer of neodymium and praseodymium concentrate (NdPr). NdPr is a vital component used to manufacture permanent magnets used every day in advanced technology products ranging from electric vehicles to wind turbines, robotics, medical applications, digital devices and more.

Hastings' flagship Yangibana project, in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia, contains one of the most highly valued NdPr deposits in the world with NdPr:TREO ratios of up to 52%. The site is permitted for long-life production and with offtake contracts signed and debt finance in advanced stage. Construction is scheduled to take 27 months from Q3 2022.

Hastings also owns and operates the Brockman project, Australia's largest heavy rare earths deposit, near Halls Creek in the Kimberley.

For further information on the Company and its projects visit www.hastingstechmetals.com