

## Hamersley Project Environmental Survey Update

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Environmental work program advanced at Equinox's Hamersley Project with engagement of Umwelt.
- Preliminary flora and fauna baseline studies initiated
- Continued engagement with Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation (WGAC) regarding heritage surveys and planned drilling program.

**Equinox Resources Limited (ASX: EQN)** ("**Equinox**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to advise that it has engaged key environmental specialists, Umwelt, to advance and co-ordinate works on baseline environmental studies at the Hamersley Iron Ore Project in the Pilbara, Western Australia ("Hamersley Project"). Umwelt has 25+ years of experience in environmental and social consulting, successfully completing over 5,000 projects across Australia in the public and private sectors, including infrastructure, mining, industrial, urban development, defence, and state and commonwealth government sectors.

The Company has been working with Umwelt to undertake an environmental gap analysis and develop an environmental approvals strategy for the Hamersley Project as part of the Hamersley Project development planning. The gap analysis highlighted the need for further supporting environmental studies, the first of which have now commenced.

The Company has engaged specialist consultants to commence flora and fauna studies identified by Umwelt in its gap analysis report. These environmental studies have been designed to be carried out in parallel with the planned heritage survey<sup>1</sup>, with the first phase comprising a desktop study (database and literature search) and non-ground disturbing studies of the project area. This work will help gain a deeper understanding and form part of larger environmental studies which may be required following the completion of the heritage survey.

These studies are important in understanding the ultimate environmental permitting process for the Hamersley Project, and in particular, the key activities required to de-risk and progress the potential development of the project.

Equinox Chairman, Robert Martin commented "The engagement of Umwelt is part of our proactive and systematic strategy to advance work on project studies ahead of schedule. Flora and fauna studies are essential to inform environmental impact assessments and support key environmental approval applications. The ecology studies will be conducted in parallel with our planned exploration work, heritage survey and technical studies. The team at Umwelt have extensive experience working successfully in the Pilbara region, with many of the team being leaders in their respective fields of expertise."

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<sup>1</sup> Refer ASX announcement 28 July 2022 "Hamersley Project Heritage Survey Update".

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