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## **First Ilmenite Shipment Bound for China and Zircon Production Commences**

Base Resources Limited (ASX & AIM: BSE) ("Base" or the "Company") is pleased to advise that the MV African Eagle has left port loaded with 25,000 tonnes of ilmenite destined for a customer in China. The ship loader, operating under load for the first time, performed to expectation and was able to reach its design capacity of 1,000 tonnes per hour. Regular shipments of both ilmenite and rutile will now commence with shipments of each product scheduled for March.

Base is also pleased to advise the commencement of zircon production at the Kwale Project. Following the commissioning of the ilmenite and rutile circuits of the mineral separation plant ("MSP") in December, wet zircon feed has now been taken through the zircon circuit of the MSP to produce on specification zircon product. Over the next several weeks processing rates are planned to be ramped up and inventories of zircon built up ahead of the commencement of containerised zircon sales in March.

All work packages are now complete and operational with only minor defect list items remaining outstanding. The main focus is now on balancing and debottlenecking the MSP in order to progress the ramp-up to achieve nameplate throughput.



MV African Eagle fully loaded with 25,000t of ilmenite departing the Likoni port facility.

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