

## **KANGANKUNDE COMMUNITY ENDORSES PLANNED WORKS PROGRAM**

Lindian Resources Limited (ASX:LIN) ('Lindian' or the 'Company') is pleased to provide this update with respect to the progress of the development of the Kangankunde Rare Earths Project ('Kangankunde') in Malawi. Lindian will this week seek shareholder approval to acquire 100% of Rift Valley Resource Developments Limited - a Malawi company that owns the globally significant Kangankunde Rare Earths Project ('Kangankunde').

Lindian's Chief Executive Officer Alistair Stephens has completed a series of meetings with authorities in the Kangankunde district resulting in Lindian securing a unilateral directive to commence a series of work programs to advance Kangankunde's development. All meetings have fully endorsed the Company's planned resource development and mining and processing operations plans.

A visit to the project and community by the Minister of Mines Hon. Dr Albert Mbawala, the Principle Secretary of Mines Dr Joseph Mkandawire, Mr Albert Msika, the Director of Mines, Dr Kondwane Dominika the Director of the Geological Survey and other mines department personnel and community members was undertaken (*see images 1 & 2 below*), and Lindian's CEO conducted a further eight meetings with the following leaders and committees: the Traditional Senior Authority Area, Chief Chanthunya; the Kangankunde village area Chief Makolela; the District Environmental and Social Committee (DESC); the District Executive Committee (DEC); the District Service Committee on Development (DSC); the full Balaka Council including local area Member of Parliament Hon. Bertha Ndebele; the Area Development Committee (ADC) and the Village development Committee (VDC).

In all meetings, held in the regional town of Balaka 15km north of the Kangankunde site, at the Kangankunde local school or at the project site, it was explained that Lindian was acquiring 100% of Kangankunde which includes the Project's Mining Licence ML0290.

The meetings primarily discussed exploration technical programs leading to development of a mining and processing operation, and importantly the Company's commitment to environmental management, social support programs, jobs and training opportunities, indirect business support opportunities, and a commitment to a Community Engagement Plan that outlines the frequency and scope of how the Company engages creatively and positively with the local community.

Now that these meetings have concluded, and after the shareholder meeting on 27th September is concluded, the Company will expedite early works programs including clearing of roads and drill pads leading to a drill program this year. The Company will also collect bulk samples to commence metallurgical test work. Lindian is planning to drill as many drill holes as possible before the wet season that is expected to commence sometime December 2022 through to about March 2023, when on-site activities will recommence. During the wet season, Lindian will focus on a number of other project development and corporate initiatives that do not require site access.

### **Comment**

**Chief Executive Officer Alistair Stephens said:** *"The endorsement by the community for our works programs does not properly reflect the absolute delight and enthusiasm the community members expressed for our development plans. In fact, they wished for us to get on with development quicker. And that is what we are now doing. No longer are we a visitor, we are now a community member. I look forward to providing a more detailed update on first works planned at site following the shareholder meeting this week."*



**Image 1: Minister of Mines Hon. Dr Albert Mbawala with Lindian CEO Alistair Stephens on site at Kangankunde last week. Image credit – Malawi24**



**Image 2: Malawi Government and Local Community Representatives inspecting Kangankunde's geology. Image credit – Malawi24**

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