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# TNG REPORTS POSITIVE INTERIM RESULTS FROM MOUNT PEAKE SCOPING STUDY

CONSISTENT GRADES AND RECOVERIES OF IRON, VANADIUM & TITANIUM

Australian resources company TNG Limited (ASX: **TNG**) is pleased report positive interim results from the new Scoping Study on its 100%-owned **Mount Peake Vanadium Project** in the Northern Territory.

The new Scoping Study, commissioned in July for commercial extraction of all **three key commodities** from the ore – namely iron, vanadium and titanium – has delivered encouraging results incorporating a newly patented hydrometallurgical process developed by TNG in conjunction with its metallurgical consultants, METS.

### Key interim findings from the Scoping Study are summarised below:

- the iron concentrate grade is consistent at **54-55% Fe** after preliminary grinding and magnetic separation:
  - Fe recovery is approximately 71-75%;
- the vanadium concentrate grade is consistent at 1.2% after preliminary grinding and magnetic separation:
  - V recovery is 91 95%;
- the titanium grade is consistent at **16–17%** after preliminary grinding and magnetic separation:
  - Ti recovery is 75%;
- the ore is low in phosphorus, silica and alumina below commercial penalty values
- in leaching, the vanadium is readily leached with an extraction of >90% achieved, 80% for Fe, but only 20% for Ti;
- TiO<sub>2</sub> extraction further purification would lead to a commercial grade TiO<sub>2</sub> achievable which could generate extra revenue;
- METS' view is that further test work may potentially eliminate the need for fine grinding, resulting in a further reduction in capital and operating expenditures; and

• METS' view is that the Capex and Opex using the new hydrometallurgical processing technique will be much lower than standard processes.

The Mount Peake deposit, which currently contains a JORC Inferred Resource of 139 million tonnes (Mt) grading 0.29% vanadium ( $V_2O_5$ ), titanium ( $TiO_2$ ), 23.7% iron (Fe), produces smelter acceptable concentrate grades after low cost upgrading. The project is close to existing power and transport infrastructure and has a potential Exploration Target<sup>1</sup> of 500-700 Mt with a grade range of 0.2% - 0.4%  $V_2O_5$  and 25% - 35% Fe.

It is important to note that the previous Scoping Study on the Mount Peake Project undertaken by Snowden Mining Industry Consultants had already returned positive economics despite a relatively high Capex estimate.

The new Scoping study will incorporate the hydrometallurgical process, which is the subject of a new Patent jointly owned by TNG and "METS" on an equal share basis. Further pre-processing optimisation tests have been carried out on drill core and continue to show improvements to both grade and recovery of both vanadium concentrate and iron

Test work carried out by TNG/METS has shown that the magnetic concentrate is amenable to hydrometallurgical processing, resulting in very high recoveries of vanadium (98%) and iron (83-99%) in the acid leaching.

TNG remains positive that the new process and recovery of all three marketable products will significantly boost the Project's economics. The Company will continue to advance the test work with METS to optimise the process prior to a decision on proceeding with a full Feasibility Study.

Yours faithfully

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Paul Burton who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Director of TNG Limited. Paul Burton has sufficient experience 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'. Paul Burton consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature, that there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resources.

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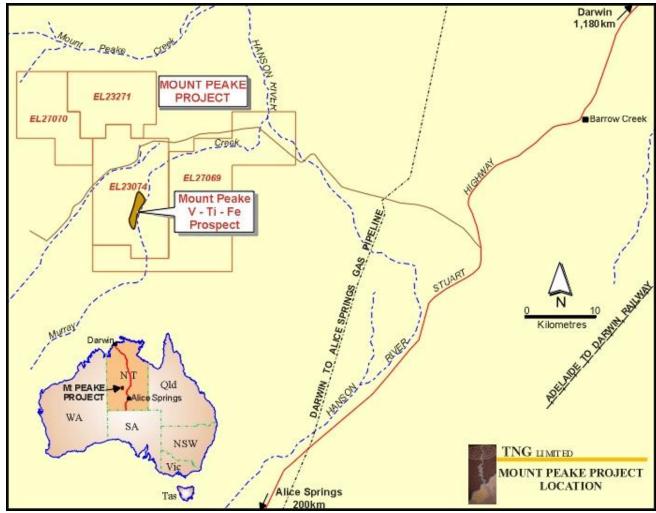


Figure 1: Project Location Map: Mount Peake Deposit.