



## Bligh Resources Limited

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Hanjing Xu  
Peiqi Zhang  
Liming Niu (Alternate Director for Mr Xu)  
Zhijie Li (Alternate Director for Mr Zhang)

#### Company Secretary

Adrian Di Carlo

#### Issued Capital:

Shares: 57,475,720  
Unlisted Opts: 16,000,000  
(Escrowed)

ASX: **BGH**

#### Currently Exploring for:

- Manganese
- Gold
- Copper

#### Current Projects:

- Kumarina
- Bootu Creek Two
- Grenfell
- Manilla
- Leonora

## Bligh enters into strategic joint venture with Yiwang Ferroalloy on Grenfell Project

- **Yiwang Ferroalloy to invest up to \$3.6 million to earn 50% of Grenfell project**
- **Yiwang is one of China's largest manganese alloy producers and exporters**
- **Yiwang Chairman Mr Jinle Song holds an 8.12% interest in Bligh**
- **Mr Jinle Song to join the Board as Non-Executive Director**

**Bligh Resources Limited ("Bligh" or "Company") (ASX: BGH)** is pleased to announce that it has entered into a Joint Venture Deed of Agreement with Jiaocheng Yiwang Ferroalloy Co Ltd ("**Yiwang**") over the company's 100% owned Grenfell Project.

The Grenfell project, targeting manganese mineralisation, covers two exploration licenses (EL7492 and EL7556) extending over 313km<sup>2</sup> in southeast central NSW. Bligh has recently completed geophysical data sets with numerous faults identified.

Yiwang is one of China's largest producers and exporters of manganese alloys. The company was established in April 1988 and employs over 1,500 people. Yiwang has a total market capitalisation of RMB 1.2 billion (A\$180 million) with an annual production value of RMB 2 billion (A\$300 million).

Yiwang has the potential to earn a 50% interest of Bligh's Grenfell manganese project through a total spend of \$3.6 million. The agreement is based on staged exploration funding from Yiwang to earn its interest in the Grenfell project:

- Stage 1 – Yiwang to spend \$600,000 on exploration to earn 5-10% (the second 5% is allocated if Yiwang elects to progress to stage 2)
- Stage 2 – Yiwang to spend \$1,000,000 on exploration to earn a further 15%
- Stage 3 – Yiwang to spend \$1,000,000 on exploration to earn a further 10%
- Stage 4 – Yiwang to spend \$1,000,000 on exploration to earn a further 5%
- Stage 5 – Final 10% issued to Yiwang upon completion of BFS and based on pre-agreed terms and conditions

As part of the agreement, Bligh will be required to invest 50% of Yiwang's exploration spend at each stage to maintain its interest in the project.

The first funding from Yiwang is due within 21 days from the signing of the JV agreement on August 6, 2012.

Bligh's Executive Director Rob Benussi commented: "We are very pleased to have agreed terms with one of China's leading manganese alloy producers.

Bligh has a strategy focussed on securing agreements and partnerships with established companies who can bring technical expertise and backing to its projects. This deal with Yiwang is significant, and we are looking forward to working together to develop the Grenfell project.

"This agreement also allows Bligh to fast-track its exploration efforts whilst maintaining a strong cash balance."

Chairman of Yiwang, Mr Jinle Song said: “I am delighted to have joined the Board of Bligh. As a major shareholder and director of the company, and an investor at project level, our interests are closely aligned in the growth and development of the company.

“Yiwang believes that the Grenfell project offers significant exploration upside and we look forward to working with Bligh to maximise its potential.”

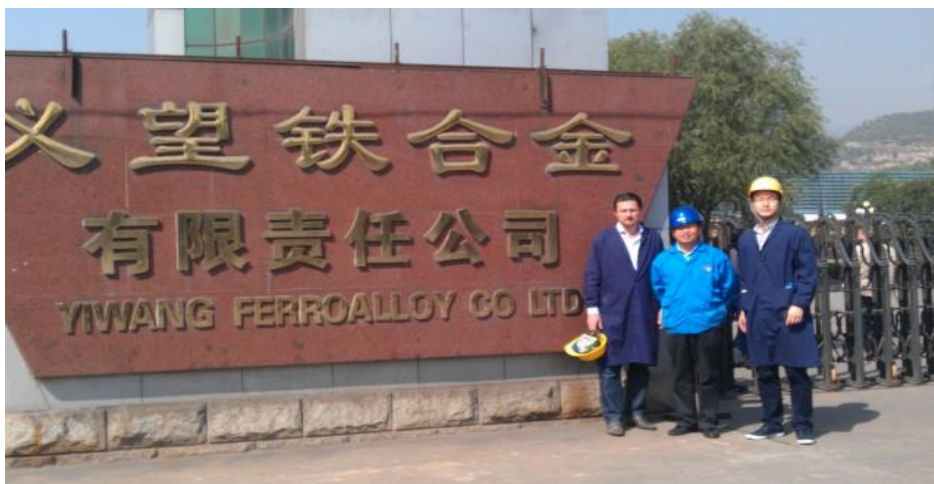
Exploration is progressing at Grenfell with an Induced Polarisation (IP) survey commencing in August, and drilling of approximately 80 RC holes scheduled for September/October. Drilling will be focused around historical manganese mines located within the Hoskins Chert.

Mr Benussi added: “Bligh continues to pursue a number of corporate initiatives with a view to strengthening its project portfolio and financial backing. We will update shareholders with any developments.”

**Further information:**

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**Figure 1. Entrance to Jiaocheng Yiwang Ferroalloy Co Ltd in Shanxi province**



**Figure 2. Workers at Yiwang splitting the 98% Ferro-alloy Manganese**



**Figure 3. Manganese stockpiles on location at Yiwang's facility in Shanxi Province**



**Figure 4. Manganese Ferro-alloy product**

### **Background on Mr Jinle Song**

- Chairman-Shanxi Jiaocheng Yiwang Ferroalloy Co., Ltd (2004- Current)
- Director -Shanxi Jiaocheng Yiwang Ferroalloy Co., Ltd (1992-2004)
- Shanxi Electric Power Exploration & Design institute (1978- 1992)

Mr. Jinle Song's company, Shanxi Jiaocheng Yiwang Ferroalloy Co., Ltd ("Yiwang") is a specialist producer of manganese alloys.

Mr. Song and Yiwang is highly regarded in the manganese market and recognised by a wide range of major international manganese producers.

Under his leadership, Yiwang has become a technological leader in the manufacturing of ferroalloys. In 2007, Yiwang developed a new process of refining manganese metal and low carbon ferro manganese. The process has been appraised by The Chinese Society for Metals and China Iron & Steel Association. Yiwang received the "National Metallurgical Science and Technology Award" for technological advancement.

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### **About Bligh Resources Limited**

Listed in 2011, Bligh (ASX: BGH) is an explorer primarily focused on manganese and gold. Bligh has a 100% interest in the Grenfell and Manilla manganese projects in NSW and an 80%-100% interest in the Bootu Creek Two manganese project in Northern Territory. Bligh also has a 100% interest in the Kumarina manganese project and Leonora gold project in Western Australia.