

Installation contract awarded to local contractor

- Sinosteel MECC has executed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with WA-based multidiscipline turnkey contractor, Primero Group Pty Ltd (Primero)
 - LoI covers the process plant concrete, mechanical and electrical installation, testing and commissioning at the Browns Range Pilot Plant Project
 - Primero is experienced in the delivery of remote WA mining projects
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Australian heavy rare earths developer, Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU) is pleased to advise that the lead contractor to the Browns Range Pilot Plant Project, Sinosteel MECC, has executed a Letter of Intent with WA-based multidiscipline turnkey contractor, Primero Group Pty Ltd.

The scope of works includes the concrete, mechanical and electrical installation, testing and commissioning of the process plant at the Browns Range Pilot Plant Project in WA. Northern Minerals is currently implementing the Pilot Plant Project, focusing on the production of the heavy rare earth mineral Dysprosium.

Primero Group is a multi-disciplinary turnkey company specialising in the design, construction and commissioning of projects. With regards to technology minerals, Primero has delivered lithium, vanadium and tantalum projects throughout regional Western Australia.

With mining about to commence at Browns Range and the processing plant equipment and modules currently under construction by Sinosteel MECC in China, it is expected that Primero will commence work on site in Q3 2017.

George Bauk, Northern Minerals' MD and CEO said *"We are pleased that Sinosteel MECC has selected a quality local partner for the process plant installation component of the project. Primero is well known in the WA mining sector as a trusted partner that delivers results."*

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About Northern Minerals:

Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU; Northern Minerals or the Company) has commenced development of the Browns Range Heavy Rare Earth Pilot Plant Project in northern Western Australia.

Through the development of its flagship project, the Browns Range Project (the Project), Northern Minerals aims to be the first significant world producer of dysprosium outside of China.

The Project is 100% owned by Northern Minerals and has several deposits and prospects containing high value dysprosium and other HREs, hosted in xenotime mineralisation.

Dysprosium is an essential ingredient in the production of DyNdFeB (dysprosium neodymium iron-boron) magnets used in clean energy and high technology solutions.

The three-year R&D pilot plant project will commence first production of heavy rare earth carbonate in H1 2018. The pilot plant development provides the opportunity to gain production experience, surety of supply for our offtake partner and assess the feasibility of the larger full scale development.

For more information: northernminerals.com.au.



ASX Code:	NTU	Market Capitalisation:	A\$76m
Issued Shares:	694m	Cash (as at 31 May 2017):	A\$9.5m

About Primero Group:

Primero Group is a multi-disciplinary turnkey company specialising in the design, construction and commissioning of projects. Offering services to the minerals, energy and infrastructure industries, the team is a proven performer in project implementation and delivery with a full complement of civil, structural, mechanical and electrical backgrounds. Whether it's a greenfield project or an upgrade to an existing site, Primero Group has the capability to provide its customers complete turnkey design, construction and commissioning solutions, through the integration of our specialist skills across all engineering disciplines.