

# **Quarterly Report**

For the quarter ending 31 December 2015

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Alliance Agreement with the Balla Balla JV (NZ's Todd Corporation) expired on 31 December 2015
- Flinders now focussed on alternative development opportunities for its wholly-owned
   Pilbara Iron Ore Project (PIOP) in WA and continues to review all potential paths to market for PIOP ore
- Management visit to China during the quarter confirmed continued interest in PIOP ore from the majority of Chinese steel mills who have a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Flinders

# **CORPORATE**

#### Alliance Agreement

On 31 December 2015, the Alliance Agreement between Flinders and the Balla Balla JV (Todd Corporation) and relating to the PIOP, expired. Flinders Mines engaged in dialogue with Todd Corporation during the quarter to discuss potential alternative arrangements. However, Flinders has not been presented with a new proposal from Todd to date.

#### **Future Outlook**

Flinders is pursuing all alternative opportunities for PIOP moving forward with the intent of securing development partners, offtake customers and transport solutions for the large PIOP resource.

Although the current iron ore market remains subdued, Flinders believes its ability to mine high grade hematite within its global resource base places the Company in a relatively strong position to advance these discussions.



# **PROJECTS**

## Pilbara Iron Ore Project (PIOP) - WA

During the quarter, the Company received approval from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (WA) in respect to heritage aspects of the project. Final approval from the Commonwealth Minister is progressing well and final documents have been provided to the Department of Environment (Cth).

A number of new ore optimisations were completed during the quarter to assess the viability of the project at lower Fe prices. These optimisations demonstrated that in a lower price environment, the PIOP is robust as a higher grade, lower tonnage project but still requires a path to market. Further work to minimise ore to waste ratios and reduce capital costs will continue in the current March 2016 quarter.

During December 2015, the Company's Managing Director visited eight steel mills in China with whom Flinders has an MOU, as well as a number of other groups involved in infrastructure development. All eight steel mills confirmed their continued desire to complete offtake agreements with Flinders once a PIOP transport solution is agreed.

# EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

#### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

# Pilbara Iron Ore Project

There were no exploration and evaluation activities carried out on the Company's Pilbara Iron Ore Project tenements during the December 2015 quarter.

# Canegrass Gold Project

There were no exploration and evaluation activities carried out on the Company's Canegrass Project tenements during the December 2015 quarter.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

There were no exploration and evaluation activities carried out on the Company's South Australian tenements during the December 2015 quarter.

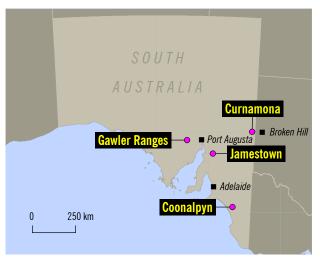


Figure 1: Flinders Mines' South Australian project locations.

A number of new applications for tenements were made at the Coonalpyn and Gawler Ranges Projects during the quarter.

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# **Qualifying Statements**

#### Forward-looking statements

This release may include forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on management's expectations and beliefs concerning future events as of the time of the release of this document. Forward-looking statements are necessarily subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are outside the control of Flinders Mines Limited, that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Flinders Mines Limited makes no undertaking to subsequently update or revise the forward-looking statements made in this release to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

#### Competent Persons

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Dr Graeme McDonald who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full-time employee of Flinders Mines Limited. Graeme McDonald has sufficient experience that is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Graeme McDonald consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

# **Tenement Schedule**

For the quarter ending 31 December 2015

| Tenement<br>No.          | Status      | Tenement<br>Name  | Grant/<br>Application<br>Date | Expiry<br>Date | Area<br>(Sq Km) | Registered Holder<br>/Applicant | Interest                                   | Related<br>Agreement                                    |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA        |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| Canegrass Project        |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| E58/232                  | Granted     | Boulder Well      | 29/07/2002                    | 28/07/2016     | 16.1            | Flinders Canegrass Pty Ltd      | 100%                                       |   |
| E58/236                  | Granted     | Challa            | 22/03/2002                    | 21/03/2016     | 16.1            | Flinders Canegrass<br>Pty Ltd   | 100%                                       |   |
| E58/282                  | Granted     | Honey Pot         | 3/05/2007                     | 2/05/2016      | 27.2            | Flinders Canegrass Pty Ltd      | 100%                                       |   |
| Pilbara Iron Ore Project |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| E47/1560                 | Granted     | Anvil             | 6/09/2007                     | 5/09/2016      | 44.5            | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       | Prenti<br>Agreement                                     |
| L47/728                  | Granted     | PIOP Airstrip     | 29/05/2015                    | 28/05/2036     | 3.0             | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| L47/730                  | Granted     | PIOP Village      | 29/05/2015                    | 28/05/2036     | 0.1             | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| L47/731                  | Application | Northern Road     | 1/09/2014                     |                | 4.9             | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| L47/734                  | Granted     | Southern Road     | 29/05/2015                    | 28/05/2036     | 4.2             | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| M47/1451                 | Granted     | Blacksmith ML     | 26/03/2012                    | 25/03/2033     | 111.6           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       | Prenti<br>Agreement                                     |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA          |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| Coonalpyn Project        |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| ELA 203/15               | Application | Coonalpyn Central | 22/10/2015                    |                | 700.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| ELA 204/15               | Application | Coonalpyn East    | 22/10/2015                    |                | 934.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| ELA 205/15               | Application | Coonalpyn North   | 22/10/2015                    |                | 877.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| ELA 206/15               | Application | Coonalpyn South   | 22/10/2015                    |                | 863.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| ELA 207/15               | Application | Coonalpyn West    | 22/10/2015                    |                | 670.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| Curnamona Project        |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| ELA 174/15               | Application | Wompinie          | 2/09/2015                     |                | 96.0            | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| Gawler Ranges Project    |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| ELA 216/15               | Application | Tin Hut           | 4/11/2015                     |                | 716.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| ELA 217/15               | Application | Siam              | 4/11/2015                     |                | 379.0           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | 100%                                       |   |
| Jamestown Project        |             |                   |                               |                |                 |                                 |  |   |
| ELA 182/14               | Application | Caltowie          | 11/08/2014                    |                | 201.4           | Flinders Mines Ltd              | Diamonds and non-metals                    | Copper Range<br>and Tarcowie<br>Phosphate<br>Agreements |
| EL 5557                  | Granted     | Washpool          | 10/11/2009                    | 9/11/2016      | 135.0           | Phoenix Copper Ltd              | Diamonds,<br>barium, talc and<br>phosphate | Phoenix Copper<br>Agreement                             |