

## **LINDIAN SECURES 100% OWNERSHIP OF THE 900MT TIER 1 LELOUMA BAUXITE PROJECT**

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**Lindian Resources Limited (ASX: LIN) (Lindian or the Company)** is pleased to announce that it has executed a binding Share Purchase Agreement (“SPA”) to acquire the remaining 25% interest in Bauxite Holding Ltd (formerly, Sarmin Bauxite Limited) (“Sarmin”) from the Company’s minority partners in the Lelouma Bauxite Project (“Lelouma” or the “Project”), located in the Republic of Guinea. Upon completion of the SPA, the Company will have 100% ownership of the globally significant tier 1 bauxite project.

### **Highlights**

- **Strategic acquisition of the remaining 25% interest in Bauxite Holding Ltd giving Lindian 100% ownership of the Tier 1 Lelouma Bauxite project in Guinea.**
- **The Lelouma Bauxite Project has a total JORC-compliant Mineral Resource of 900 million tonnes (Mt) at 45.0% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 2.1% SiO<sub>2</sub> (see appendix A) including:**
  - **398Mt at 48.1% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (measured and indicated), which contains continuous zones of exceptional quality material (>50% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>).**
  - **155Mt of Measured Mineral Resources at 47.9% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 1.8% SiO<sub>2</sub> (40% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> cut-off), including 115Mt at 49.6% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 1.8% SiO<sub>2</sub> (45% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> cut-off).**
- **Targeting production of Direct Shipping Ore ("DSO"), without a requirement for processing or beneficiation.**
- **Full ownership to eliminates near-term ownership dilution risk and financial commitments related to the original project acquisition.**
- **A new in country management team will be implemented to manage regulatory approvals, project development, offtake partners and infrastructure studies.**
- **Discussions are well advanced with potential port and infrastructure partners.**

As announced on 23 September 2020, Lindian entered into an agreement to acquire 75% of Sarmin, the 100% owner of the Lelouma Bauxite Project (“Investment Deed”). Under the Investment Deed, the transaction had certain milestones for the Company to meet over a set period, including completing a Definitive Feasibility Study (“DFS”) and the grant of applicable Mining Concessions (together, “Performance Milestones”). A strategic review of assets conducted by the Company’s newly formed Board found that the Company had not met the Performance Milestones within the agreed timeframe and, in accordance with the terms of the Investment Deed, the Company faced a situation of being reduced to 5% ownership in the Project. The Board considered this outcome unacceptable given the tier-1 nature of the Project and in one of the world’s largest bauxite jurisdictions.

After two months of negotiations, the Company and the minority partners have entered the SPA for the sale and purchase of the remaining 25% interest in Sarmin, and the release of the Company from its obligations under the Investment Deed (including in respect of the Performance Milestones). In return, the Company has agreed to issue 20 million shares ("Consideration Shares") and grant a 1% royalty to the sellers. The Consideration Shares will be subject to voluntary escrow which will restrict the sellers from trading the Consideration Shares for a period of six (6) months from the date of issue. A summary of the key terms of the SPA is set out in Appendix B.

The Consideration Shares will be issued from the Company's placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1. Completion under the SPA is expected to occur 14 days from the signing.

The Company believes this is the best possible outcome as it can now work on this project unincumbered by conditions, milestones and timelines, save millions of dollars and return 100% of the Project's value to Lindian shareholders.

Whilst the Company believes the Lelouma asset can create significant value to the business, it will in no way interfere with the Board's 100% resolve to develop the world class Kangankunde rare earths project that is anticipated to be brought into production in 2026. As such the Company is in negotiations for the services of a new in country management team who will focus entirely on the development of Lelouma project, including permitting, government concessions, government relations, port and rail access and product off take agreements.

**Robert Martin, Executive Chairman, commented:** *"The Company is pleased to have resecured 100% ownership of this world class asset, we can now invest in the projects continued development unencumbered without time constraints, multimillion dollar milestone caveats and minority partners. With rising demand for aluminium and its related products in electric vehicle production with a market that is estimated to reach ~USD\$18.5b by 2030 the company believes that the Lelouma project with approximately 900 million tonnes of high grade material can be a big part of this.*

*The Company is also in discussions with a new in country bauxite team of experts to work independently on developing the Lelouma project which allows the Company to remain completely focused on our commitment to bringing our Kangankunde Rare earths project into production by 2026.*

*We look forward to returning the true value of this tier one asset to our shareholders."*

The Lelouma Project has an exceptional resource base and has been systematically explored with over **US\$10 million invested** spent on the project by the previous owners, The plateau hosting the Lelouma bauxite mineralisation is located around 100km northeast of Sangarédi, site of the CBG railway line loading area. The rail line is in turn around 100 km northeast of the port in Kamsar, which exports 25Mt/year of bauxite.

The Board continues to conduct a full review into their current tenement base in both Guinea and Tanzania, with non-core assets to be relinquished or sold off. The Company will update the market when the review is completed.

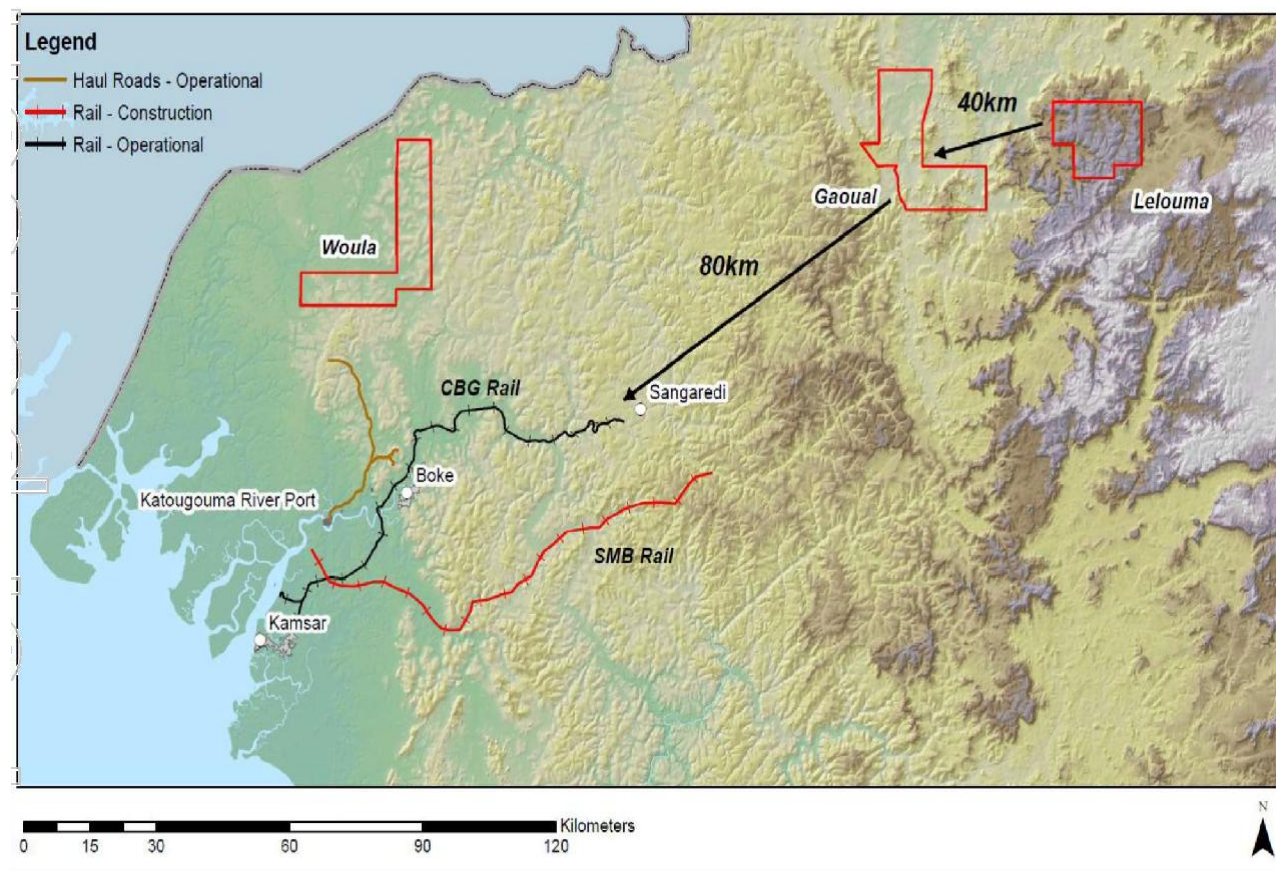


Figure 1 Location of the Lelouma Bauxite Project in Guinea relative to key regional infrastructure including the CBG rail line, Katougouma River Port, and nearby Lindian bauxite projects (Woula and Gaoual). Lelouma is situated approximately 120km from the Kamsar port via existing and proposed transport corridors.

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**This ASX announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Lindian Resources Limited.**

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## ABOUT LINDIAN

Lindian Resources (ASX: LIN) is an Australian based company with world class rare earths and bauxite assets in Malawi and Guinea. Through the development of these assets, Lindian aims to become a globally significant critical minerals producer.

The Kangankunde Rare Earths Project in Malawi is the cornerstone of Lindian's asset portfolio. It is one of the world's largest, rare earths deposit and is top tier in terms of high REO grade, and low levels of impurities and radioactive minerals. Kangankunde has impressive development and significant future expansion potential. A feasibility study on the Stage 1 development delivered outstanding technical and economic results (see ASX announcement 1 July 2024), including that Kangankunde has one of the lowest capital and operating cost structures of global rare earths projects.

The Kangankunde Project has access to good supporting infrastructure, strong community and government support and has all key licences and approvals in place to commence construction. Following the feasibility study, Lindian is now advancing project financing discussions with the aim to commence Stage 1 construction in 1H 2025.

In addition, Lindian also has bauxite assets in Guinea and Tanzania.

### Lindian asset and office locations



### Forward Looking Statements

This announcement may include forward-looking statements, based on Lindian's expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Forward-looking statements are necessarily subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of Lindian, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Lindian makes no undertaking to subsequently update or revise the forward-looking statements made in this announcement, to reflect the circumstances or events after the date of the announcement.

## Mineral Resources

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources for the Lelouma Bauxite Project in Guinea are extracted from announcements published on ASX on 23 September 2020, 6 October 2020, 22 October 2020 and 4 February 2021 respectively and are available for viewing on the Company website [www.lindianresources.com.au](http://www.lindianresources.com.au).

The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in those original announcements and in the case of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

## Appendix A - Lelouma Bauxite Project Resources

Mineral Resource Estimate (JORC 2012)

900 Mt @ 45.0% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> & 2.1% SiO<sub>2</sub> (Including 398 Mt @ 48.1 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> & 2.0% SiO<sub>2</sub>)

Resource Category – Measured + Indicated + Inferred, including 155Mt measured category

Cut-off Criteria	Mineral Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)
>40% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <10% SiO <sub>2</sub> >1m Thick <1 Strip Ratio (waste:ore thickness)	Measured	155	47.9	1.8
	Indicated	743	44.4	2.1
	<b>Measured+Indicated</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
	Inferred	2	42.9	2.8
	<b>Grand Total M+I+I</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>

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>45% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <10% SiO <sub>2</sub> >1m Thick <1 Strip Ratio (waste:ore thickness)	Measured	115	49.6	1.8
	Indicated	284	47.6	2.1
	<b>Measured+Indicated</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
	Inferred	0.1	46.1	2.8
	<b>Grand Total M+I+I</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>



## Appendix B – Key Terms of SPA

The key terms of the SPA are as follows:

<b>Parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lindian Resources Limited; and</li> <li>• Sarmin Group Inc., Canberra Resources Limited, Marc Senges, Geo-Mines Pte. Ltd., and Ropa Investments (Gibraltar) Limited (together being, the “minority partners”).</li> </ul>
<b>Conditions</b>	The SPA is unconditional.
<b>Consideration</b>	20,000,000 ordinary Lindian shares (“Consideration Shares”).
<b>Release from the Investment Deed</b>	Upon completion of the SPA, the parties to the Investment Deed release and discharge Lindian from its obligations and liabilities under the Investment Deed and release and discharge Lindian from all claims arising out of the Investment Deed.
<b>Royalty</b>	At completion of the SPA, the parties have agreed to enter into a royalty agreement under which each minority partner will have the right to receive its respective proportion of a royalty interest of 1%.
<b>Restriction</b>	At completion of the SPA, each minority partner will enter a restriction deed under which the minority partner will be restricted from trading the Consideration Shares for a period of 6 months after the date of issue.
<b>Termination</b>	<p>The SPA may be terminated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by mutual written consent of the parties.</li> <li>• by Lindian if a minority party commits any material breach of any of the provisions of the SPA that is incapable of remedy or fails to remedy within 10 business days of notice; and</li> <li>• by the minority parties if Lindian commits any material breach of any of the provisions of the SPA that is incapable of remedy or fails to remedy within 10 business days of notice.</li> </ul>