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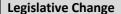
# FURTHER UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN TANZANIA

OreCorp Limited (**OreCorp** or the **Company**) provides a further update on the proposed legislative changes with respect to the legal and regulatory framework governing the natural resources sector in Tanzania (the **Proposed Legislation**).

## The Proposed Legislation

The Proposed Legislation is in the form of three 'special bill supplements', all of which have been passed by the Tanzanian Parliament. The Company understands that the three bills are awaiting gazettal.

The Proposed Legislation is complex and should be considered in its entirety. Draft copies of the Proposed Legislation are available on the Company's website and on the website of the Tanzanian Parliament. A non-exhaustive summary of key aspects of the Proposed Legislation, based on the drafts that are currently available, as they relate to the Company's Tanzanian operations is set out in the following table.



The Tanzanian Government (the **Government**) shall take not less than a 16% free carried interest in all mining operations under a mining licence or special mining licence.

The Government shall be entitled to acquire, in total, up to 50% of the shares of a mining company, commensurate with total tax expenditures incurred by the Government in favour of the mining company.

The royalty rate on the gross value of metallic minerals produced (including gold) is to be increased from 4% to 6%. This is in addition to the 1% clearing fee on the value of all minerals exported from Tanzania from 1 July 2017 under the terms of the new Finance Act which has been approved by the Tanzanian Parliament.

## **Potential impact on the Company**

The Company's pre-feasibility study on the Nyanzaga Project in March 2017 (the **PFS**) did not contemplate the Government holding a free carried interest. Subject to the structure and practical implementation of a Government free carried interest, this change may result in a pro rata reduction in OreCorp's potential attributable share of earnings from the Nyanzaga joint venture.

The potential application of this provision and its impact on OreCorp is unclear. It may be the case that any additional interest that may be acquired by the Government would only be based on the value of tax incentives provided by the Government to the Company. The Company has not yet received the benefit of any tax incentives.

The PFS was completed using a 4.3% royalty (which includes the 0.3% community levy), not 6.3%. Furthermore, the 1% clearing fee was not factored into the PFS. The combination of the two changes essentially results in a royalty of 7.3%, which will result in an increase in the all-in costs that have been disclosed by the Company in respect of its PFS.



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## **ISSUED CAPITAL:**

Shares: 216.4 million Unlisted Options: 9.8 million

#### ABOUT ORECORP:

OreCorp Limited is a Western Australian based mineral company focused on the Nyanzaga Gold Project in Tanzania & the Akjoujt South Nickel – Copper Project in Mauritania.



Legislative Change	Potential impact on the Company
Any earnings from certain mineral	The proposed amendment may limit the Company's unlimited
developments must be retained in banks and	freedom to move foreign currency and may have a negative impact on
financial institutions established in Tanzania,	the financing of the Nyanzaga Project.
unless profits are repatriated in accordance	
with the laws of Tanzania.	
Proceedings or disputes that relate to the	The proposed change seemingly purports to remove the ability of the
extraction, exploitation, acquisition or use of	Company to settle disputes by international arbitration. This may have
natural wealth and resources must be	a negative impact on the financing of the Nyanzaga Project.
adjudicated in Tanzania in accordance with	
the laws of Tanzania.	
Mineral right holders must participate in the	OreCorp has always sought to maximise the use of locally-sourced
growth of the Tanzanian economy by investing	goods and services where possible, and is committed to providing
a portion of the returns from mining, and must	education, employment, and training opportunities for Tanzanian
meet certain requirements in respect of local	nationals. The Company is proud of its active corporate social
content, corporate social responsibility and	responsibility program and intends to continue to work closely with all
the giving of an integrity pledge.	Tanzanian stakeholders for the overall benefit of Tanzania.
No raw resources or mineral concentrates	The Company is of the view that the proposed amendment will not
shall be exported from Tanzania, including for	affect it given that gold dore, rather than concentrate, is proposed to
beneficiation.	be produced at the Nyanzaga Project.
The Government may renegotiate existing	The Company has not entered into a Mineral Development
arrangements or agreements relating to the	Agreement with the Government. As discussed in the Company's
extraction, exploitation and use of natural	announcement on 30 June 2017, the Company had planned to lodge a
resources.	Special Mining Licence application ahead of the expiry of its
	prospecting licence (PL4830/2007) in November 2017. It was also the
	Company's intention to negotiate a Mineral Development Agreement
	and other relevant agreements in conjunction with the Special Mining
	Licence. The Company understands that His Excellency Dr John P.
	Magufuli has directed the Ministry of Energy and Minerals to
	postpone the issue and renewal of mining licences while the new
	Mining Commission is being established and the Proposed Legislation
	is implemented. The Company is seeking further clarification on the
	practical requirements regarding the timing and form of the
	Company's proposed licence application for PL4830/2007.
The Proposed Legislation amends the VAT Act	The Company will continue to assess whether this may apply to the
2015 so that no input tax credit can be	exportation of gold dore.
claimed for the exportation of raw minerals,	
with effect from 20 July 2017.	
Stabilisation arrangements must be time	These provisions may increase the level of uncertainty during the
bound and must make provision for	project payback period and may have a negative impact on the
renegotiation from time to time. Such	financing of the Nyanzaga Project.
arrangements must also quantify the value of	
any tax expenditures of the Government in	
favour of the Company, and include an option	
for the Government to convert those	
quantified values into equity holdings.	
Stabilisation arrangements which involve the	
freezing of laws or contracting away from the	
sovereignty of Tanzania are prohibited.	
The Government shall have a lien over	Depending on the nature and terms of the lien, the proposed
materials extracted from mining operations or	amendment suggests that the ownership of natural resources both in
mineral processing, including mineral	situ and after extraction may vest in the State. This may have a
concentrates.	negative impact on the financing of the Nyanzaga Project and on the
	Company's obligations under any future forward sale agreements.



The Regulations, which will assist the implementation of the Proposed Legislation, are not yet available. The Company will review the Regulations once they are available.

The Company has established a strong independent in-country presence as operator of the Nyanzaga Joint Venture and has been able to materially enhance the value of the Nyanzaga Project for all stakeholders. The Company is eight months ahead of schedule in the proposed Nyanzaga Joint Venture timeline, which allows sufficient time to assess the full impact of the changes and implications for the Nyanzaga Project. The Company will continue to work with all Tanzanian stakeholders and regulatory bodies to deliver the best outcome for Tanzania and the Company.

The Company will provide further updates as appropriate.

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#### **About OreCorp Limited**

OreCorp Limited is a Western Australian based mineral company with gold and base metal projects in Tanzania and Mauritania. OreCorp is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the code 'ORR'. The Company is well funded with no debt. OreCorp's key projects are the Nyanzaga Gold Project in northwest Tanzania and the Akjoujt South Nickel-Copper Project in Mauritania.

On 13 March 2017, the Company announced that it had completed the third stage of its earn-in and JVA with Acacia Mining plc to earn up to a 51% interest in the Nyanzaga Project in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Tanzania. The Project currently hosts a JORC 2012 MRE of 3.3Mozs at 3.48g/t gold.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

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