

Northern Manganese Limited has extensive offshore manganese exploration projects in the Northern Territory.

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Projects

Groote Eylandt West
Manganese

Groote Eylandt Offshore
Manganese

Blue Mud Bay
Manganese

Wounded Knee
Copper, Gold

CONSENT TO NEGOTIATE ISSUED

FOR BLUE MUD BAY TENEMENTS

Northern Manganese Ltd ("**NTM**" or the "**Company**") advises all shareholders that the Department of Mines and Energy Northern Territory (DME) advised NTM on Friday 19th July 2013, that the Minister for Mines has given his consent for NTM to enter into negotiations with the Northern Land Council (NLC) in respect of the Company's four Island based Exploration Licences 28089, 28090, 28091 and 28092 located in the Blue Mud Bay ("**BMB**") area.

Shareholders are aware that this consent has been delayed for a considerable time due to the confusion created by the Moratorium imposed in March 2012 on coastal waters based exploration by the former NT Government. This breakthrough in the Consent process comes about as a direct result of discussions recently held in Darwin with the Chief Minister, Adam Giles and his Deputy Dave Tollner. We are grateful for their support in resolving what had become a contentious issue.

Your Board and Management are both pleased, and excited, to finally be able to work with the NLC and re engage with the community of BMB after the moratorium put all such matters on hold. This consent is but the beginning of a formal process but we are looking forward to working together to achieve an exploration agreement over the four Island tenements.

Whilst we are pleased to advise of receipt of the 'consent' we need also to advise shareholders that this is a statutory process governed by the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) and as such has stipulated timelines that allow for negotiations between the parties being the NLC as the statutory representative for BMB and the community of BMB through the holding of community meetings. It may take some time to conduct these negotiations but, at last, this process can commence.

However, the BMB community has previously approached NTM and did enter into a Co-Operation Agreement with NTM but that expired over time. We have no reason to believe that the community of BMB would not welcome the issuing of the consent based on previous engagements and their stated desire to see meaningful development occur in their community.

NTM will keep the market informed as negotiations continue.



Lloyd Jones
Managing Director
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