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Phase 1 Goschen Project Development Advances with Design Engineer Appointed

Key Highlights:

- Mineral Technologies appointed for detailed design for Phase 1 of the Goschen Project.
- Securing this key delivery contract indicates a key step forward in the progression of the Goschen Project.

VHM Limited (“VHM” or the “Company”), is pleased to advise that Detailed Design in relation to Phase 1 of the Goschen Project is underway following the appointment of Mineral Technologies (Downer Group).

Mineral Technologies will progress the engineering design to deliver a target cost estimate for the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) supply for the process plant (Goschen Project Phase 1), prior to the Final Investment Decision (FID).

A subsequent Detailed Design Part 2 will be required to progress detailed engineering for plant construction to commence.

Mineral Technologies is a global industry leader with over 80 years’ experience in mineral process solutions across the project lifecycle. The involvement of Mineral Technologies in the Goschen Project has been critical to metallurgical testwork, process flowsheet development, the Definitive Feasibility Studies, and Front End Engineering Design.

This detailed design stage will include competitive tender evaluations to select plant vendors and fabricators and has been structured to expedite critical path activities. Following Detailed Design, the Company will look to appoint an EPC contractor to construct and deliver Phase 1 of the Goschen Project and commence procurement of long lead items, contingent on FID.

VHM Managing Director, Graham Howard commented: *“Appointing Mineral Technologies for detailed design is an important step forward for the Goschen Project as we progress towards development and construction. It also highlights the Project’s status as one of Australia’s most advanced rare earth and mineral sands projects. This agreement is indicative of the level of confidence we have in progressing towards production in 2025”.*

Securing this agreement indicates confidence in the Project and progression toward becoming a tier 1 rare earths and zircon-titania producer due to reach construction in 2024 and commence production in 2025.

While VHM has been privately funded for most of Goschen's historic exploration activities, Goschen positions VHM as a contender to join the handful of existing Australian Rare Earth producers within the next two years, following receipt of final approvals.

Investor Webcast and Conference Call

We encourage all shareholders to join Managing Director Graham Howard for a shareholder briefing at 7pm (AEST) on 20 April 2023.

Register for the session or request a replay:
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This announcement has been approved by the Board of VHM.

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