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METALLICA'S LOGISTICS PROVIDER SHIPS MAIDEN CARGO FROM HEY POINT

Highlights

- Hey Point near Weipa loads its maiden bauxite export shipment
- Proves infrastructure solution destined for use by Metallica for first bauxite exports in H1 2017
- First independent bauxite exports from Cape York in more than 50 years

Bauxite developer, Metallica Minerals Limited (Metallica) (ASX:MLM) is pleased to advise that the established barging and transshipping facility at Hey Point near Weipa on the west coast of Queensland's Cape York, has successfully loaded its maiden shipment of bauxite. The infrastructure at Hey Point, used for Green Coast Resources (GCR) maiden bauxite shipment in recent days, is the same infrastructure to be used by Metallica to deliver a ready-made logistics solution for Metallica's anticipated production in the first half of 2017 from its nearby Urguhart Bauxite project.

The Cape York HMS & Bauxite Project Joint Venture (Joint Venture), in which Metallica's wholly-owned subsidiary, Oresome Australia Pty Ltd has a 50% interest and is the manager of the joint venture, had previously entered into a Heads of Agreement with GCR for direct shipping bauxite (DSB) from the Joint Venture's Urquhart Bauxite Project (see ASX release 7 April 2016), located 15km away from Hey Point. Metallica provided working capital to GCR via a Short Term Loan (Loan) (see ASX release 4 October 2016) to assist that company's successful maiden bauxite export from the Hey Point facility. Under the terms of the loan, GCR is now bound to provide transshipping services and access to Metallica.



Figure 1: MV Ironclad I transshipping bauxite to an ocean going export vessel

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Metallica CEO, Mr Simon Slesarewich:

"Metallica congratulates GCR in becoming the first independent company to export bauxite from Cape York since 1963. The ability to transship bauxite into ocean going export vessels, utilizing the Hey Point barge loading facility, validates Metallica's decision to choose the low capital cost and established facilities at Hey Point as its logistics solution for Urquhart Bauxite. The established and now tested infrastructure delivers a real solution to export markets for bauxite product from our project."

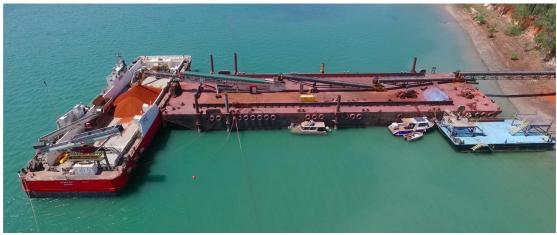


Figure 2: Loading of bauxite through the Hey Point barge loading facility onto the self-propelled barge MV IronClad I

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About the Hey Point Bauxite Project

The Hey Point Bauxite Project (HPBP) is located close to the junction of the Embley and Hey rivers, near Weipa in North Qld (see Figure 3 below). HPBP is owned and operated by the privately owned Green Coast Resource Pty Ltd (GCR). GCR acquired HPBP from Cape Alumina Ltd in June 2013. Since that time GCR have been successful in securing approvals to commence bauxite mining and export operations.

Hey Point is directly accessible to water deep enough to load barges from a 70 metre pontoon that will act as a jetty supporting a conveyor system that is used to load the self-propelled MV IronClad I barge (see Figure 2). It is an ideal infrastructure hub for bauxite exports and is located just 15km from the Urguhart Bauxite project.

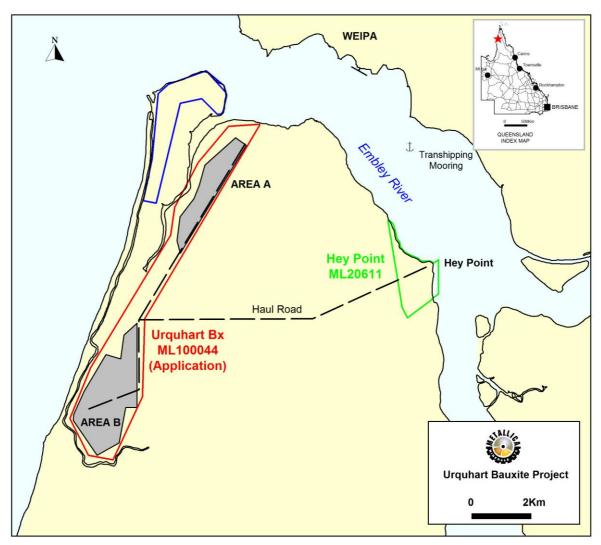


Figure 3: Location of Hey Point Bauxite Project relative to the Urquhart Bauxite Project