



# **ASX/Media Announcement**

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# CEO INTERVIEW - KEN BRINSDEN TALKS TO RRS

Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS) ("**Company**") is pleased to draw shareholders' and investors' attention to an interview recorded this week with the Company's Managing Director and CEO, Mr Ken Brinsden. The interview can be viewed at the Resources Rising Stars website by clicking on the link below:

http://www.resourcesrisingstars.com.au/rrs-tv

In the interview, Mr Brinsden covers the following topics:

- Recent and upcoming progress on site at the Pilgangoora Lithium-Tantalum Project following the Company's recent successful \$225 million capital raising and Final Investment Decision;
- An update on the Company's plans to consider a start-up Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) operation;
- An overview on progress towards the previously foreshadowed Stage 2 expansion from 2Mtpa to 5Mtpa;
- Other exploration and growth opportunities available to the Company in the Pilbara region, including the Mt Francisco lithium project joint venture with Atlas Iron (ASX: AGO); and
- Mr Brinsden's comments on the outlook for the lithium market in general.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **ABOUT PILBARA MINERALS**

Pilbara Minerals ("Pilbara" – ASX: PLS) is a mining and exploration company listed on the ASX, specialising in the exploration and development of the specialty metals Lithium and Tantalum. Pilbara owns 100% of the world class Pilgangoora Lithium-Tantalum project which is among the largest Spodumene (Lithium Aluminium Silicate) projects in the world. Pilgangoora is also one of the largest pegmatite hosted Tantalite resources in the world and Pilbara proposes to produce Tantalite as a by-product of its Spodumene production.

# **ABOUT LITHIUM**

Lithium is a soft silvery white metal which is highly reactive and does not occur in nature in its elemental form. It has the highest electrochemical potential of all metals, a key property in its role in Lithium-ion batteries. In nature, it occurs as compounds within hard rock deposits and salt brines. Lithium and its chemical compounds have a wide range of industrial applications resulting in numerous chemical and technical uses. A key growth area is its use in lithium batteries as a power source for a wide range of applications including consumer electronics, power station-domestic-industrial storage, electric vehicles, power tools and almost every application where electricity is currently supplied by fossil fuels.

# **ABOUT TANTALUM**

The Tantalum market is boutique in size with around 1,300 tonnes required each year. Its primary use is in capacitors for consumer electronics, particularly where long battery life and high performance is required such as smart phones, tablets and laptops.

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