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STAGE 2: GOVERNMENT FUNDING UPDATE

QCBMTF: Queensland Government

- **\$30 million QCBMTF funding change in terms complete**
- **\$27 million received to fund Stage 2 and general corporate purposes**

NAIF / EFA: Australian Government

- **Intercreditor principles for QCBMTF investment agreed with EFA / NAIF**
- **EFA / NAIF funding progressing through conditions precedent**

QCBMTF: Queensland Government

The Board of Alpha HPA Limited (**Alpha** or **the Company**) is very pleased to announce it has now executed the binding transaction documentation with the Trustee of the QIC Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund (**QCBMTF**) to change the terms of the existing \$30 million commitment provided to the Company's 100% owned subsidiary, Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd (**Alpha Sapphire**). The QCBMTF has entered into new Royalty Deeds with wholly owned subsidiaries of Alpha to provide a source of funding across the entire Alpha HPA business. Conditions Precedent to Financial Close have been satisfied and the facility has been drawn in full resulting in \$27 million of funding being received for Stage 2 and general corporate purposes, with \$3 million used to repay the drawn portion of the existing Sales Support Production Facility.

As announced to the ASX on 29 August 2025, funds received will be utilised for development and construction costs of the Stage 2 HPA First Project and for general corporate purposes.

Alpha Managing Director, Rob Williamson said, "*Alpha is delighted to have reached this important milestone with QIC and is grateful for its continued support to grow our business and deliver value to the State of Queensland.*"

The QCBMTF has been established by the Queensland Government and its primary objective is to assist miners and refiners of critical minerals and the development and manufacturing of battery technologies and advanced materials in Queensland.

QIC Senior Investment Director, Jonathan Crombie said "*QIC is proud to continue supporting Alpha HPA as it advances its innovative HPA First and Sapphire Glass Projects and cements its footprint in Queensland's critical minerals sector. This investment reflects our confidence in Alpha's leadership, its strategic vision, and its potential to deliver long-term value for the State and the broader clean energy and advanced manufacturing supply chain.*"

NAIF/EFA: Australian Government

Since reaching Contractual Close on \$400 million in senior debt financing with Export Finance Australia (**EFA**) and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (**NAIF**), the Company has continued to work closely with both lenders to meet all remaining conditions precedent to Financial Close as soon as possible. The Company also worked with the lenders to ensure terms of the QIC royalty investment were acceptable.

EFA's Managing Director and CEO, John Hopkins commented: "*EFA welcomes investment in Australia's critical minerals sector, and we welcome QIC support for Alpha HPA. We are pleased to continue our work with Alpha HPA, who is receiving support through the Australian Government's Critical Minerals Facility and our own Commercial Account.*"

NAIF CEO Craig Doyle said: "*NAIF is proud to support Alpha HPA's First Project in Gladstone, Queensland, which represents a strategic investment aligned with our mission to transform northern Australia through infrastructure financing. This project is an excellent strategic fit for NAIF as it provides an opportunity to deliver key Government Policy Priorities such as realising the Critical Mineral Strategy, contributing to Australia's clean energy transition and creating opportunities and economic growth in Australia's regional communities.*"

Summary of Key QCMBTF Terms:

Royalty Holder	Trustee of the QIC Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund (QCMBTF).
Producers	Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd and Solindo Pty Ltd.
Total Royalty Investment Amount	\$30 million.
Use of Proceeds	Drawdown in full upon reaching Financial Close and will be utilised as follows: 1) \$3 million to repay the existing Sales Support Production Facility; and 2) \$27 million for funding Stage 2 and other general corporate purposes.
Conditions Precedent to Financial Close	Customary conditions for a facility of this nature (now satisfied).
Conditions Subsequent to Drawdown	Negotiation and execution of remaining security documentation and intercreditor deed, to be satisfied by 30 January 2026.
Repayment Amount	A quarterly royalty payment equal to the relevant rate below multiplied by the gross revenue received by Alpha from the HPA First Project and Alpha Sapphire: • 1.50% if Target 1 and Target 2 have not been met; or • 1.25% if Target 1 has not been met but Target 2 has been met; or • 1.00% if Target 1 has been met but Target 2 has not been met; or • 0.75% if both Target 1 and Target 2 have been met.
Options	Alpha will issue unlisted transferrable options for 20 million ordinary Alpha HPA shares with a strike price of \$1.00 with an expiry date equal to 4 years from the date of issue.
Royalty Cap	The royalties will terminate upon an aggregate amount of 200,000 tonnes of Product produced and sold from the HPA First Project.
Target 1	Total production capacity of sapphire production units in operation in Queensland by the Issuer is equal to or greater than 81,000kg of sapphire per annum.
Target 2	The HPA First Project is expanded and the total amount of product produced and sold from it exceeds 15,000 tonnes in any four consecutive calendar quarters.
Security	Alpha guarantee and security over certain assets of Alpha, all assets of Alpha's HPA First project and Sapphire Glass project subsidiaries. Security to be released upon QCMBTF receiving \$45 million of payments in aggregate

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