

BRIERTY AWARDED KARARA HEMATITE MINING CONTRACT

MAJOR CONTRACT AWARDS SHOW KARARA MOVING TOWARDS FULL-SCALE PRODUCTION

Gindalbie Metals Limited (ASX: **GBG** – “Gindalbie”) is pleased to advise of the awarding of another major services contract for the Karara Iron Ore Project as it continues to progress towards full-scale production next year.

Civil and mining contractor Brierty Limited (ASX: BYL) has been awarded a contract for Hematite Mining and Associated Services at Karara.

The contract is valued at around \$185 million and will run for approximately four years.

Brierty will undertake direct shipping iron ore mining services operations at Karara’s Blue Hills North and Terapod deposits including drill and blast, load and haul, crushing and screening and road haulage. The contract also covers train loading activities of both hematite ore and for the duration of the contract magnetite concentrate, at the Karara rail loop, which is currently under construction.

Mobilisation and establishment will commence immediately with the first mining activities scheduled to occur in June.

Gindalbie’s Managing Director, Mr Tim Netscher said the signing of the hematite mining contract signalled another important milestone in the ramp-up of Karara to production, following the first iron ore shipment from the project in March.

“Establishing our hematite mining business at this time allows us to begin early testing of important components of our production and shipping system, while also gaining valuable cash flow during our capital expenditure phase,” Mr Netscher said.

A major contract for the main magnetite mining operations is currently also in the advanced stages of negotiation.

Mr Netscher said Brierty had been selected as the contractor for hematite mining based on the strength of its team, service capability and professional approach. The company is already familiar with the project, having previously undertaken related civil works on site.

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