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# NSL AND INDIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT

# HIGHLIGHTS

- NSL Management meet with Central Government Steel and Mines Minister and key advisors to progress AP 14 approvals process through Delhi.
- AP14 has been sponsored by the Government of India Prime Minister's Office through the Project Monitoring Group to remove implementation bottlenecks with the project on a fast-track basis.
- > State Government Mining Lease approval already granted.
- The AP14 project is a 290 acre property in Karimnagar, 200 km North East of Hyderabad.
- Average concentrate grade of 68.9% Fe, 3.0% SiO<sub>2</sub> and 0.2% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with average mass recoveries of 33.4%.

NSL Consolidated Limited (Company, ASX: **NSL**, **NSLO**) is pleased to provide an update regarding the development of its AP14 Project. As announced previously, the Government of India, through the Prime Minister's Office and Cabinet Secretariat accepted the AP14 project into the Project Monitoring Group (**PMG**) which is designed to remove implementation bottlenecks in Major National Projects on a fast-track basis.

During early May NSL's Managing Director Mr Cedric Goode was able to sit with the Honourable Narendra Singh Tomar, the Central Government Minister for Steel and Mines.

During the detailed session the Minister offered some key insights into the project, specifically:

- The Government is highly supportive of foreign investment into the mining industry in India and supportive of the NSL business strategy,
- The application of technology and global best practice into unlocking value from low grade deposits is strongly aligned with the country's National Mineral Policy and as a result support is offered for the NSL business,
- The Minister gave assurances to support the timely processing of AP14 through Delhi.

"The Company is buoyed by the engagement at all levels of Indian Government," said Mr Goode. "What we are seeing now is the support for foreign investment by the new Modi government translating into action. The continuing increasing levels of exposure and understanding of the Company, positions NSL to become an important participant in the Indian and Australian bilateral trade process."



# NSL Representatives with Honourable Narendra Singh Tomar

Since the Mining Lease application was recommended for grant by the State Government there have been significant positive engagements with both State level and Central Government representatives. During April representatives of NSL have been able to meet with both the local Member (MLA) and State Parliamentary (MP) representatives to continue both consultation and forward work plans with the State Government.

In addition the Company is pleased to see the frequent and meaningful support offered by the Project Monitoring Group. Since the start of 2015 at least 4 meetings have been held in Delhi to further progress the AP14 project.

The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), coming under the Central Government's Ministry of Commerce and Industry in India is sponsoring the AP14 Project with the PMG.

The PMG has been set up by the Prime Minister's Office, Government of India to proactively pursue new major infrastructure projects and any stalled projects to ensure that the projects are commissioned on time.

The PMG restricts its interest to projects deemed critical to the National Interest or involving more than 1,000 Indian Crores (approximately A\$180 million) of total investments.

# **Project Summary**

As announced on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013, the AP14 exploration target is 134 million to 377 million tonnes of magnetite at grades ranging from 20% to 50% Fe.

Contained within this exploration target there exists potential for a high grade core of Direct Ship Ore (**DSO**) quality enriched magnetite, with estimates from 5 million to 10 million tonnes with a grade range from 55% to 65% Fe.

It should be noted that the exploration target quoted above is conceptual in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource under the JORC Code. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.

Metallurgical testing based on Davis Tube Recovery (**DTR**) methods of 25 grab samples provided the following averages for recovery, head grade and concentrate grade:

#### Magnetite Head Grade Quality

Fe %	FeO %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	Ρ%	S %	LOI %
33.89	7.62	50.66	0.23	0.03	0.02	0.31

# Magnetite Concentrate Quality

Recovery %	Fe %	FeO %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	P %	S %	LOI %
33.4	68.93	19.65	3.00	0.18	0.02	0.02	<0.10

For full details related to this AP14 exploration target and metallurgical testing please refer to the ASX announcement dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013.

#### **Project Overview**

The AP14 project covers 290 acres (113 hectares) and is located in the Karimnagar District of Telangana State, approximately 200 km north east from the State capital of Hyderabad. The local topography of the project area consists of five peaks which rise between 40m to 200m above the surrounding terrain which is at an elevation of around 190m above mean sea level.

The project area comprises upper Archean rock formations. The target mineralisation consists of Banded Magnetite Quartzite (**BMQ**), which from surface mapping and geomagnetic surveys covers between 50% and 70% of the project area, and is seen as outcrop from the base to the top of the peaks. Intrusions represented by granitic sills and dykes varying in width from 1m to 5m are present within the project area.

Historic mining operations are evident with small pits being present across the project area.

For full project details please refer to ASX announcement dated, 1st February 2013.



Project Topography at AP14 showing distinctive hillock feature



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# **Exploration Target**

The potential mineralisation for the AP14 magnetite project has been based on the following key parameters:

- Geomagnetic surface surveys suggest mineralisation ranging from 50% to 70% of the surface area, which is 113 hectares in total;
- Depth persistence through geomagnetic surveys has shown good consistency to 75 metres depth, and good indicators beyond 150 metres, which is also the approximate height of the terrain above the local surrounding ground level; and
- A bulk density factor of 3.1 t/m<sup>3</sup>.

The exploration target is represented in the table below:

Material	Min. Tonnes (million tonnes)	Max. Tonnes (million tonnes)	Min. Grade (Fe)	Max. Grade (Fe)
BMQ	128	364	20%	50%
Enriched BMQ	5	10	55%	65%
Float Material	1	3	25%	50%
Total	134	377	20%	50%

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The grade range for the BMQ is expected to vary from **20% - 50%** Fe. The average head grade data from all 66 samples collected in the second phase of testing is represented in the following table:

Fe	FeO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	LOI	S	Р
32.91	5.03	51.34	0.39	0.37	0.02	0.03

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# Future Development Scenario

Based upon the geology and tested material beneficiation quality and recovery characteristics, the company has considered high level future development scenarios to guide project development activities. At this stage, a high level operational concept is being pursued which will include an initial phase 1 mining operation with an associated beneficiation plant. Phase 2 operations will include a pellet plant and consider capacity expansions.

Given the potential nature of the deposit the company is evaluating a Phase One project scale including the following:

- 10 million tonne per annum mining operation;
- 10 million tonne per annum associated crushing, screening and beneficiation plant; and
- 4 million tonne per annum high grade concentrate production.



# **Region Map Overview**

The project area is well served by local infrastructure including:

- Vizag Port and Krishnapatnam Port for international export;
- Railway siding within 30km, connected by bitumen road and National Highway;
- Domestic power line within 5km and significant power generation capacity associated with nearby coal mines; and
- Perennial surface water resource adjacent to project, available for industrial use with Government approval.



View from top of AP14 project



AP14 Location showing nearby water resource

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# **Competent Persons Statement:**

The information in this statement relating to the iron ore exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Paul Blackney who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Blackney is employed by Optiro Pty Ltd. Mr Blackney has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Paul Blackney consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.