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Update on Vanadium Electrolyte Testwork Program

- Tivan is progressing technology development and assessment of two separate vanadium processing pathways for its Speewah Vanadium Project in Western Australia.
- The pathways under assessment are the TIVAN+ processing technology, developed in strategic partnership with CSIRO, and a conventional salt roast processing flowsheet.
- As previously announced, testwork for TIVAN+ delivered excellent results that confirm the technical viability of processing Speewah concentrate with the technology.
- Salt roasting testwork has also now delivered excellent results, in support of the production of highpurity vanadium electrolyte from Speewah ore to achieve the specifications of Sumitomo Electric Industries.
- Tivan will review its strategy and preferred technology pathway for the Speewah Vanadium Project following completion of the Pre-Feasibility Study for the Speewah Fluorite Project in July.

The Board of Tivan Limited (ASX: TVN) ("Tivan" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on the vanadium electrolyte testwork program being undertaken for the Speewah Vanadium Project in Western Australia.

Development Program - Background and Results

Tivan commissioned a testwork program in Q1 to demonstrate the amenability of salt roasting technology to Speewah concentrate and to achieve the high-purity vanadium electrolyte specifications provided by Sumitomo Electric Industries ("SEI"), a Japanese manufacturer of large-scale, long-life vanadium redox flow batteries ("VRFB"). The program supports the Company's planned Vanadium Electrolyte Facility at the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct near Darwin (see ASX announcement of 31 October 2023).

The salt roasting component of the program is nearing completion and has delivered excellent results. Testwork was performed on high-grade ($2.44\% V_2O_5$) Speewah concentrate prepared before Tivan's acquisition of the Speewah Project from King River Resources Limited ("KRR"). The concentrate was produced in 2011 when approximately six tonnes of RC drilling samples were processed with magnetic separation. This is the same concentrate used for the recently completed TIVAN+ testwork program with CSIRO.

The aim of the salt roasting testwork program was to investigate the impact of temperature, salt type, salt dose and residence time. The vanadium extractions are detailed in *Table 1* in *Appendix 1*. The following conclusions were drawn from the results:

 Vanadium extractions up to 98.3% were achieved with industrially relevant temperatures, residence times, salt types and salt doses. This is a significant improvement on the results with the same concentrate from testwork commissioned by KRR (vanadium extractions up to 92.4%) (see ASX announcement by KRR dated 10 May 2022).

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- Sodium carbonate, the standard salt utilised in industry, was very effective as a single reagent and when mixed with other salts.
- Sodium sulphate when mixed in a lower proportion with sodium carbonate or sodium oxalate, resulted in slightly lower vanadium extraction (with yields up to 96.8%). This outcome highlights an opportunity for reduced reagent costs through an engineered solution to recycle the sodium sulphate by-product from the plant.
- Impurity (Fe, Ti, Al, Cr, Mn, Mg) dissolution was very low, with all six impurities reported below the limit of detection ("LOD") in solution in almost all trials.
- Silica was the only measured impurity leaching into solution. Silica leaching into solution is standard to the salt roasting process and it is expected that this will be handled with industry standard processing downstream.
- Testwork also investigated the use of an additive to the kiln to reduce silica extraction from the ore. The single test reduced silica extraction by 97.6% with only a minor drop in vanadium extraction of 2.97%. This outcome highlights an opportunity to simplify the requirements for downstream purification.
- The testwork demonstrated repeatability of outcomes, validating and improving upon past results.

Overall the outcomes from the program are excellent and highlight the amenability of Speewah concentrate to salt roasting technology. The low deportment of impurities to solution is also a promising outcome for the long-term goal to produce high-purity vanadium electrolyte solution from Speewah feedstock.

Next Steps

Following the conclusion of the salt roasting testwork, the Company will investigate solution purification and preparation of vanadium pentoxide. Future planned works also include kiln vendor testwork and preparation of vanadium electrolyte in collaboration with SEI.

The current status and an updated schedule for the vanadium electrolyte testwork program is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Tivan's updated salt roasting and vanadium electrolyte production testwork program

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Technology Pathways and Review

The excellent results returned for both the TIVAN+ and salt roast technology pathways provide significant development optionality for Tivan and further bolster Speewah's standing as the world's premier vanadium titanomagnetite resource.

Tivan is currently focused on progressing the Speewah Fluorite Project and is scheduled to deliver the Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") in July. As previously advised, following the completion of the PFS, Tivan will undertake a comprehensive review of its strategy and planning for the Speewah Vanadium Project.

The review will encompass all works that Tivan has completed in advancing the salt roast pathway and TIVAN+. The review will extend to evaluation of the pathway for planning and construction of a large-scale TIVAN+ Pilot Plant. Tivan will report the findings in Q3 2024.

Tivan Executive Chairman Mr Grant Wilson commented:

"Speewah continues to deliver outstanding testwork results. This news will be well received in Osaka and will further consolidate Tivan's leading role in the development of the long duration energy storage market in Australia".

This announcement has been approved by the Board of the Company.

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Competent Person's Statement

Tivan's exploration activities, including for the Speewah Project, are being overseen by Mr Stephen Walsh (BSc). The information that relates to exploration results in this announcement is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared and compiled by Mr Walsh, a Competent Person, who is the Chief Geologist and an employee of Tivan, and a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Walsh has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results. Mr Walsh consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on information compiled by him in the form and context which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results for the Speewah Project (TIVAN+ testwork program) has been extracted from the Company's previous ASX announcement entitled "Tivan & CSIRO successfully complete TIVAN+ Testwork Program" dated 30 May 2024. Copies of this announcement are available at www.asx.com.au or www.tivan.com.au/investors/asx-announcements/. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement. Tivan confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from this announcement.

Forward looking statement

This announcement contains certain "forward-looking statements" and comments about future matters. Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as, "expect", "anticipate", "likely", "intend", "should", "estimate", "target", "outlook", and other similar expressions and include, but are not limited to, the timing, outcome and effects of the future studies, project development and other work. Indications of, and guidance or outlook on, future earnings, financial position, performance of the Company or global markets for relevant commodities are also forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Any such statements, opinions and estimates in this announcement speak only as of the date hereof, are preliminary views and are based on assumptions and contingencies subject to change without notice. Forward-looking statements are provided as a general guide only. There can be no assurance that actual outcomes will not differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Any such forward looking statement also inherently involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors and may involve significant elements of subjective judgement and assumptions that may cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ. Except as required by law the Company undertakes no obligation to finalise, check, supplement, revise or update forward-looking statements in the future, regardless of whether new information, future events or results or other factors affect the information contained in this announcement.

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Appendix 1 - Salt Roast Testwork Results

Trial	Vanadium Extraction (%)	Silica Extraction (%)
HY18002	97.8	12.6
HY18003	95.2	14.5
HY18004	96.9	18.1
HY18031	90.9	8.7
HY18032	18.4	1.3
HY18022	94.9	0.3
HY18008	53.9	5.2
HY18009	46.9	4.7
HY18010	69.9	5.8
HY18013	97.8	17.3
HY18014	94.6	14.7
HY18015	96.6	16.9
HY18017	96.3	15.4
HY18018	94.8	10.3
HY18019	96.8	16.4
HY18024	97.9	17.2
HY18025	97.3	14.0
HY18026	98.3	21.1
HY18027	88.1	8.0
HY18028	94.5	13.0
HY18029	94.8	17.1
HY18030	96.3	16.6

 Table 1: Speewah salt roasting outcomes - testwork was conducted over a range of different conditions with alternative salt types/mixes and salt dosing. All results received are shown; the calculation basis was calculated head. Impurity element extractions not shown are due to assays below the LOD.

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JORC Code, 2012 Edition - Table 1 Report

SECTION 1 SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND DATA		
Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	 Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	 The metallurgical testwork program was completed on a titanomagnetite concentrate sample received in the Speewah Project acquisition from King River Resources Limited ("KRR"). The sample used is a p80 -45 micron high grade concentrate that assayed 2.44% V₂O₅ produced from a RC chips sample by magnetic separation methods in 2011.
Drilling techniques	 Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face- sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). 	 No new drilling was completed in preparation for the testwork reported in this announcement. The testwork described in this announcement was completed on titanomagnetite concentrate derived from RC drilling with a face-sampling bit.
Drill sample recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	 RC chip samples from every 1 metre drilled interval were sampled and composited. The host gabbro is fresh from near surface and sample recovery into RC bags was high. No relationship between grade and recovery has been identified.
Logging	 Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	 RC drill 1 metre intervals logged 100% from surface to end-of-hole.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximize representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. 	 RC bags were re-sampled to collect a 6 tonne composite sample for testwork. The average grade of the 6 tonne sample compares with the drill assayed intervals for the HG zone. Subsampling was performed during the preparation stage according to the metallurgical laboratories' internal protocol. RC chips from every 1 metre interval were sampled and composited. The final composited grade compares

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	 Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	 favourably with the average V, Ti and Fe grades from the drill assays for the HG zones of the vanadium deposit. Sample sizes were considered appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	 For the testwork program reported in this announcement: Solid sample analyses in the program were conducted by X-Ray Fluorescence ("XRF") at ALS Global, Liquor sample analyses in the program were conducted at CSIRO Waterford via Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) analysis Standards, blanks and duplicates were utilised by Bureau Veritas, ALS Global and CSIRO as per their standard QAQC procedures.
Verification of sampling and assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	 Significant drill intersections have been verified by alternative company personnel. Data is incorporated into a digital database, assays from laboratories received in a digital format. No adjustments or calibrations made to primary assay data collected for the purpose of reporting assay grades and mineralized intervals.
Location of data points	 Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	 Almost 90% of the collars used in the resource estimate were surveyed using a differential global positioning system instrument, with the remaining surveyed using a hand-held GPS. Downhole deviations were measured by downhole survey instruments on 3 holes only using a Globaltech Pathfinder digital downhole camera. All but four holes are vertical. All metallurgical holes are vertical. The vertical and shallow nature of the drilling means that the absence of downhole survey is not considered a material risk. The adopted grid system is GDA 94 Zone 52.
Data spacing and distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	 RC drill spacing is mostly 250 m by 250 m in the deposit, closing down to 100 m by 100 m in the Western Area. The Competent Person believes the mineralised domains have sufficient geological and grade continuity to support the classification applied to the Mineral Resources given the current drill pattern. The RC composite represents the HG zone within the magnetite gabbro within the resource envelope. This was considered appropriate given the

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		metallurgical testwork was designed to test the HG zones of mineralisation and it provided for a bulk sample suitable for testwork.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	 All RC holes are vertical. This allowed the holes to intersect the mineralisation at a high angle as the magnetite gabbro has a very shallow dip to the East. The relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is not considered to have introduced sampling bias.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	 The titanomagnetite concentrate stored at Nagrom under job number T687; was transported to a secure site followed by delivery to the metallurgical laboratory by the Company.
Audits or reviews	 The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. 	 No external audits have been completed.
	SECTION 2 REPORTING OF EXPLORATION RES	SULTS
Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	 Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. 	 The Speewah Project comprises two Exploration Licences (E80/2863, E80/3657), three Mining Leases (M80/267, M80/268, M80/269) and two Miscellaneous Licences (L80/43, L80/47). The tenements are 100% owned by Speewah Mining Pty Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Tivan Limited), and are located over the Speewah Dome, 100 km SW of Kununurra in the East Kimberley. The testwork described in this announcement was on samples collected entirely within E80/2863. The tenements are in good standing and no known impediments exist
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	 Historical exploration: All exploration and testwork relevant to the preparation of the titanomagnetite concentrate utilised for the testwork described in this announcement was managed by KRR.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting, and style of mineralisation.	 The deposits represent part of a large layered intrusion (the Hart Dolerite), which was intruded c1790 Ma into the Palaeo-Proterozoic sediments and minor volcanics of the 1814 Ma Speewah Group in the East Kimberley Region of Western Australia. The deposits occur within the Speewah Dome, which is an elongated antiform trending N-S. The dome is about 30 km long and attains a maximum width of about 15 km. The Hart Dolerite sill forms the core of the dome. Two distinct types of felsic granophyres (K felsic granophyre and Mafic

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Drill bolo Information		granophyre) and three mafic gabbros (pegmatoidal gabbro, magnetite gabbro and felsic gabbro) have been identified in the Hart Dolerite. The vanadium-titanium mineralisation is hosted within a magnetite bearing gabbro unit which is up to 80 m thick. Given the mode of formation, mineralisation displays excellent geological and grade continuity. Exposure is limited and fresh rock either outcrops or is at a shallow depth of a few metres. Ti-V-Fe mineralisation occurs as disseminations of vanadiferous titanomagnetite and ilmenite. The Speewah Project comprises three deposits (Central, Buckman and Red Hill). The reported Mineral Resource lies entirely within fresh magnetite gabbro of the Hart Dolerite sill within the Speewah Dome. The magnetite gabbro unit can be subdivided into an upper low grade zone and a basal high grade zone, based on increasing vanadium tenor (grade) in the magnetite grains towards the base of the unit.
Urill hole Information •	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	 No new drilling is reported in this release. The hole data is not presented in this announcement. This information is not considered material as the concentrate was prepared from many holes across the deposit. Therefore, the testwork results for the concentrate can only show the generalised response of the orebody, and not variability due to location throughout the orebody.
	detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	
Data aggregation methods	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	 RC chip samples from every 1 metre drilled interval were sampled and composited. The final composited grade compares favourably with the average V, Ti and Fe grades from the drill assays average grades for the HG zones of the vanadium deposit. Metal equivalent values have not been used for reporting.
Relationship betweenmineralisation widthsand intercept lengths•	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	 Due to the very shallow dip of the mineralisation, the vertical holes represent almost the true width of the mineralisation.

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	 If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 	
Diagrams	 Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	 No new drilling is reported in this release.
Balanced reporting	 Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results. 	All relevant results have been reported
Other substantive exploration data	 Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	 All relevant data is included in the body of the announcement.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	See body of announcement.

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