

Venture Minerals set to raise \$20m

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UPDATE 10.30am: Venture Minerals has confirmed it will raise \$20 million to fast-track development of its Mt Lindsay tin/tungsten project in Tasmania, one of the world's biggest undeveloped resources of the metal.

The Perth-based company's shares were up half a cent to 54 cents at 10.30am after emerging from a trading halt this morning.

Venture said it would raise \$18 million in an institutional placement through Petra Capital and Max Capital with the balance coming from a share purchase plan for existing retail investors.

The raising would be priced at 44 cents with the placement split into two tranches, the second of which would be subject to shareholder approval.

It has already estimated that development of Mt Lindsay, which contains a 100,000 tonne tin and tungsten resource, would cost about \$130 million.

Managing director Hamish Halliday told investors during a presentation last week that a resource upgrade was imminent and that the pre-feasibility study should be completed before the end of the year.

The company wants to complete a bankable feasibility study by the end of next year - ahead of a start of tin and tungsten production in 2013 - with the fund-raising likely to provide the cash to see Venture through until then.

Tin prices have risen 55 per cent this year to an all-time record \$US26,790/t.