



# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

**15 AUGUST 2025** 

# CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING To be held on 15 August 2025

Fellow Shareholders,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all here to Magnetite Mines' Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Magnetite Mines remains committed to developing its 100%-owned Razorback Iron Ore Project to meet accelerating demand for premium iron ore products critical to low-carbon steelmaking. This is our number one priority. With an endowment of 6.6 billion tonnes<sup>1</sup> – representing over a third of South Australia's magnetite resources<sup>2</sup> – our strategy is to secure long-term strategic and offtake partners whose investment will fund the completion of a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) and establish the framework for joint venture participation.

Since entering into a Heads of Agreement with JFE Shoji in July last year<sup>3</sup>, significant progress has been made. JFE Shoji, part of the JFE Group, which includes Japan's second-largest steelmaker, has completed detailed technical due diligence and engaged in commercial negotiations aimed at securing a binding transaction for DFS funding. In parallel, we have introduced other interested parties into the due diligence and negotiation process, in alignment with JFE's preference to co-invest with one or more of these parties to support their Razorback investment decision.<sup>4</sup>

In March 2025, we submitted a high-quality and comprehensive Mining Lease Proposal to the South Australian Department for Energy and Mining for a 5 million tonne per annum operation at Razorback.<sup>5,6</sup> This proposal is progressing through the formal assessment process, with positive initial feedback received, and we continue to work closely with the Department to support that process. In addition, we have advanced land access negotiations, securing three tenement consent agreements and binding land access for the Project's Hillgrange Intermodal Hub.<sup>7,8</sup>

We have also made strong progress in refining the water supply solution for the Project, a key technical hurdle. The base case is to supply fresh water from a coastal desalination plant with a pipeline to site — an approach reflected in our Mining Lease Proposal and Project economic modelling.<sup>5,6</sup> Pioneering testwork completed in 2024 demonstrated the potential for processing ore using seawater, a breakthrough that could significantly reduce capital costs and environmental impact.<sup>9</sup> A provisional patent for this proprietary process was lodged in April 2025, and optimisation work is continuing.<sup>4,10</sup>

In October 2024, we established the Green Iron SA consortium in partnership with Aurizon Holdings, Flinders Port Holdings and GHD.<sup>11</sup> The consortium submitted a well-received Expression of Interest to the South Australian Government's Green Iron Opportunity process, outlining a plan to develop a green iron production hub in Port Pirie using Razorback magnetite as feedstock, and we continue to advocate strongly for the establishment of this hub.<sup>12</sup>



In June 2025, we announced a substantial increase to Razorback's Mineral Resource Estimate, which rose from 3.2 to 3.8 billion tonnes. This brings the Company's Global Mineral Resource across all projects to approximately 6.6 billion tonnes, reinforcing the scale and strategic importance of our assets.<sup>1</sup>

Building on the progress made, we remain focused on finalising strategic partnering negotiations and further de-risking the Project to ensure we are well-positioned for the next stage of Razorback's development.

At the same time, our geology team plans to assess our extensive South Australian tenement base for high-value gold and critical mineral potential using modern, low-cost exploration techniques. With market conditions for these commodities remaining favourable, this initiative represents a strategic opportunity to unlock additional value from our existing asset portfolio, leveraging our in-house expertise with deep knowledge of the region's geology to identify prospectivity.<sup>8,13,14</sup>

To achieve all of these ongoing objectives, working capital is required to support the Company and the Board's objective is to ensure maximum flexibility for the purposes of raising new funds.

During today's meeting, shareholders will be asked to ratify the Convertible Notes and Options issued to C/M Capital Partners in exchange for the funds received in tranches three and four under the terms of our Convertible Loan Note facility with C/M Capital Partners announced in January this year. Furthermore, resolutions 5 and 6 will seek approval from Shareholders with respect to a future raising of \$3.5 million by way of an issue of Shares or Convertible Notes respectively to raise up to a maximum amount of \$3.5 million in aggregate. 15

The combined effect of these resolutions is to refresh the Company's placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and to provide approval for a future capital raising of up to \$3.5 million, giving the Company greater financial flexibility as we continue to attract and negotiate new partner interest for the development of Razorback.<sup>15</sup>

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our shareholders, partners and stakeholders for their continued support.

Mr Paul White

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Chair, Magnetite Mines Limited



## This announcement has been authorised for release to the market by the Board.

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#### **ABOUT MAGNETITE MINES**

Magnetite Mines Ltd is an ASX-listed iron ore company focused on the development of magnetite iron ore resources in the highly-prospective Braemar iron region of South Australia. The Company has a 100% owned Mineral Resource of 6.6 billion tonnes of iron ore and is developing the Razorback Iron Ore Project, located 240km from Adelaide, to meet accelerating market demand for premium iron ore products created by iron & steel sector decarbonisation, with the potential to produce high-value Direct Reduction (DR) grade concentrates. Razorback is set to become a very long-life iron ore project with expansion optionality in a tier 1 jurisdiction that will produce a superior iron ore product sought by steelmakers globally. For more information visit magnetitemines.com.

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