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BALLA BALLA RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN LIGHT

Pilbara iron ore developer Aurox Resources Limited (ASX: AXO) is pleased to announce it has secured Environmental Ministerial Approval from the Western Australian (“WA”) Government for its 100% owned Balla Balla iron ore Project.

The Balla Balla Project is based on a 6 million tonne per annum (“mtpa”) magnetite mine growing to a 10 mtpa operation within five years from commissioning. The Balla Balla Project is expected to achieve first production in early 2012.

Aurox received the Approval notification from the WA Minister for Environment on 24 April, marking another major milestone in the development of the Balla Balla Project.

Aurox Managing Director Charles Schaus stated, “This is a pivotal milestone for the Company and its shareholders; one that ensures the Balla Balla Project will be developed as soon as the next stage of financing is secured.”

“Throughout the approval process there has been close co-operation between the Company, the State Government and key project stakeholders, and we commend everyone involved for their efforts and patience. The Minister for Environment and the Office of the Appeals Convenor were particularly helpful in completing our approval.”

“Importantly, the environmental green light is the crucial Approval financiers now look for when considering the commitment of funds to projects like Balla Balla, as they can be assured their investment can be put to work immediately.”

Representatives from Aurox arrived in Beijing on 27 April to commence discussions with potential investment groups and existing off-take partners.

Securing Ministerial Approval for the Project ensures production at Balla Balla, based on a large titanomagnetite orebody located near the coast 110 kms southwest of Port Hedland, moves another step closer. Engineering of plant and port infrastructure is well advanced including a 15 year port access agreement with the Port Hedland Port Authority for the Utah Point multi-user facility.



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Please see media statement from the Minister for Environment regarding the Balla Balla project Approval below.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Minister for Environment

Media Statement

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Minister Approves Pilbara Iron Ore Project

Environment Minister Donna Faragher has given environmental approval to Pilbara iron ore developer Aurox Resources Limited for its 100 per cent owned iron ore project.

The project, which is located midway between Karratha and Port Hedland, is to mine and process up to 10.1 million tonnes per annum of magnetite ore over a 15 year mine life.

Minister Faragher has set stringent conditions on conserving flora and vegetation; managing fauna, particular during the laying of slurry and return water pipelines; protecting the quality of surface and groundwater; and ensuring site rehabilitation after the closure of the mine.

Mrs Faragher said the State Government is currently focusing on improving approvals processes so that Western Australia can continue to attract investment in development and key industries while maintaining high standards of environmental protection.

She says work has been progressing well, particularly with the recent release of the Environmental Protection Authority's review of Environmental Impact Assessments.

Media Contact: Minister's Office 9213 7250.

About Aurox

Aurox Resources Limited is a Perth based metals developer holding 100% tenure over the Balla Balla Project; a large homogeneous titanomagnetite orebody located near the coast, 110 kms southwest of Port Hedland, Western Australia. Key infrastructure including a gas pipeline, electrical grid and the Northwest Coastal Highway pass within 10kms of the Project area. Expenditure to date exceeds AUD80 million on developing the iron/vanadium/titanium potential of this highly prospective deposit. Mineral Resources exceed 430 million tonnes (Mt) and JORC compliant Ore Reserves of 207Mt grading 45% Fe, 0.65% V₂O₅ provide the current 15 year life of mine. Detailed engineering for the Project's processing plant, port facilities and associated infrastructure is well advanced, and water supply is established. Transport of the iron-vanadium concentrate slurry will be by slurry pipeline from the Balla Balla mine-site to Port Hedland. The filtered concentrate will be shipped from the Utah Point berth (currently under construction) where Aurox holds a 15 year access agreement with the Port Hedland Port Authority. Long-term binding off-take agreements for Balla Balla concentrate have been secured with China's largest steel company Hebei Iron & Steel Group and independent steel maker RockCheck Iron & Steel Group. Production at Balla Balla will commence with 6 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) concentrate, increasing to 10Mtpa within 5 years of operation. Bi-product testwork indicate the potential to recover 400,000 tonnes per annum of titanium concentrate from tailing material.

BALLA BALLA LOCATION MAP

