

MACA personnel and equipment arrive at Browns Range

- Mining & bulk earthworks contractor, MACA Ltd has mobilised to the Browns Range Heavy Rare Earth Pilot Plant Project
 - Mining of 180,000 tonnes of ore and associated waste to commence shortly
 - Contract also includes bulk earthworks infrastructure
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Australian heavy rare earths developer, Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU) is pleased to announce ASX-listed MACA Ltd (**MACA**) (ASX: MLD) has mobilised equipment and personnel to site for mining and bulk earthworks infrastructure for the Browns Range Pilot Plant in northern Western Australia.

MACA will shortly commence mining of 180,000 tonnes of ore and associated waste from the Wolverine and Gambit West pits. Waste material will be used to construct the tailings storage facility and other surface infrastructure. MACA will also prepare the pilot plant site, construct road access and construct the airstrip for the project.

Mining will be undertaken in a single campaign, with all ore stockpiled ahead of the three-year pilot plant phase.



Figures 1 and 2: Equipment arriving on site at Browns Range

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Mr George Bauk, Northern Minerals' Managing Director and CEO, said: *"The Browns Range site is now a hive of activity with the arrival of mining, admin and other site personnel."*

"With mining for the Pilot Plant project to be completed as a single six-month campaign, we expect that the site will be significantly transformed over the short term as we prepare for the arrival of the processing plant that Sinosteel MECC is currently constructing in China."

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About Northern Minerals:

Northern Minerals Limited (ASX: NTU; Northern Minerals or the Company) has commenced development of the Browns Range Heavy Rare Earth Pilot Plant Project in northern Western Australia.

Through the development of its flagship project, the Browns Range Project (the Project), Northern Minerals aims to be the first significant world producer of dysprosium outside of China.

The Project is 100% owned by Northern Minerals and has several deposits and prospects containing high value dysprosium and other HREs, hosted in xenotime mineralisation.

Dysprosium is an essential ingredient in the production of DyNdFeB (dysprosium neodymium iron-boron) magnets used in clean energy and high technology solutions.

The three-year R&D pilot plant project will commence first production of heavy rare earth carbonate in H1 2018. The pilot plant development provides the opportunity to gain production experience, surety of supply for our offtake partner and assess the feasibility of the larger full scale development.

ASX Code:	NTU	Market Capitalisation:	A\$69m
Issued Shares:	694m	Cash (as at 31 May 2017):	A\$9.5m