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ASX: TSL

## QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

- **Central Environment Authority Key Stakeholder presentation completed clearing a major step in the Industrial Mining License (IML) process**
- **Sri Lankan Geological Survey and Mines Bureau approves consolidation of tenure of the Mannar Project**

### SRI LANKAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Following on from the Sri Lankan presidential elections on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2024, which produced a clear winner with His Excellency Anura Dissanayake of the National Peoples Party (NPP) elected in a second round run off with 56% of the vote against Sajith Premadasa of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB). President Dissanayake then used his presidential powers to call a parliamentary election to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

The Dissanayake led NPP won a 2/3 majority in the parliamentary elections. This strong result has enabled the government to make major changes with new appointments across many Ministries and Departments. This is expected to ensure that the Government's stated objectives for better and more efficient governance will impact positively on regulatory processes related to in-bound investment and delivery of services to the people of Sri Lanka.

### CENTRAL ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY KEY STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS

As previously announced ([\*ASX Announcement 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2024<sup>1</sup>\*](#)) Titanium Sands Limited has completed its presentation to the Central Environment Authority (CEA), with 34 key stakeholders from various governmental departments at a formal meeting held recently at the CEA head office in Colombo.

The objectives of this meeting were to hear from all stakeholders and for the Company to have the opportunity to present its project scoping plan, outlining the next steps for the Project.

The Director General of CEA, Hemantha Jayasinghe, supported by the Board of Investment (BOI) facilitated the meeting and directed all parties to provide comments in writing to be included in the proposed upcoming Terms of Reference (TOR). The next steps are for

a combined site visit by all the interested stakeholders followed by the TOR being issued to the Company.

Subsequent to the end of the December Quarter, a further meeting was held between the TSL Managing Director Dr James Searle, the CEA Chairman, Director General and the CEA Management on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2025. The CEA advised they were trying to complete the drafting of the TOR as soon as possible and appreciated that there was urgency involved after protracted delays in the process.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is significantly completed with individual project specifics to be focused upon once the TOR is received, such as the hydrology of the project area and once completed, the EIA can be signed off and lodged with the CEA for approval and then an IML recommendation.

The IML process is continuing, with each of the above actions delivering forward momentum and allowing the Company's team to focus on the required deliverables to enable the CEA to issue the IML for the Project.

## **GSMB APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION OF TENURE**

As previously announced ([\*ASX Announcement 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2024<sup>2</sup>\*](#)) the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau (GSMB) has approved and amended the tenure held by the Company (Table 1), to assist the regulatory process of obtaining an Industrial Mining License (IML). All five (5) licences held in the project high grade zone are now held in the name of Orion Minerals (Pvt) Ltd. The consolidation of licenses was a requirement of the Board of Investment (BOI) to allow them to be able to assess the application to provide the Company approval for the significant foreign investment required for the project once the IML is issued.

In addition, the Company has submitted retention applications on 4 Orion licenses to the GSMB. At a meeting between the TSL Managing Director and the GSMB Chairman and Director General of the GSMB on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, the GSMB said the retention licences had been approved, and they would be issued shortly.

## TENURE

**Table 1 Mannar Island Project Current tenure**

Exploration Licence	Holder	EL	Validity	Area	Status
EL 370	Orion Minerals (PVT) LTD	18/05/2024	17/05/2025	31km <sup>2</sup>	Current - retention
EL 351	Orion Minerals (PVT) LTD	13/12/2024	12/12/2025	15km <sup>2</sup>	Retention - pending
EL 425	Orion Minerals (PVT) LTD	19/11/2024	18/11/2025	10km <sup>2</sup>	Retention - pending
EL 423	Orion Minerals (PVT) LTD	15/11/2024	14/11/2025	5km <sup>2</sup>	Retention - pending
EL 424	Orion Minerals (PVT) LTD	15/11/2024	14/11/2025	8km <sup>2</sup>	Retention - pending
EL 180/R/3	Applex Ceylon (PVT) LTD	5/03/2019	4/03/2021	45km <sup>2</sup>	Renewal Pending
EL 182/R/3	Applex Ceylon (PVT) LTD	5/03/2019	4/03/2021	26km <sup>2</sup>	Renewal Pending
EL 371	Hammersmith Ceylon (PVT) LTD	26/02/2018	25/02/2020	4km <sup>2</sup>	Renewal Pending
EL 372	Hammersmith Ceylon (PVT) LTD	26/02/2018	25/02/2020	51km <sup>2</sup>	Renewal Pending
			Total	195km <sup>2</sup>	

As outlined by the Company (*ASX:TSL 22/01/25 Response to ASX Query Letter*), TSL submitted retention applications on time for each of the expiring Orion Exploration Licences. The GSMB have confirmed these applications are being processed.

Most recently, TSL's Managing Director, Dr James Searle, met with the GSMB in Colombo on 16 January 2025. In that meeting the GSMB again verbally confirmed that TSL's retention applications in respect of the Orion Exploration Licences have been approved and the retention licences will be issued. The GSMB also advised that there were delays to the processing of all licence renewals and retentions in Sri Lanka caused by internal matters unrelated to TSL or TSL's tenure. Subsequent to the meeting on 17 January 2025, TSL received a letter from the GSMB confirming the representations at that meeting. Formal grant of the retention licences remains pending.

## FUNDING

As outlined in TSL's response to ASX on 22 January 2025, TSL will be completing a placement imminently with full support of the major shareholders and TSL's corporate advisor.

The terms of that placement are yet to be finalised, however TSL anticipates this process to be concluded shortly and confidential discussions with brokers and potential investors remain ongoing.

TSL has also had discussions with its major shareholder regarding potential funding via a debt or hybrid facility, which can be made available on short notice if required in a manner consistent with similar funding arrangements provided to TSL previously.

TSL expects to be in a position to complete the placement quickly once the terms are finalised utilising our existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A. Should the placement be delayed for any reason, TSL is confident in its ability to secure interim funding from its major shareholder as set out above on short notice if required.

## PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

The total amount paid to related parties of the Company and their associates, as per item 6.1 and 6.2 of the attached Appendix 5B was \$90k and \$5k respectively. These payments are for Directors fees, salaries and superannuation during the quarter.

## OTHER ASX REQUIREMENTS

ASX Listing Rule 5.3.1: Exploration and Evaluation expenditure during the Quarter was \$202k focussed on environmental studies and updated scoping study expenditure.

ASX Listing Rule 5.3.2: There were no mining production and development activities during the Quarter.

## Ends-

The Board of Directors of Titanium Sands Ltd authorised this announcement to be given to ASX.

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## COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

### *Forward-Looking Statements*

This document may include forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the Company's planned exploration program and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "could," "plan," "expect," "intend," "may", "potential," "should", "further" and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that its expectations reflected in these forward- looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that further exploration will result in additional Mineral Resources.

### *Previously Reported information foot notes for reference*

This report includes information that relates to announcements previously made to the ASX. The information was extracted from the Company's previous ASX announcements as follows:

***Note 1 ASX Announcement: 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2024, CEA Key Stakeholder Presentation Completed.***

***Note 2 ASX Announcement: 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2024, Sri Lankan Government approves consolidation of TSL licences.***

## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

**Name of entity**

Titanium Sands Limited

**ABN**

65 009 131 533

**Quarter ended ("current quarter")**

31 December 2024

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
<b>1.</b>	<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1	Receipts from customers		
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(90)	(223)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(104)	(292)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	1	4
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(193)</b>	<b>(511)</b>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(202)	(428)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-

<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>		<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date (6 months) \$A'000</b>
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(202)</b>	<b>(428)</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	1
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
	Proceeds from shares yet to be issued	-	-
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	628	1,172
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(193)	(511)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(202)	(428)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	1	1

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>234</b>

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	234	628
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>628</b>

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	90
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	5
<i>Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.</i>		

7.	Financing facilities <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	<b>Total financing facilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
7.5	<b>Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>		<b>-</b>
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
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<b>8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>	<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(193)
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(202)
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(395)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	234
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	234
8.7 <b>Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)</b>	0.59
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>	
8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
Answer: Yes	
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
Answer: Yes, the Company will be required to raise further funding and is considering its options. As outlined in TSL's response to ASX on 22 January 2025, TSL will be completing a placement imminently with full support of the major shareholders and TSL's corporate advisor.	
8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
Answer: Yes, for the reasons noted in 8.8.2 above.	
<i>Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.</i>	

## Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 31 January 2025

Authorised by: By the Board  
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)



**Notes**

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.