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## **DuPont Titanium Technologies Signs on as Cornerstone Off-take Partner**

**Base Resources Limited (ASX:BSE)** ("Base") is pleased to announce the signing of a significant off-take agreement with DuPont Titanium Technologies that will form the cornerstone of sales arrangements for the Kwale Project.

DuPont Titanium Technologies, a business of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, ("DuPont") is the largest producer of titanium dioxide pigment in the world and has recently announced plans to further expand its production capacity through the addition of an additional line at its Altamira, Mexico, plant and a significant investment in the de-bottlenecking of all of their global facilities.

The Off-take Agreement will see DuPont purchase a minimum average of approximately 72% of annual rutile production from Kwale for a period of six years from commencement of production. In addition, Base has the option of selling up to a further 25,000 tonnes per annum of rutile over the six year period. In the last four years of the Off-take Agreement, DuPont has the right to reduce the off-take volume proportional to any reduction in DuPont's overall high-grade titanium dioxide feedstock requirements. Pricing is to be derived from an agreed quarterly index of market prices.

Managing Director, Tim Carstens, said "The Off-take Agreement with DuPont is obviously a very significant milestone for Base as it underpins approximately 35% of the annual revenue for the Kwale Project as forecast in the Enhanced Feasibility Study, or up to 47% of annual revenue if the additional optional volume is supplied. However, the significance is deeper. DuPont demands world-class safety, environmental and social performance in all aspects of its operations and those of its business partners. That DuPont has committed to a long-term supply agreement with Base is recognition of our business model and is a relationship of which we are proud".

"Reflecting the positive market dynamics for mineral sands producers, Base is making good progress in assembling a portfolio of off-take arrangements for the production from Kwale. Further announcements in this respect are expected in the coming months as several agreements currently under negotiation are finalised."

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**About Base Resources**

**Base Resources Limited** (ASX:BSE) is developing the world-class Kwale Mineral Sands Project in Kenya, East Africa. Kwale is an advanced and highly competitive project in a sector with a significant forecast supply shortfall widely expected to emerge in the medium term.

The Kwale Project represents an advanced development opportunity with all material project approvals, permits and licenses required for development currently in place, a full definitive feasibility study (DFS) having been completed and funding in place.

The Project enjoys a high level of support from the Government of Kenya as well as the local community and, located just 50km from Mombasa, Kenya's principal port facility, is well serviced by existing physical infrastructure.

Importantly, two pilot plant operations at Kwale provide confidence in processing behaviour and indicate a suite of readily marketable products. The Project's high value mineral assemblage and low stripping ratio result in a projected revenue to cash cost ratio that would place Kwale in the top quartile of world producers.

A realistic development time line should see the Kwale Project in production in 2013.