

Venture to conduct Scoping/Prefeasibility Study

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Venture Minerals is pleased to announce that it has engaged the services of **Coffey Mining to conduct the Scoping/Prefeasibility Study on the Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project in North West Tasmania.**

Coffey Mining has been providing specialist services to the resources sector all over the world for over 25 years. It has a reputation of excellence in conducting technical resource studies, with the capability to provide a complete service from the resource exploration phase through to financial evaluation and assessment.

Coffey Mining will cover the broad areas of resource estimation, geotechnical engineering, mine design, tailings engineering and environmental management for the Study. It is anticipated that the Scoping part of the Study will be completed in January 2009. Following a successful outcome the Company will then move directly into the Prefeasibility component of the Study.

ProMet Engineers Pty Ltd (Iron Ore Processing Specialists) will continue to advise on metallurgical contributions to the Study.

The Company believes that by awarding Coffey Mining the Scoping/Prefeasibility Study it has taken another step forward towards unlocking the full economic potential of the Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project where it expects a number of resource upgrades in the coming months.

The company continues to have 3 diamond core drill rigs on site working to complete the infill drilling of the Main Zone and test the recently identified extensions to both the Main Zone and the No. 2 Zone. Venture has also sourced **two additional drill rigs** suitable for targeting the highly prospective Stanley River Prospect. Site clearing is currently in progress with drilling due to commence later this month.

Fast Facts

Share Price 2 September 2008 \$0.30
Shares on Issue 76,650,000
Market Cap
A\$23 million
High/Low (6 months)
\$0.26 cents/ \$0.48 cents

Management

Mel Ashton, Non-Exec Chairman
Andrew Radonjic, Managing Director
Hamish Halliday, Non-Exec Director
Bruce McFadzean, Non-Exec Director

Shareholders

Top 20 Ownership 40.57%

Projects

Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project, North West Tasmania

- Venture doubles Magnetite-Tin Targets at Mount Lindsay Project
- Maiden Inferred Resource of 20 Million tonnes at 33%Fe - Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project
- First drill hole at Stanley River delivers best Iron result to date with 71m @ 57.1% Iron & 0.39% Tin
- Testwork points to Mount Lindsay potentially being a low cost Iron Producer

Churchill Dam IOCGU Project, SA
Maitland Channel Uranium & Nickel Project, WA
Paulsens South Project, WA
Kingoonya and Harris Bluff, Gawler Craton Projects, SA

Following the commencement of formal mining studies the Board has resolved to issue to directors a total of 5,450,000 options exercisable at 50 cents on or before 31 August 2011. Half will be exercisable immediately upon issue and **the remaining 50% subject to completion of a pre-feasibility statement or scoping study defining a financial model that will generate free cash in excess of \$500m at the Mount Lindsay Project.** The options are viewed as an essential incentive to attract and retain top management that will be required to commercialise the Project. The Director options will only be issued upon shareholder approval at the upcoming 2008 Annual General Meeting.

Further Background


The Mount Lindsay project is located 25kms south-east of the currently operating Savage River Magnetite Mine, 15kms north-west of the soon to be re-opened Renison Bell Tin Mine and is **adjacent to existing infrastructure.**

Typical magnetite deposits have in ground iron values of 30 to 37% iron, which is then later crushed and concentrated to a product containing 65 to 71% iron with low impurities.

Magnetite ore is a well-known, viable alternative to hematite ores and can produce high grade concentrate suitable for either pellet or sinter production. Magnetite can be used to produce steel and other iron products, and as an additive to increase the specific gravity of slurries.

Kind regards

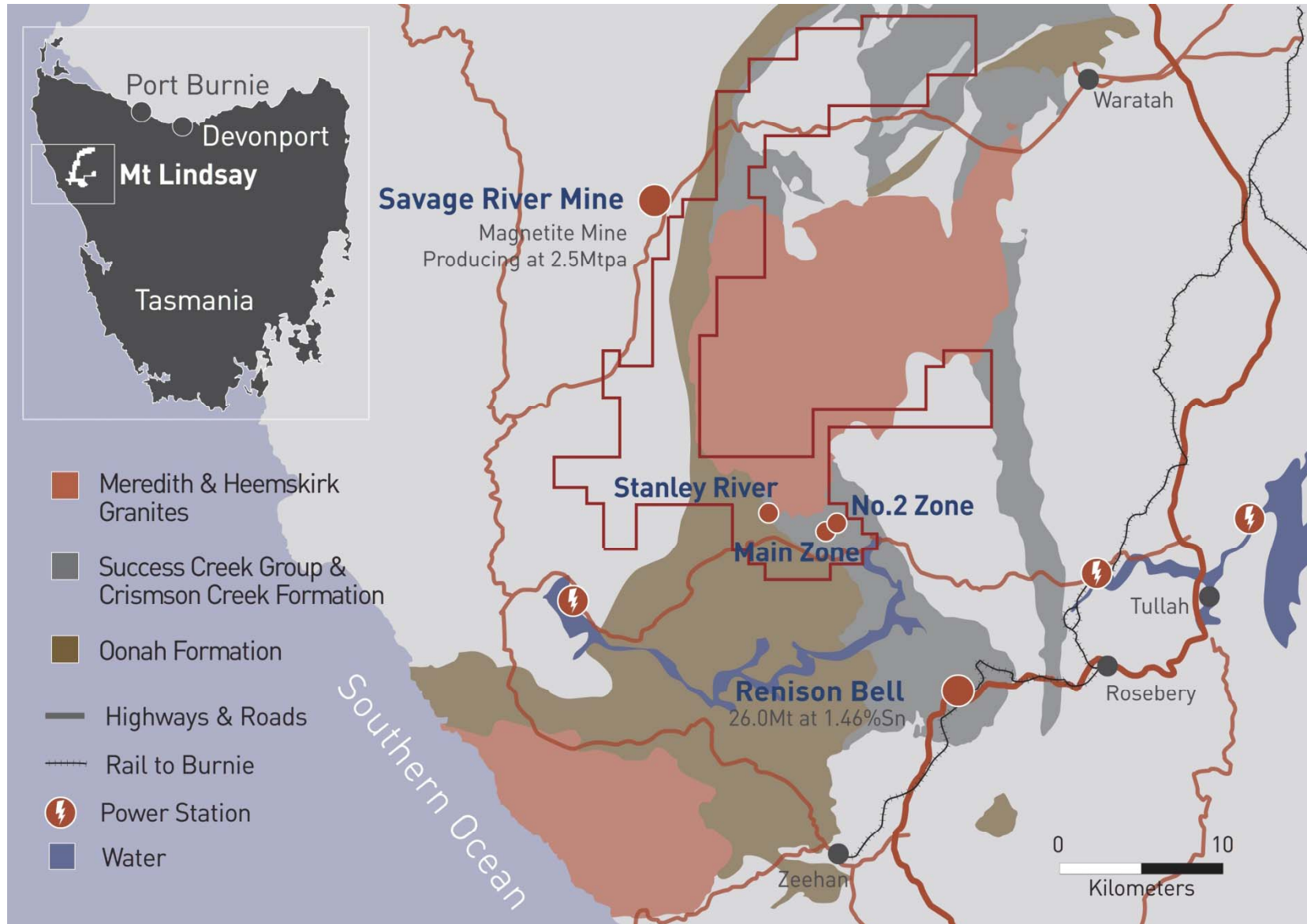
VENTURE MINERALS LIMITED



Andrew Radonjic
MANAGING Director

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Radonjic, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew Radonjic is a full-time employee of the company. Mr Andrew Radonjic has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Andrew Radonjic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

MOUNT LINDSAY MAGNETITE - TIN PROJECT NORTH WEST TASMANIA



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About magnetite - and global demand

The quality of direct shipping hematite ore products from the Pilbara continues to fall as higher grade deposits are depleted. Average iron grades and lump proportion have also been falling while impurity levels have been rising - putting increased pressure on steelmaker's productivity worldwide

High quality magnetite concentrate and pellets typically attract a premium to hematite lump product, ranging from 20% to 30%. Recently, prices on the spot market for lump hematite delivered to China have surged, while China's domestic concentrate price has also increased, representing a large premium to Australian contracted ores. China's steel production continues to rise at an annual rate of around 18%, while production is also lifting in Germany and Japan, after years of steady production.

Rising demand for cars, buildings and railroads is also expected to boost China's iron-ore import demand by up to 15 per cent in 2008.

Editor's notes

Venture Minerals is an Australian diversified explorer with high quality energy and minerals projects, including magnetite, tin-tungsten and nickel in Tasmania, copper-gold-uranium in South Australia and uranium, nickel and gold in Western Australia.

The **Mount Lindsay** project is located in the magnetite, tin-tungsten and nickel province of western Tasmania within the south-eastern contact metamorphic aureole of the Meredith Granite approximately 10-20 km from the Rosebery Lead-Zinc-Silver-Gold Mine and Renison Bell Tin Mine. The Meredith Granite is part of a suite of Devonian granites which also host other mineral deposits that include the Savage River Magnetite Mine, the Mount Bischoff and Cleveland Tin Mines, the King Island Tungsten Mine and the Avebury Nickel-sulphide Mine.

Churchill Dam sits within the Olympic Dam province of the Gawler Craton. It is approximately 65km southwest of the Olympic Dam-Wirrda Well-Acropolis group which is dominated by the world class Olympic Dam deposit. Olympic Dam is currently the world's 16th largest copper and third largest uranium producer. Churchill Dam is also 95km west of the recently discovered Carrapateena prospect.

Other projects

The Maitland Channel uranium project in Western Australia has potential for the discovery of calcrete-hosted Uranium mineralisation. The project also has potential to host nickel sulphide mineralisation.

The Paulsens South project in Western Australia is prospective for gold discoveries.