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### **IMAGE RESOURCES CY 2019 UPDATED GUIDANCE**

Image Resources NL (ASX: IMA) ("Image" or "the Company") is pleased to announce updated production and profitability guidance for Calendar Year ("CY") 2019 related to the operation of its 100%-owned, high-grade, zircon-rich Boonanarring mineral sands project located 80km north of Perth in the infrastructure-rich North Perth Basin in Western Australia.

## 2019 CY Production and Profitability Guidance<sup>1,2</sup>

	2019 Q1 Actual	2019 Q2 Actual	YTD Actual <sup>2</sup>	Previous Guidance	Updated Guidance
Ore Processed (Kt)	664	787	1,451	3,400-3,700	3,100-3,300
HMC <sup>3</sup> Produced (Kt)	68,736	69,045	137,781	220-240	240-260
HMC <sup>3</sup> Sold (KDMT)	47,947	68,242	116,189	220-240	230-250
Revenue (\$million)	24.8	42.5	67.3	125-142	130-145
Revenue/DMT HMC Sold	517	623	579	568-592	568-592
Project Operating Costs <sup>4</sup> (\$million)	15.4	22.4	37.8	85-95	75-85
Project Operating Costs <sup>4</sup> /DMT HMC Sold	322	329	325	385-420	320-350
Project EBITDA <sup>4</sup>	A\$9.3M	A\$20.2M	A\$29.5M	A\$40-50M	A\$55-65M

- Notes: 1. To be read in conjunction with Annexure A Disclaimer and Forward-Looking Statements.
  - 2. Further details regarding YTD actuals can be found in the 30 June 2019 Quarterly Report announced 23 July 2019.
  - 3. Heavy Mineral Concentrate product.
  - 4. Non-IFRS Financial Information:

This document contains non-IFRS unaudited financial measures including Project operating costs and Project EBITDA. Image management considers these to be key financial performance indicators used to measure underlying operational performance. Project operating costs include costs incurred in producing HMC at the Boonanarring Project plus logistics costs but exclude corporate and exploration costs, depreciation/amortisation, financing costs and income tax. Project EBITDA is calculated as revenue from sale of HMC less Project Operating Costs.

#### **Very Positive 1st Half 2019 Performance**

Following the successful fast-tracked construction and commissioning of the Boonanarring Project, Image transitioned to an active mining company with the start of production on 1 December 2018 and ramping up to full-scale HMC production in only the second month of operation in January 2019.

During the first 6 months of 2019 the operating performance at Boonanarring significantly exceeded expectations in a number of key areas. The exceptional start to operations resulted in higher HMC production, due primarily to higher than expected heavy mineral (HM) ore grades, coupled with significantly lower operating costs and operating 'unit' costs per tonne of HMC sold. This resulted in higher margins per DMT of HMC sold and higher than expected project EBITDA.

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Managing Director Patrick Mutz commented, "The combination of a high-quality deposit married with the right plant and equipment and operated by a very experienced and passionate team, continues to over-deliver on expectations. The very positive production performance during the first two quarters of 2019 has delivered significantly higher margins and project EBITDA. As a result the Company has lifted CY 2019 project EBITDA guidance by \$15 million to a range of \$55 to 65 million. Importantly, at end of June the Company held 38,000 tonnes of low cost, but high-value HMC product, providing additional confidence that the updated guidance is achievable."

# **Boonanarring Project Background Information**

The Boonanarring Project is arguably one of the highest heavy mineral grade, zircon-rich, mineral sands projects in Australia. Project funding was finalised and construction commenced in April-May 2018. Following a six-month construction period, completed on time and on budget, the project was commissioned in October-November 2018 and the planned six-month production ramp-up period commenced on 1 December 2018. For the first six months of 2019 production and project EBITDA significantly exceeded guidance.

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#### Annexure A

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