



## MAGNUM ENTERS INTO BIOCHAR AND GREEN PIG IRON JV AGREEMENT IN MALAYSIA

Magnum Mining & Exploration Limited (ASX: MGU, Magnum, or the Company) has entered into a binding agreement with 2x1.Digital Private Limited (2x1) to incorporate a joint venture company (JV Co) to establish facilities for the trading, production and supply of biochar, iron ore and green pig iron in Malaysia.

### PARTNERSHIP TO SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VERTICALLY INTEGRATED BUSINESS

The JV Co is being established for the purposes of carrying out, amongst other things, the:

- installation of facilities for the trading, production and supply of biochar, iron ore and green pig iron in Malaysia. The green pig iron will be produced via the use of the HIs melt technology that will smelt steel industry waste and iron ore with renewable biochar;
- trading and supply of iron ore, biochar and green pig iron;
- management of procurement contracts and sales and marketing; and
- technical advisory services.

Under the terms of the agreement, the JV Co is to be owned 50% by Magnum and 50% by 2x1. The agreement has an initial term of two years but can be terminated with 90 days' notice by either party. The term may be renewed with the agreement of both parties.

The establishment of the JV Co and proposed integrated business in Malaysia is complementary to the Company's existing activities, including the proposed establishment of the Green Pig Iron Project in Saudi Arabia.

*"This agreement with 2x1 is an important step to establishing a vertically integrated green pig iron business in Malaysia. Magnum has an excellent relationship with 2x1, resulting from the agreement on our proposed Saudi project<sup>1</sup>. 2x1's deep understanding of Magnum's strategy has given them the confidence to engage with Magnum on a much broader basis."*

*Neil Goodman, MD of Magnum*

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<sup>1</sup> ASX:MGU "Funding Round for Green Pig Iron Project in Saudi Arabia ", 13 May, 2024

In other news, Magnum provides the following updates:

## **EXPLORATION**

The large land holding on which the Buena Vista magnetite deposit is located in north-central Nevada, USA, may be prospective for a range of mineral commodities. A number of these are on the US Federal Government's critical minerals list and have the potential to attract government grants or funding. Work is currently being undertaken to assess the full potential of the ground beyond its magnetite endowment. The initial work is being undertaken by DiRT Exploration, world leaders in multispectral analysis.

## **SAUDI GREEN PIG IRON PROJECT**

Magnum entered into a Project Funding Agreement to undertake a capital raising to advance its Green Pig Iron Project in Saudi Arabia<sup>2</sup>. That agreement envisages the construction of a HIs melt plant that will be fed by steel mill waste augmented by magnetite from the Company's proposed Buena Vista Magnetite mine. Negotiations with a Saudi steelmaking company are progressing well. Magnum is confident that these negotiations are on target and are drawing to an agreeable conclusion.

## **BIOCHAR PROJECTS**

As announced on November 29, 2023, Magnum appointed Cadmon Advisory Pty Ltd to assist the Company in locating and engaging a suitable partner for the development of biochar production facilities in Malaysia<sup>3</sup>.

Cadmon arranged for the delivery of samples of a potential low-cost, sustainably sourced biomass to a biochar technology testing facility. Magnum will issue a release detailing the full test results within the next few weeks after final laboratory data is received.

Cadmon has identified another potential source of low-cost, sustainably produced biomass in Malaysia. Samples of this biomass are being sent to the biochar technology testing facility for test processing.

## **MAGNUM MINING SINGAPORE PTE LTD**

Magnum has set up a wholly owned subsidiary in Singapore to hold future assets in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. Magnum Mining Singapore Pte Ltd was incorporated under section 19(4) of the Singapore Companies Act on June 24, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> ASX:MGU "Funding Round for Green Pig Iron Project in Saudi Arabia", 13 May, 2024

<sup>3</sup> ASX:MGU "Appointment of Advisor for Malaysian Biochar", 29 November, 2023

## NEXT STEPS

The anticipated activities over the next quarter are detailed below:

1. Establishment of the JV Co in Malaysia.
2. Signing of biochar agreements with Malaysian partners.
3. Signing of green pig iron agreements with Saudi and Malaysian partners.
4. Advance the assessment of the Company's mineral claims for a range of targeted commodities.

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