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# FIRB Approval and ASIC Relief Received for Alkane and Mandalay Transaction

Alkane Resources Ltd ("Alkane") (ASX: ALK) is pleased to give an update on its previously announced plan of arrangement with Mandalay Resources Corporation ("Mandalay") (TSX: MND, OTCQB: MNDJF) under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), pursuant to which Alkane has agreed to indirectly acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Mandalay (the "Transaction").

### **FIRB Approval**

On 26 June 2025, Alkane received written confirmation from the Foreign Investment Review Board ("FIRB") that the Australian Commonwealth Government has no objection to the Transaction under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* (Cth). The FIRB approval condition contained in the definitive arrangement agreement dated 27 April 2025 between Alkane and Mandalay in respect of the Transaction ("Arrangement Agreement") has now been satisfied.

#### **ASIC Relief**

Sections 707(3) and 707(4) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) require Alkane to make disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act if any Alkane shares issued to Mandalay shareholders pursuant to the Transaction are to be sold within 12 months of their issue. However, Alkane has received relief from this requirement from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") so that Mandalay shareholders who receive Alkane shares pursuant to the Transaction may freely trade their Alkane shares within Australia (including on the ASX) without the need for such disclosure under Part 6D.2 (the "Relief"). The condition contained in the Arrangement Agreement concerning the grant of the Relief by ASIC has now been satisfied.

Alkane Managing Director & CEO Nic Earner said: "Detailed information on the merger transaction is now available, together with voting instructions for the Alkane and Mandalay shareholder meetings to be held on 28 July 2025.

The recent satisfaction of the FIRB and other regulatory approvals represent further important milestones and de-risking events for the progression of the merger. I encourage Alkane shareholders to carefully read the information made available by Alkane, and to vote in favour (whether by proxy or in person) of the Transaction resolutions at the upcoming general meeting of Alkane shareholders.

The Transaction has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both Mandalay and Alkane. Both boards of directors unanimously recommend that their respective shareholders vote in favour of the Transaction."

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This document has been authorised for release to the market by Nic Earner, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.

#### ABOUT ALKANE - www.alkane.com.au - ASX: ALK

Alkane Resources Ltd intends to grow to become one of Australia's multi-mine gold and copper producers and have announced their intention for a "merger of equals" with Mandalay Resources Corporation (TSX: MND, OTCQB: MNDJF) to create a combined company. The transaction will create a diversified Australian-centric gold and antimony producer with a portfolio of three operating mines and a strong balance sheet. Alkane's current gold production is from the Tomingley Gold Operations in Central West New South Wales, which has been operating since 2014 and has operating plans extending beyond

Alkane has an enviable exploration track record and controls several highly prospective gold and copper tenements. Its most advanced exploration projects are in the tenement area between Tomingley and Peak Hill, which has the potential to provide additional ore for Tomingley's operations.

Alkane's exploration success includes the landmark porphyry gold-copper mineralisation discovery at Boda in 2019. With exploration drilling ongoing and an economic development pathway shown in a scoping study, Alkane is confident of further consolidating Central West New South Wales' reputation as a significant gold and copper production region.

Alkane's gold interests extend throughout Australia, with strategic investments in other gold exploration and aspiring mining companies.

