

## Venture secures off-take with Tier 1 Iron Ore Trader for the Riley Iron Ore Mine

Venture Minerals Limited (ASX code: VMS) (“Venture” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that the **Company has signed a Binding Terms Sheet for the Riley Iron Ore Mine off-take with Prosperity Steel United Singapore Pte Ltd (“Prosperity Steel”), one of the largest iron ore traders in the world** (refer Page Two). Prosperity Steel agrees to buy and receive the Riley product for 100% of the first two years of iron ore production based on reserves of 1.8Mt @ 57% Fe (table two) and a previous mining study<sup>1</sup> (announced on 19 April 2012) which will be updated before a decision to recommence mining. The price is based on the Platts Iron Ore Index adjusted for grade and content.

The Company has now **completed a major milestone towards recommencing the Riley Iron Ore Mine** since the review began in February this year. The next and final step is to update the mining study that will allow a Decision to Mine to be made in the coming weeks. Should a positive decision be made then **iron ore production is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2019**.

Venture has had the Riley Iron Ore Mine on Care & Maintenance since August 2014 shortly after it suspended operations. The current price is now over 30%\* higher in AUD terms than it was upon closing. Since early last December, the 62% Fe price has risen more than 40%\* in USD terms and with the recent events at Vales’ mines in Brazil the current price levels could be sustained for at least the near term.

The Company has already completed extensive pre-production work at the Riley Project putting in place all the necessary requirements to commence mining, it is therefore and has always been a ‘quick to market’ opportunity for the company.

### Highlights at the Riley DSO Hematite Project include:

- Riley Iron Mine is situated on a granted mining lease and is positioned to recommence operations within a very short period of time;
- Approximately 90% of the Equipment that was previously purchased is still on hand;
- Riley has Reserves of 1.8Mt @ 57% Fe with low impurities (refer Table Two);
- The Riley DSO deposit is all at surface, located less than 2 km from a sealed road that accesses existing rail and port facilities (refer Figure One).

**Venture’s Managing Director commented** *“The signing of the off-take agreement with a group of the calibre of Prosperity Steel, has strengthened the likelihood of the Riley Iron Ore Mine moving into production. Venture looks forward to delivering the first shipment to our new partners at a positive time in the iron ore price cycle. In addition, the Company will soon be delivering the outcomes from an updated Scoping Study on the higher-grade development scenario for the Mount Lindsay Tin-Tungsten Project.*

\* Pricing comparisons were done on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 when the 62% Fe price was US\$94.90 and the exchange rate was 0.70 for A\$135.57

<sup>1</sup> Note: Scoping Study announced on 19 April 2012 includes Livingstone reserves which is not being considered with the updated Riley Study.

### Venture Fast Facts

ASX Code: VMS  
 Shares on Issue: 520.6 million  
 Market Cap: \$12.0 million  
 Cash: \$0.4m (31 March 19)

### Recent Announcements

Quarterly Report ending 31 March 2019 (26/04/2019)

Half Year Report ending 31 December 2018 (14/03/2019)

Major EM Survey to Target Renison Style Tin Mineralisation at Mount Lindsay (13/03/2019)

Further massive sulfides intersected with Cu & Zn at Thor (21/02/2019)

RIU Explorers’ Conference Presentation – February 2019 (20/02/2019)

Venture to review restarting Riley Iron Ore Mine (18/02/2019)

Quarterly Report for period ending 31 December 2018 (22/01/2019)

Quarterly Activities Report (31/12/2018)

Quarterly Cashflow Report (31/12/2018)

Results of Annual General Meeting (30/11/18)

Drilling Commenced on Priority Targets at Thor (27/11/18)

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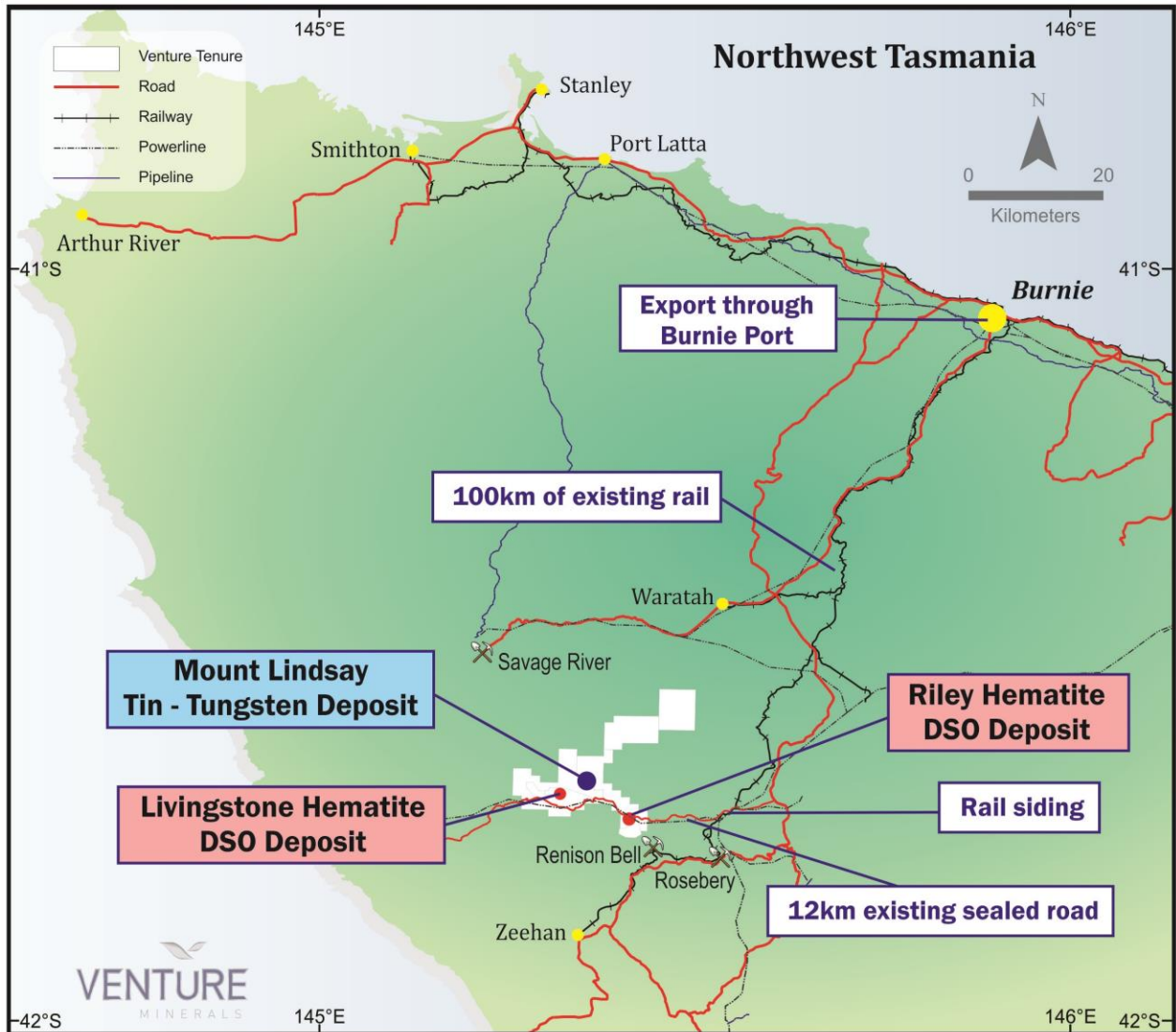
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## About Prosperity Steel

PROSPERITY STEEL UNITED SINGAPORE PTE LTD<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter PSU) was founded in 2003 in Singapore and is one of the world's leading iron ore trading companies, actively engaged in metallurgical raw materials trading, including iron ore, coal, nickel and other materials.

**Figure One | Location Map for Mount Lindsay Tin-Tungsten Deposit/Riley DSO Deposit/Livingstone DSO Deposit**



<sup>1</sup> Public information on PSU is available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/private/snapshot.asp?privcapid=27246155> and [www.equitynet.com.hk/0990/pdf/ANN/201605265937.pdf](http://www.equitynet.com.hk/0990/pdf/ANN/201605265937.pdf)

## Overview- Riley DSO Hematite Project

The 100% owned Riley DSO Project is located 10 km from the Mount Lindsay Deposit (refer Figure One) and occurs as a hematite rich pisolitic and cemented laterite. The deposit is all at surface, located less than 2 km from a sealed road that accesses existing rail and port facilities.

A maiden resource statement of 2mt @ 57% Fe was defined in 2012 (refer Table One).

**Table One | Resource Statement - Riley DSO Project**

Resource	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	LOI (%)
Indicated	2.0mt	57	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.08	7.7

Note: Refer to ASX announcement on 26 July 2012.

This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Following completion of the resource, Venture engaged independent mining engineers, Rock Team, to complete mining studies on the deposit and produce a reserve statement. With all the hematite resources at Riley located at or near surface, the study delivered a 90% conversion rate of resource to reserve (refer Table Two).

**Table Two | Reserve Statement - Riley DSO Project**

Reserve	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	LOI (%)
Probable	1.8mt	57	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.07	7.8

Note: Refer to ASX announcement on 26 July 2012.

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## Trading Halt

This announcement effectively lifts the trading halt requested on 1 May 2019. The company is not aware of any reason why the ASX would not allow trading to commence immediately.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Radonjic**  
**Managing Director**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Minerals Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Radonjic, a fulltime employee of the company and who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew Radonjic has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 and 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Andrew Radonjic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Denis Grubic, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Grubic is an independent consultant. Mr Grubic qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 and 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Grubic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

**Notes:** All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Minerals Resource and Reserve estimate referred to within previous ASX announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed list last reported. The company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the said announcement.