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ASX Announcement

Company Update

Yalyirimbi Iron Project

Ferrowest Limited ("Ferrowest" or "the Company") is pleased to advise that it is progressing a variety of work in relation to the haematite Yalyirimbi Iron Project ("the Project") in the Northern Territory ("NT"). The Company is in the process of earning up to a 60% incorporated joint venture interest from Arafura Resources Limited.

A diamond drilling campaign has been planned to commence as soon as approval is secured for the Company's Mine (Exploration) Management Plan ("MMP") from the NT Mines Department, anticipated by the end of September. Next week, Ferrowest management will meet with NT Departmental staff on site at Yalyirimbi to discuss the Company's proposed diamond drilling and also the RC drilling programme planned to follow in November. The aim of the diamond drilling programme is to increase the current Inferred Resource of 14Mt of haematite iron at 27.5%Fe classified and reported in accordance with the JORC Code 2004 to Indicated and Measured categories, subject to successful exploration results.

Previous testwork has demonstrated that with a simple crush to 1mm and gravity upgrading, a haematite fines concentrate of **63.5%Fe** with **7.1% SiO₂**, **0.84% Al₂O₃** and negligible phosphorus can be produced. This high grade, low alumina, low phosphorus haematite concentrate has the potential to be a highly sought after blending stock, given the increasing average levels of contaminants from traditional exported iron ore.

While on site at Yalyirimbi, Ferrowest management are also briefing the local traditional owners, the Laramba indigenous community and the Central Land Council on the Company's plans for the project. Ferrowest is a party to an executed Exploration Agreement with the traditional owners through the Central Land Council and the Company is keen to keep the local indigenous community briefed as the project activities move along.

There has been a broad range of potential investment interest in the Yalyirimbi Iron Project as the Company looks to fund feasibility study activities leading to potential production at the earliest opportunity, subject to continued exploration success. This interest has come from companies seeking off-take opportunities for the haematite fines product, from iron ore traders and potential joint venture parties. This level of interest is seen as a reflection of a more steady long term iron ore market, an improving equity market environment (albeit at an early stage) and the potential product quality.

Support for new mining ventures in the NT is actively encouraged by the Territory Government and this is also generating interest amongst project investors, who have advised the Company that they see NT projects as having a more streamlined approval path to production than some alternate jurisdictions.

The Company is in the process of developing a methodology to be able to align some quite diverse funding opportunities to best meet the Ferrowest goal to move the project towards a production scenario as quickly as possible. It should be noted that none of the funding proposals or expressions of interest in the project are very far advanced at this stage, however, it is the Company's intention to accelerate this process in a systematic manner and it will keep the market informed as discussions develop.

Yogi Mine Project & the Eradu MPI Project

A more stable iron ore market is also having benefits for the prospects of the Company's flagship projects. Fresh inquiries have been received in recent times about cooperation on these projects. There is also renewed interest in the development of key infrastructure in the Mid West that will benefit both of the Company's projects in the region, as well as other proposed projects held by other parties. Facilitating development of multi-user infrastructure in the Mid West Region is a stated objective of the Geraldton Iron Ore alliance, of which Ferrowest is a member.

The Company is of the view that suitable market conditions are now present for further progress to be achieved on major iron ore projects in the Mid West Region, notwithstanding the continued absence of capital market opportunities and Ferrowest will continue to position its projects to take advantage of the growing opportunity that this represents.

While the potential of the Yalyirimbi Iron Project to establish a relatively early cash flow is critically important to Ferrowest, together with the greenfields upside exploration potential from the Company's Marvel Loch gold and base metal projects, the Directors' of Ferrowest remind shareholders that, in their view, the real long term 'company making' value for decades to come is contained in the value adding business plan encompassed by the Yogi Mine Project and the Eradu MPI Project.

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ABOUT FERROWEST

Ferrowest is an Australian public company established in 2005 and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in 2006. Set up to value add to iron ore through the production of merchant pig iron, Ferrowest now boasts exploration and project development activities in magnetite, haematite, gold and nickel.

IRON

Ferrowest is actively pursuing three major iron related projects:

- **Yogi Iron Project** – 4.5Mtpa magnetite concentrate at 67%Fe* ;
- **Eradu MPI Project** – 1.0Mtpa merchant pig iron (MPI) at 96%Fe* ; and
- **Yalyirimbi Iron Project** – 1.8Mtpa haematite concentrate at 63.5%Fe* .

Each of these projects is detailed below and each plays a strategic role in an innovative business plan that sets Ferrowest apart from other iron ore juniors in the resources sector. The proposed Eradu MPI plant is the centre piece of this plan with the aim to produce high quality merchant pig iron (“MPI”) at a grade of 96%Fe as a dedicated MPI producer to the Asian region. This will differentiate Ferrowest from other producers of iron ore in Western Australia and make it a unique supplier into Asia. MPI is a high value, low volume and high margin product. Most competition in the market for MPI comes from Brazil at double the shipping cost of the big Asian markets of Korea, China and Japan.

The Yogi Mine Project will provide the long term, consistent supply of high quality magnetite needed to support the MPI manufacturing operations at Eradu for more than 25 years. These two projects, linked by key existing infrastructure will combine to make a very long term strategic business.

The Yalyirimbi Iron Project will also play a key role in the development of the Company’s iron plans by providing a low capital cost, cash generating business that can be brought into operation relatively quickly. Yalyirimbi will play a critical role in transforming the Company from explorer to producer ahead of the construction of the Yogi Iron Project and the Eradu MPI Project, whilst also meeting some of the ongoing costs of operations across the Company.

Ferrowest also holds early stage exploration projects for iron south east of Cue, north of Tallering Peak at New Forest and adjacent to the Jack Hills mine, which will continue to be explored.

GOLD & BASE METALS

Under a commodity diversity strategy implemented by the Company in late 2012, Ferrowest secured a 100% owned subsidiary called Urban Minerals Pty Ltd (“Urban”) with a portfolio of tenements near Marvel Loch on the Southern Cross Greenstone belt that are prospective for gold, nickel and other base metals. Other projects are being added to Urban’s portfolio, such as Lake Halbert East (on the Albany Fraser Orogen) and at Camel Back, 50Km south east of Leonora.

** Proposed production rates are based on the Inferred Mineral Resources classified and reported under the JORC Code 2004 and calculations and evaluations made by Ferrowest. Ferrowest believes the proposed production rates are reasonable estimates given the commodity and the technical information currently available to it, however, they are provided for guidance only until further work is completed. This further work may or may not support the proposed production rates.*



PROJECT OUTLINES

The Yogi Mine Project – Outline

The Yogi Mine Project proposes the development of a magnetite mining and concentration operation at the Yogi iron deposit near Yalgoo in the mid west region of Western Australia. Proposed production of magnetite concentrate will target 4.5M tonnes per annum (“tpa”) at 67%Fe⁺. 3Mtpa would be exported through the new proposed Port of Oakajee with the other 1.5Mtpa planned to supply the Eradu MPI Project (detailed below). If Oakajee Port is delayed, Ferrowest can stage the Yogi Mine Project to match the demand from the Eradu MPI Project, which is not dependent on Oakajee Port for export.

The current magnetite Inferred Resource estimate at Yogi, classified and reported in accordance with the JORC Code (2004), is 572.5 million tonnes at 27.5%Fe.

The Exploration Target[#] at Yogi is estimated at between 0.8 and 1.2 billion tonnes at an average grade of between 25.5%Fe to 29.5%Fe.

The Eradu MPI Project - Outline

The Eradu MPI Project envisages the production of seaborne traded merchant pig iron (“MPI”) at 96%Fe using magnetite concentrate from the Yogi Mine Project. Proposed initial production is 1Mtpa⁺. The plan is to process the magnetite concentrate into pig iron at Eradu, 60Km east of Geraldton using ITmk3[®] technology and the excellent existing infrastructure servicing the project.

MPI sells for around 4 times the value of iron ore fines, with a higher margin than bulk iron ore. The MPI also sells into a niche market that has seen less investment on dedicated production capacity than the iron ore industry. Unlike iron ore, MPI can be stored outside, won’t create dust and with preferred shipment sizes ranging up to 55,000 tonnes, MPI is perfect for export through the existing Port of Geraldton.

Yalyirimbi Iron Project

The Yalyirimbi Iron Project is located in the Northern Territory on a 787Km² exploration licence and has an Inferred Resource of 14.1 million tonnes of haematite at 27.1%Fe.

The Exploration Target at Yalyirimbi is estimated at between 50 to 70 million tonnes at between 25% and 29%Fe.[#]

The current Resource is located in two zones totalling 1.5Km in length, out of a 30 to 40Km long formation that is yet to be explored. Test work carried out at Yalyirimbi demonstrated that with a crush to 100% passing 1mm and gravity upgrading, a haematite fines concentrate of 63.5%Fe with 7.1% SiO₂, 0.84% Al₂O₃ and negligible P can be produced.

The Project envisages open cut mining of the specular haematite, before crushing and gravity based upgrading to produce a haematite fines concentrate at a nominal rate of 1.8 million tonnes per annum⁺. The haematite will be transported via the existing railway to Darwin Port for export.

[#] An Exploration Target is conceptual in nature as insufficient data exists to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in further Mineral Resource. The Exploration Target is based upon calculations prepared by Ferrowest Limited with reference to current experience and available data.

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The Marvel Loch Project

The Marvel Loch Project consists of 12 granted tenements, considered to be highly prospective for gold and base metals, comprising 8 exploration licences and 4 prospecting licences. The project has a combined area of 156Km² and is located close to the historic Marvel Loch mining area, 31Km south of Southern Cross and 400Km east of Perth in Western Australia. Gold was first discovered in the region in 1906 and the area has since been the source of extensive gold and nickel exploration and production, with the Southern Cross greenstone belt hosting approximately 150 known significant gold occurrences.

Exploration Results

Exploration results are based on standard industry practices including sampling, assay methods and appropriate quality control systems. Drillhole density for specific JORC reporting categories are based on a statistical analysis of the distribution of the iron mineralisation. The sampling of Reverse Circulation (RC) samples are collected as either single splits or 2 metre composite samples depending on the uniformity of mineralisation encountered. Core samples are sampled to geological boundaries with cored holes being twinned next to RC holes to check geological interpretation and also to provide sample material for Specific Gravity testwork. The quality of RC samples is optimised by the use of riffle and or cone splitters, dust collectors, logging of various criteria designed to record sample size, recovery and contamination and the use of field duplicates, blank samples and certified reference materials to measure sample representivity and reproducibility. In the case of ferrous metals and deleterious elements, the assays are prepared with a lithium borate fusion digest and X-ray fluorescence (XRF) finish. Sample preparation is undertaken at ALS in Alice Springs with the analyses being completed by ALS in Perth. The quality of analytical results is monitored by the use of internal laboratory procedures and standards together with certified standards, duplicates and blanks and statistical analysis where appropriate to ensure that results are representative and within acceptable ranges of accuracy and precision.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and general geological commentary, including any Exploration Target estimates, is compiled by Graeme Johnston (please refer to details below).

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves at Yogi is based on information compiled by Graeme Johnston and Malcolm Titley (please refer to details below).

The Information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves at Yalyirimbi is based on information compiled by Grant Louw (please refer to details below).

Graeme Johnston is a Director of the Company, a geological consultant to it through Corad Pty Ltd and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. Graeme Johnston has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person in terms of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2004 Edition). Graeme Johnston consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Malcolm Titley (MAusIMM) is a Director and Principal Consultant of CSA Global and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy. Malcolm Titley has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person in terms of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2004 Edition). Malcolm Titley consents to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

Grant Louw is a Consultant for CSA Global and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Grant Louw has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person in terms of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2004 Edition). Grant Louw consents to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears. Grant Louw takes responsibility for the mineral resource estimate only.