

## Maritime incident near Tormin Mineral Sands Project

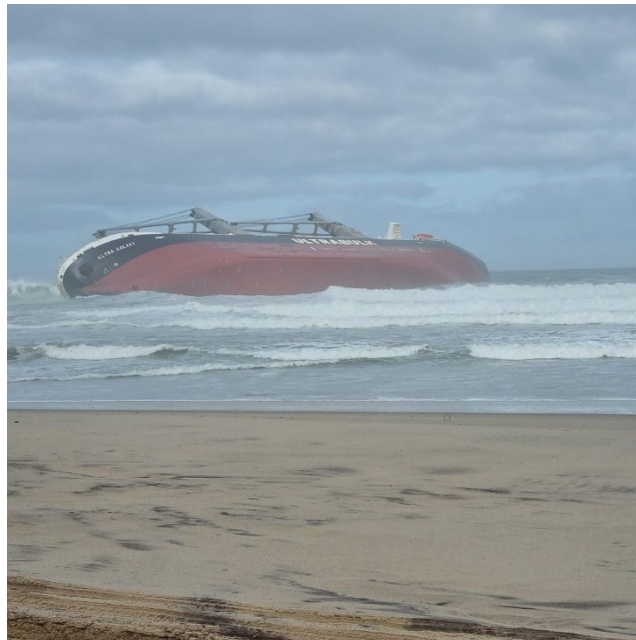
Mineral Commodities Ltd (**MRC** or **Company**) (ASX:MRC) wishes to update shareholders regarding a maritime incident that recently occurred off shore, but close to the operating beaches of the Tormin Mineral Sands Project (**Tormin**) owned by Mineral Sands Resources (**MSR**). MRC currently holds 50% of MSR.

This announcement relates to a developing situation with a dynamic set of circumstances. As such the details and assessment provided below are based on the best information currently available.

### Incident

A ship carrying bulk ammonia that was enroute to Tanzania, recently encountered problems in the Atlantic Ocean and ran aground in seas close to the beach at Tormin's mining area as shown in the photo below (**Incident**). As reported in the media, MRC understands the ship was carrying fertilizer.

The ship and its contents have no connection to Tormin or its operations.



### Government response

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (**SAMSA**) is currently onsite at Tormin to coordinate ship recovery operations. Tormin staff are providing assistance including access to the beach area at Tormin. SAMSA is also conducting offshore monitoring of the ship for oil and contents leakage. Police and the Disaster Management Team from the District Municipality are also onsite monitoring the situation but weather conditions are preventing access to the ship.

### Incident and weather effect on Tormin production

#### *Incident impacts*

There is no immediate impact on production as a result of the Incident. The beach closest to the stranded vessel forms part of the Tormin mine plan with mining in the next six (6) weeks previously planned. The site staff are currently rescheduling the production plan to avoid this area to allow for recovery operations to be uninterrupted.

### *Weather impacts*

The very rough weather conditions that contributed to the Incident have also damaged sea water intake causing some temporary reduction in process plant operations. MSR is currently evaluating possible design changes to the seawater supply system that could provide temporary risk reduction while awaiting a more permanent solution.

Furthermore, the area where the mine is located, Matzikama in the Western Cape is experiencing some flooding that has potential to affect operations. The heavy rainfall has caused the nearby Clanwilliam dam level to exceed capacity with 8 overflow gates being opened resulting in downstream waterways to flood roads and bridges.

Bad weather and rough seas are expected for a number of days.

Protracted and / or extreme weather conditions causing extended delays in restoring seawater intake supply has potential to adversely affect production and revenues.

### **Potential contamination of the beaches and seawater intake**

#### *Debris*

There has been some non-toxic debris washed up onto the Tormin beach that will require recovery prior to mining recommencing.

#### *Fertilizer cargo*

It has been reported that fertilizer cargo has also been washed from the ship. However, the best information the Company has through its cooperation with the authorities is that the fertilizer that has been washed into the sea will be so heavily diluted by the wave action and currents that it will not represent a serious threat to the marine eco system. On this basis, the Company's initial assessment is that quality of seawater intake quality will not be seriously adversely affected. However, this will be monitored closely.

#### *Oil and fuel*

MSR has been advised there are approximately 500 tonnes of fuel and oil onboard the ship. To date there has been no evidence of oil or fuel being discharged into the ocean and Tormin management understands plans are being made by the government recovery teams to remove the oil and fuel as soon as weather permits and prior to any attempt to refloat the ship.

The Company intends to monitor this aspect very closely given the potential for serious impacts. A major spill of oil or fuel could cause serious damage to the beaches, not only to the environment but also the economic mining of the resource at Tormin.

### **Next steps**

MSR will continue to assist government authorities and work closely with recovery efforts and closely monitor development and potential impacts on the operation.

The Company will update the market in due course regarding the Incident's impact on Tormin or its operations.

This announcement ends the trading halt requested by the Company on 11 July 2024.

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## About Mineral Commodities Ltd

Mineral Commodities Ltd is a global mining and development company with a primary focus on the production of high-grade Mineral Sands and Natural Flake Graphite from operations in South Africa and Norway.

The Company is a producer of zircon, rutile, garnet, magnetite, and ilmenite concentrates through its Tormin Mineral Sands Operation, located on the Western Cape of South Africa.

The Company also owns and operates the Skaland Graphite Operation in Norway, the world's highest-grade operating flake graphite mine and is the only producer in Europe. The planned development of the Munglinup Graphite Project, located in Western Australia, builds on the Skaland acquisition and is a further step toward an integrated, downstream value-adding strategy which aims to capitalise on the fast-growing demand for sustainably manufactured lithium-ion batteries.

The Company's aspiration is to become a leading vertically integrated diversified producer of graphitic anode materials and value-added mineral products with a commitment to operate with a focus on the Environment, Sustainability and Governance.

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