

## Venture secures the services of Mr Malcolm Hillbeck as Consultant Engineer

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Venture Minerals is pleased to announce that it has secured the services of Mr Malcolm Hillbeck as Consultant Engineer. **Mr Hillbeck is a highly respected and experienced mining engineer who has been the mine manager on several major mining operations in North West Tasmania where he is currently based.**

Mr Hillbeck brings 45 years of operating, senior management and corporate level experience, which included significant roles at the nearby operations of the Savage River Magnetite Mine, the Rosebery Base Metal Mine for North Broken Hill Limited and the Cleveland Tin Mine for Aberfoyle Limited. Malcolm was also Chairman of the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Mines and Metals Association, where he coordinated the formation of the Tasmanian Chamber of Mines and was its founding President.

Mr Hillbeck has recently completed 3 years as Vice President Operations for Anvil Mining Limited who now have 3 operating Copper Mines in the DRC (Congo).

**The Company believes that Mr Hillbeck's significant local and international experience will be a valuable addition to the management team which is now focussed on completing resource drilling and on pre-mining studies at the Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project in North West Tasmania.**

Kind regards  
**VENTURE MINERALS LIMITED**



**Mel Ashton**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Mr Malcolm Hillbeck and Mr Mel Ashton both consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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.

### Fast Facts

Share Price 9 September 2008 \$0.29  
Shares on Issue 76,650,000  
Market Cap  
A\$22.2 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 40.93%

### Projects

#### Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project, North West Tasmania

- Venture to conduct Scoping/Prefeasibility Study
- 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

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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.