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Update on Arbitration – Ntaka Hill Nickel Project

Indiana Resources Limited (**ASX: IDA**) (**'Indiana'** or the **'Company'**) provides the following update on the dispute with the United Republic of Tanzania ("**Tanzania**") which is the subject of arbitration through the International Centre for Settlement of Investments Disputes ("ICSID").

As the majority shareholder in Ntaka Nickel Holdings Ltd ("**NNHL**") and Nachingwea UK Ltd ("**NUK**") (both incorporated in the United Kingdom), Indiana is the manager of the Joint Venture and responsible for all activities for the pending arbitration.

The Company confirms that the evidentiary hearing has commenced at the Washington headquarters of ICSID, an organisation of the World Bank Group. The hearing will be presided over by a 3-person tribunal panel and is scheduled to conclude on Friday 4th February 2023.

The ICSID Convention has been ratified by 158 States, including Tanzania. An award issued by an ICSID tribunal is enforceable in any one of those 158 member States as if it were a judgment of one of their own courts. Partly because of this, States often comply voluntarily with the payment terms of such awards.

LALIVE and Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, two international law firms that specialise in international arbitration, are representing the Claimants in the arbitration process, with the Claimants seeking compensation of US\$98.83m for the loss of their investment in Tanzania (including interest up to July 2022, which continues to accrue). In addition, the Claimants seek reimbursement of their arbitration costs and fees by Tanzania.

A litigation funding facility for US\$4.65m is in place with Litigation Capital Management Limited ("**LCM**"), a firm listed on the Alternative Investment Market ("AIM") of the London Stock Exchange. This funding facility covers all legal costs associated with arbitration and is only repayable in the event of a successful award that is recovered from the United Republic of Tanzania.

Background to Claim

In July 2017, the Government of Tanzania amended the Mining Act 2010 by, *inter alia*, abolishing the legislative basis for the Retention Licence classification with no replacement classification.

On 10 January 2018, Tanzania published the Mining (Mineral Rights) Regulations 2018, which cancelled all Retention Licences issued prior to 10 January 2018 at which point they ceased to have any legal effect. The rights over all areas under Retention Licences, including the Retention Licence held for the Project, were immediately transferred to the Government of Tanzania.

During the time from January 2018 to December 2019, the Company actively engaged with the Tanzanian Minister for Minerals and the Mining Commission in an effort to resolve a suitable tenure mechanism for the Project Licence to be reinstated.



CAPITAL STRUCTURE

501,004,819
Shares on Issue

A\$0.06
Share Price

30.06 M
Market Cap

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At all times Tanzanian Government representatives reassured the Claimants' representatives, as well as Indiana Board members that visited Tanzania for the purpose of collaborative engagement with the Government, that their historical investment would be recognised and that their rights would be respected and protected.

On 19 December 2019, the Mining Commission of Tanzania announced a public invitation to tender for the joint development of areas covered previously by Retention Licences. The invitation provided that the successful bidder should compensate the previous Retention Licence holder for its exploration costs incurred. This public invitation was not sent to the Company or the Claimants but was advertised on the website for the Ministry of Minerals.

On 20 December 2019, the Mining Commission of Tanzania announced a revised public invitation to tender, which removed the condition that the successful bidder compensate the previous retention licence holder for its exploration costs incurred.

Through the measures described above, Tanzania has removed the ownership of the Project from the Claimants, and in doing so has breached its obligations to the Claimants under the UK-Tanzania BIT and international law. These include, but are not limited to:

- a) Tanzania's obligation not to nationalise or expropriate the Claimants' investments or subject them to measures having effect equivalent to nationalisation or expropriation without prompt, adequate and effective compensation under Article 5(1) of the BIT; and
- b) Tanzania's obligation to accord fair and equitable treatment and full protection and security to the Claimants' investment and not to impair by unreasonable or discriminatory measures the maintenance, use, enjoyment or disposal of the Claimants' investment under Article 2(2) of the BIT.

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This announcement is authorised for release to the market by the Chairman of Indiana Resources Limited with the authority from the Board of Directors.

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