ASX Announcement

1 August 2013

Mining Approval for Iron Valley

Highlights

- DMP approval received for the Iron Valley Project Mining Proposal
- This approval is an important step towards mine development
- IOH to receive a mine gate payment once the project is in operation

Iron Ore Holdings Ltd (ASX:IOH) is pleased to announce that the WA Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has on 31 July 2013 approved the Mining Proposal for above water table mining at the Iron Valley Project in the Central Pilbara area of Western Australia (see Figure 1). In addition, the WA Department of Water has on 31 July 2013 approved the water licence required for long term operations at Iron Valley.

These two approvals are part of the IOH responsibilities defined in an agreement with Mineral Resources Limited (ASX:MIN) in February 2013¹. Further approvals are being progressed by IOH and MIN.

Iron Valley has a JORC (2004) Probable Ore Reserve of 134 Mt at an average 58.5% Fe (with a cut-off grade of 53% Fe), included in a JORC (2004) Mineral Resource of 259 Mt at 58.3% Fe². The proposed mine development layout is shown in Figure 2.

IOH Managing Director, Alwyn Vorster, acknowledged the two approvals as important steps towards IOH realising revenue through the mine gate payment structure.

"This Iron Valley approval is the second approval for mining operations which IOH secured in a relatively short period, with the Phil's Creek development currently well underway by MIN. It is further evidence of IOH successfully executing its find, derisk and monetise strategy at relatively low risk to its shareholders.

"With the Iron Valley Project now advancing towards development, the next key focus for IOH will be securing Buckland Project funding solutions with a selected project partner and finalising the Cape Preston East port lease agreements with the Dampier Port Authority," Mr Vorster said.

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¹ See IOH ASX Announcement dated 28 February 2013

² See IOH ASX Announcement dated 7 February 2013

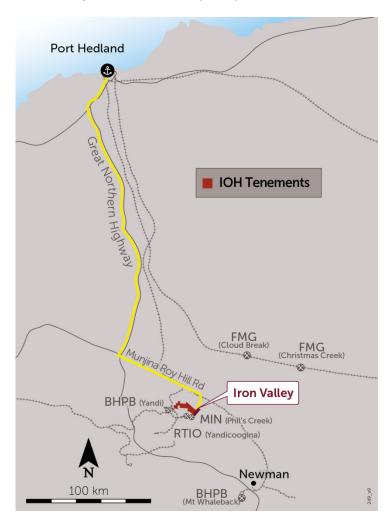
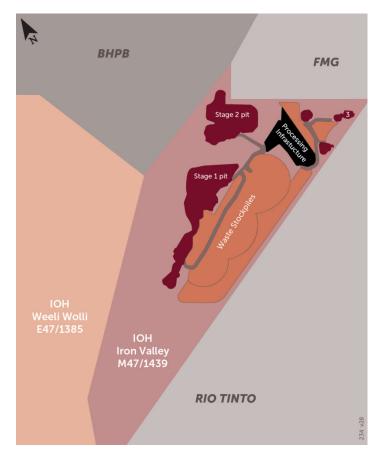


Figure 1: Iron Valley Project Location

Figure 2: Iron Valley Proposed Development Layout



Competent Persons Statements:

The information in this report that relates to exploration, exploration targets and drilling results is based on information compiled by Mr Roland Bartsch, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Bartsch is a full time contract employee of Iron Ore Holdings Ltd and 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 Bartsch consents 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 Mineral Resources estimates has been compiled by Mr Lynn Widenbar, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Widenbar is a full time employee of Widenbar and Associates and produced the Mineral Resource Estimates based on data and geological information supplied by IOH. Mr Widenbar has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Minerals Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Widenbar consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context that the information appears.

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserve estimations for Bungaroo South and Iron Valley Deposits is based on information compiled by Mr Alan G. Cooper, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Cooper is a full time employee of Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Pty Ltd. Mr Cooper 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 Cooper consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Corporate Profile (as at 31 July 2013)

Iron Ore Holdings Ltd (ASX: IOH) owns and manages a portfolio of bedded hematite, channel iron and magnetite iron ore tenements and projects within its Central, Western and Coastal hubs in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. The Company's projects are all strategically located within close proximity to existing and planned infrastructure. IOH has a stable share register, as well as an experienced Board and senior management team.

Ordinary Shares on Issue: 161,174,005

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