

Key Personnel Appointments & Major Transport Contract Award

Highlights

- **The Company continues to expand its local workforce with further hires of Wheatbelt residents, augmenting WA Kaolin’s commitment of growth within the community**
- **Operations Manager and Maintenance Manager appointed at the Wickepin Kaolin Project**
- **Contract executed with ACFS Port Logistics Pty Ltd for transport of kaolin between Wickepin Processing Plant and Fremantle Port for export. The Agreement includes initial one-year contract with two-year renewal plus a further 12-month extension option**
- **WA Kaolin remains on track to commission its Wickepin Stage 1 Processing Plant by late August and ramp-up to full production rate by year end**

WA Kaolin Ltd (“**WA Kaolin**” or the “**Company**”) (ASX: WAK) is pleased to provide an operational update as the Company approaches the commencement of Stage 1 production at the Wickepin Kaolin Project.

In June 2022, WA Kaolin achieved practical completion of its Wickepin Plant on budget. The Company has commenced the commissioning of its Stage 1 Production plant and is on schedule to commence its Stage 1 production in late August. After commencing production, the output of Stage 1 is planned to steadily build up to the plant’s nameplate capacity of 25 tonnes per hour (200,000tpa) by calendar year-end.

Strong demand within the kaolin market has seen WA Kaolin secure offtake agreements and LOIs which cover 90% of the Stage 1 output, prior to the commencement of production.

Wickepin Kaolin Project Appointments

WA Kaolin is pleased to announce it has strengthened its operational team at the Wickepin Kaolin Project. The Company has appointed Graham Tanner as its Operations Manager, effective 18 July 2022. Mr Tanner is an experienced general manager and site senior executive with a career spanning more than 25 years in the mining industry in Western Australia, Northern Territory, eastern Australia and West Africa.

Most recently, Graham was Operations Manager for Metro Mining Ltd (ASX: MMI) at the Bauxite Hills Mine in Queensland. Mr Tanner will be based at the Wickepin Kaolin Project site where he will oversee operations as WA Kaolin ramps up production.

The Company has also appointed David Griffiths as Maintenance Manager at the Wickepin Kaolin Project. Mr Griffiths, who is a local resident and has more than 25 years’ experience working with heavy machinery, commences his role on 11 July and will be based on site at Wickepin.

WA Kaolin is strongly committed to employing residents from Western Australia’s Wheatbelt region for roles at the Wickepin Kaolin Project. The Company now has nine employees in its workforce who reside locally.

Transport Contract with ACFS Port Logistics Pty Ltd

In addition, WA Kaolin is pleased to advise that the Company has signed a transport contract with ACFS Port Logistics Pty Ltd (ACFS) for services between the Wickepin Kaolin Project and ACFS's Fremantle Port facility in Western Australia.

ACFS is the largest privately-owned container logistics operator in Australia with port facilities across the country including at Fremantle Port. The Company has a strong customer base consisting of some of Australia's largest importers and exporters.

Under the agreement, ACFS will transport bagged kaolin by container from the Wickepin Processing Plant to Fremantle Port for export. The contract will initially span one year with a two-year renewal option. A further 12-month extension option is also offered based on service performance.



Figure 1. WA Kaolin has signed a transport contract with ACFS Port Logistics Pty Ltd for services between the Wickepin Kaolin Project and ACFS's Fremantle Port facility in Western Australia.

CEO Andrew Sorensen said, *“As a Company, we remain committed to employing local people where possible as our workforce needs to expand along with the operation. As such, we are very pleased to report that within our workforce, the number of residents from the Wheatbelt region continues to grow.*

“We are delighted to welcome Graham Tanner and local resident David Griffiths to the Company, who both bring a wealth of experience in the mining industry to WA Kaolin and will be valuable members of the team as we expand the Wickepin operation.

Signing the contract with ACFS Port Logistics is an important step for WAK as we approach commencing first full production of kaolin in late August. It ensures a reliable service which will see the high purity kaolin we mine from Wickepin efficiently transported to Fremantle Port for export to the offtake partners we have secured. ACFS is a reputable organisation which is highly regarded for its transport services, and we are confident of establishing a strong working relationship as production ramps up at the Wickepin mine in the coming months and years.”

ACFS Managing Director & CEO Arthur Tzaneros said, *“We are pleased to have signed this contract with WA Kaolin and look forward to partnering with the Company and being an important part of the supply chain that will transport Wickepin mine's high-purity kaolin product to the world. ACFS's experience and transport services will be complementary for WA Kaolin as the Company ramps up production and expands its operations.”*

This announcement was authorised for market release by the Board of WA Kaolin Limited.

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Project Background

WA Kaolin holds the Wickepin Kaolin Project, 220km south-east of Perth, which has a 644.5 million tonnes Mineral Resource, including an Ore Reserve Estimate of 30.5 million tonnes of kaolinised granite. The Wickepin Project produces kaolin products for tier one customers and the Company aims to expand its production to 400,000tpa in a two-stage strategy.

The Company anticipates reaching its first full production rate in late August 2022, at which time production is targeted to commence at 25 tonnes per hour nameplate capacity and steadily increase to ~ 200,000 tonnes per annum rate by the end of CY22.

WA Kaolin has a two-stage ramp up strategy. Stage 1 will see the production rate optimised up to 200,000tpa by end of CY22. The second stage will be to expand production to 400,000 tpa.

The Company acquired the Wickepin Project in 1999 from Rio Tinto which, through exploration, had discovered and drilled out a Mineral Resource and commissioned engineering and feasibility studies. The acquisition included the tenements covered by the Wickepin Project and all associated engineering and feasibility studies.

Since then and prior to the Company's IPO in November 2020, WA Kaolin co-founders and owners invested over \$42 million to develop and progress the Wickepin Project. Through extensive R&D of product and processes, the Company has spent significant time and funds in optimising its proprietary dry processing method for kaolin ("K99 Process") to build and extend on its success as a kaolin producer and exporter to global markets.

As part of the process, the Company has undertaken trial mining and processing to ensure proof of concept and to produce product for, amongst other things, establishing customer confidence and price discovery.

The project comprises a mining lease, a general-purpose lease, a miscellaneous licence and retention licences. It is one of the largest known remaining kaolin resources in the world, and contains:

- A **Probable Ore Reserve of 30.5 million tonnes** (Table 1) in the mining lease which is part of and included in;
- An **Inferred Mineral Resource (reported in 2017) of 644.5 million tonnes** (Table 2) of high-grade premium kaolinised granite across all tenements.

Table 1. Ore Reserves by JORC Classification

JORC classification	Tonnes (Mt)	ISO brightness (%)	Yield (%) ($<45 \mu\text{m}$ in size)	In situ Kaolin (Mt)
Proved				
Probable	30.5	83.7	51.8	15.8
Total	30.5	83.7	51.8	15.8

Source: CSA Global Report No. R301.2020 – 30th July 2020

Table 2. Inferred Mineral Resources ($<45 \mu\text{m}$), WA Kaolin Project

	Kaolinized granite (Mt)	ISO brightness (%)	Yield (%)	Kaolin (Mt)
Total	644.5	75.8	44.0	283.6

Source: CSA Global Report No. R280.2017 – 3rd August 2017

Estimates and production targets

The Mineral Resources, Ore Reserves and production targets referred to in this announcement were previously reported in the Prospectus dated 11 October 2020 and released to the ASX on 24 November 2020 and the Definitive Feasibility Study announcements released on 24 and 25 November 2020. WA Kaolin confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates, production target or forecast financial information derived from a production target continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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About WA Kaolin

WA Kaolin's Wickepin Kaolin Project, 220km south-east of Perth, contains a Mineral Resource (JORC 2012) of 644.5 million tonnes^{1,2} of high-grade premium kaolinised granite. This world-class resource at Wickepin is one of the largest known remaining premium primary resources of kaolin globally. It is characterised by its purity, quality and brightness, producing kaolin products that typically attract higher prices from a growing collection of top tier customers.

With more than \$42 million invested in the project prior to the Company's IPO in November 2020, WA Kaolin has developed a proprietary dry processing method, known as K99, to turn raw material into market suitable feedstock for global customers, and constructed a small-scale commercial processing plant on 3ha of portside industrial land at Kwinana, WA. The Company is focused on increasing production from Wickepin to 400,000 tonnes per annum with further modular increases to capacity to be implemented in tune with market demand and funding capability.

¹ The Mineral Resource estimate is inclusive of Ore Reserves.

² CSA Global Mineral Resource Estimate R280.2017