

ASX Announcement

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Northern Minerals receives EPA Approval for strategic enhancements at Browns Range Project

Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU) ("Northern Minerals" or the "Company"), is pleased to announce that it has received approval under Section 45C (1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) for strategic amendments to its Browns Range Project in the East Kimberley region. This approval, granted by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Delegate, enables Northern Minerals to implement infrastructure improvements while continuing to prioritise environmental stewardship and community engagement.

The approved amendments include a 60-hectare expansion of the project footprint to incorporate renewable energy infrastructure, specifically wind turbines and a solar farm. These developments are critical in significantly reducing the project's greenhouse gas emissions. The expansion also allows for flexibility in the access road alignment, improved drainage infrastructure, and additional groundwater bores, all of which contribute to the long-term sustainability and operational efficiency of the project.

Section 45C of the EP Act allows for minor changes to an approved project that do not result in any significant increase in environmental risk. The EPA's approval reflects Northern Minerals' commitment to minimising environmental impacts while enhancing project flexibility. The amendments are consistent with the existing Ministerial Statement (Ministerial Statement 986) and do not necessitate any changes to the conditions originally set forth.

Northern Minerals has worked closely with the Ringer Soak community and the Jaru and Tjurabalan traditional owners to align the access road with community preferences, reducing potential risks and environmental impacts. This collaboration underscores the Company's dedication to respecting and incorporating the views of local stakeholders in its project developments.

Commenting on the approval, Northern Minerals Chief Operating Officer Angela Glover said:

"This EPA approval is an important step forward for Northern Minerals as we progress the Browns Range Project towards its full potential. The integration of renewable energy infrastructure and the enhancements to our development strategy not only align with our commitment to sustainability but also strengthens our operational capabilities. We are grateful for the continued support of the local communities, and we remain dedicated to delivering a project that benefits both the environment and our stakeholders."

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This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by Shane Hartwig - Managing Director

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About Northern Minerals

Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU) (Northern Minerals or the Company) owns 100% of the Browns Range Heavy Rare Earth (HRE) Project in northern Western Australia, tenements uniquely rich in the heavy rare earth elements dysprosium (Dy) and terbium (Tb).

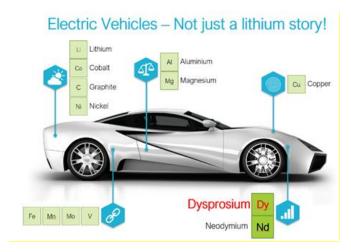
Dysprosium and terbium are critical in the production of dysprosium neodymium iron-boron (DyNdFeB) magnets used in clean energy, defence and high technology solutions. Dysprosium and terbium are prized because their unique properties improve the durability of magnets by increasing their resistance to demagnetisation.

The Project's flagship deposit is Wolverine, which is thought to be the highest-grade dysprosium and terbium orebody in Australia. The Company is preparing to bring Wolverine into production with the objective of providing a reliable alternative source of dysprosium and terbium to production sourced from China. Northern Minerals is one of only a few companies outside of China to have produced these heavy rare earth elements.

To further its strategic objective, Northern Minerals is undertaking a Definitive Feasibility Study for a commercial scale mining and process plant at Browns Range to process Wolverine ore.

Apart from Wolverine, Northern Minerals and has several additional deposits and prospects within the Browns Range Project that contain dysprosium and other heavy rare earth elements, hosted in xenotime mineralisation.

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About Environmental Protection Authority (EAP)

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is the independent environmental assessment body in Western Australia. It provides recommendations and advice to the Minister for Environment on the environmental acceptability of development proposals. The EPA's assessment process is guided by the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act), which ensures that environmental impacts are thoroughly evaluated and managed. Section 45C of the EP Act allows for minor amendments to approved projects, provided these changes do not significantly increase environmental risk.

For more information: https://www.epa.wa.gov.au/

