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# \$20 million placement to further strengthen balance sheet

Australian heavy rare earths producer, Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU) (the **Company**) is pleased to announce that the Company has entered into a subscription agreement with Baogang Group Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd (BGIA) to raise \$20 million (before costs) under a private placement (Placement).

BGIA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Chinese State Owned Entity that owns steel mills in China.

The Placement is for the issue of a total of 322,580,645 fully paid ordinary shares (**Shares**) at an issue price of A\$0.062 per share to raise \$20 million (before costs) and is subject to approval of the Company's shareholders, BGIA obtaining Australian Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approval and all regulatory approvals in the People's Republic of China being obtained. All conditions to the Placement must be satisfied within 6 months (or such longer period as agreed) in order for the Placement to complete.

Funds from the Placement are due to be received within 60 days following satisfaction (or waiver) of the above conditions.

The shares to be issued under the Placement represent approximately 13.0% of the Company's existing share capital.

The Company intends to use the funds raised under the Placement towards progression of the Company's project enhancement initiatives for the Browns Range Project that have been previously announced to ASX (being ore sorting, product separation and increased exploration).

The Company will seek shareholder approval for the Placement at its Annual General Meeting (which will be held in November).

### Forward Looking Statements

This announcement includes forward-looking statements. These statements relate to the Company's expectations, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. These statements can be identified by the use of words like "will", "progress", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "may", "seek", "towards", "enable" and similar words or expressions containing same.

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#### **About Northern Minerals:**

Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU; Northern Minerals or the Company) has completed practical completion of the Browns Range Heavy Rare Earth Pilot Plant Project in northern Western Australia and commenced pilot plant production of heavy rare earth carbonate.

The Pilot Plant Project will continue to assist the company evaluate the economic and technical feasibility of mining at Browns Range, and will provide the opportunity to gain production experience and surety of supply for our offtake partner.

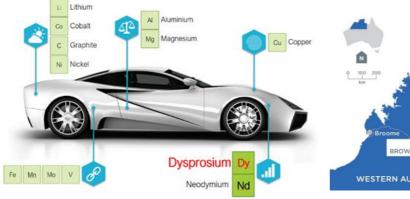
Through the development of its flagship project, the Browns Range Project (the Project), Northern Minerals aims to build the Western Australian operation into the first significant world producer of dysprosium outside of China.

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 ironboron) magnets used in clean energy and high technology solutions.

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ASX Code: NTU Market Capitalisation: A\$187.1m Issued Shares: 2,495m Cash (as at 30 June 2019): A\$8.1m