

## **Beharra Strategic Review Concluded**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Perpetual to retain the Beharra Project for future potential development.
- Due to poor current market pricing for Beharra silica sand the project is to be placed on care & maintenance with ongoing monitoring of silica sand pricing and offtake interest to dictate timing of a potential re-start of activities.
- All expenditure on the Beharra silica sand project and adjacent exploration areas to be minimised until silica sand market conditions improve.
- Considering the current silica sand pricing and market environment, Perpetual will focus on its exploration prospects in Brazil.

**Perpetual Resources Ltd** (“**Perpetual**” or “the **Company**”) (ASX: PEC) today confirms the outcome of the Beharra Strategic Review (Strategic Review), which was first announced to the market in October 2023<sup>1</sup>.

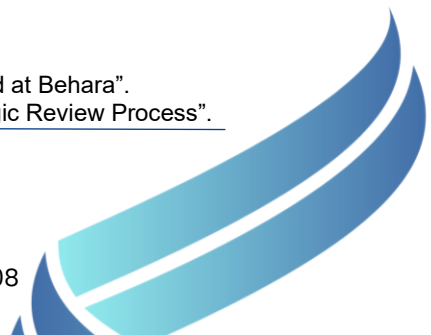
The Strategic Review’s outcomes recommended that the Beharra project should be retained by Perpetual to allow shareholders to benefit from any potential future increase in silica sand pricing, noting that further investment in the project in the current silica sand pricing environment will be minimised.

The Strategic Review period was extended<sup>2</sup> to enable the conclusion of additional active discussions and associated product testing with potential off take partners, which have now concluded without a successful outcome for Perpetual.

Consistent feedback received from potential offtake partners regarding Beharra silica sand pricing was that the iron content remained higher than was required for the end product to fall within the “premium” pricing category for use in the high growth solar panel cover glass market and that alternate sources of similar quality sand were available from other Southeast Asian supply sources that were cheaper due to lower mining, logistics and shipping costs.

<sup>1</sup> Please see ASX announcement dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 titled, “Strategic Review Initiated at Beharra”.

<sup>2</sup> Please see ASX announcement dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 titled, “Update on Beharra Strategic Review Process”.



Mr. Julian Babarczy, Executive Chairman of Perpetual, commented;

*“While disappointing that the current market environment does not support development of the Beharra Project, the outcomes of the Strategic Review now allow Perpetual to focus exclusively on our exciting Brazilian exploration prospects, where recent sampling has delivered encouraging results.*

*We will continue to monitor the market for silica sand pricing with a view to restarting Beharra project development should conditions allow”.*

All expenditure on the Beharra silica sand project and adjacent exploration areas will be minimised until silica sand market conditions improve and return to a level that supports Perpetual further progressing the Beharra Project. Accordingly, Perpetual does not plan on providing any further updates related to Beharra unless market conditions improve. Perpetual continues to see significant potential long-term value in the Beharra Project in the event the silica sand pricing environment improves.

### **Perpetual to focus on Brazil exploration tenements**

Considering the current silica sand pricing and market environment, and based on feedback from shareholders, Perpetual has naturally shifted towards expanding its project portfolio into other critical minerals through the acquisition of a number of exploration tenements in Brazil, which the Company believes have the potential to further increase shareholder value.

The outcome of the Strategic Review will result in Perpetual focusing on its exciting Brazilian exploration prospects, which have shown strong initial prospectivity.

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This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Perpetual.

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### About Perpetual Resources Limited

Perpetual Resources Limited (Perpetual) is an ASX listed company pursuing exploration and development of critical minerals essential to the fulfillment of global new energy requirements.

Perpetual is active in exploring for lithium, rare earth elements (REE) and other critical minerals in the Minas Gerais region of Brazil, where it has secured approximately 12,500 hectares of highly prospective lithium and REE exploration permits. The lithium (spodumene) bearing region has become known as Brazil's "Lithium Valley". In addition

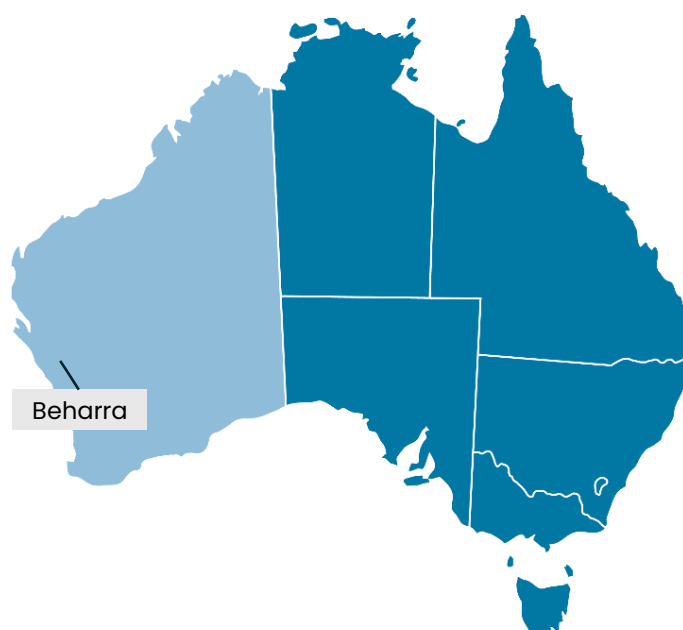
Perpetual also operates the Beharra Silica Sand development project, which is located 300km north of Perth and is 96km south of the port town of Geraldton in Western Australia.

Perpetual continues to review complementary acquisition opportunities to augment its growing portfolio of exploration and development projects consistent with its critical minerals focus.

#### Brazilian Projects



#### Western Australian Projects



**COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS****No new information**

Except where explicitly stated, this announcement contains references to prior exploration results, all of which have been cross-referenced to previous market announcements made by the Company. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements.

**Forward-looking statements**

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