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### MINERAL RESOURCES AND ATLANTIC RESTRUCTURE WINDIMURRA VANADIUM PROJECT

Mineral Resources Limited (ASX: MIN; **MRL**) is pleased to announce it has agreed to vary the original agreement between Atlantic Ltd (ASX:ATI; **Atlantic**) and the Receivers of MVPL in respect of the acquisition of the Windimurra vanadium project (**Project**).

Under the revised agreement (which is subject to the approval of the existing lenders):

1. MRL will sell its 27.5% interest in the Project to Atlantic;
2. MRL will be paid all outstanding debts totalling approximately \$20 million upon Financial Close expected in mid to late August 2010.
3. MRL will sell its existing BOOT plant into the Project with settlement to occur on or before 1 April 2011, and
4. MRL will be paid all monthly BOOT payments that accrue between Financial Close and completion of the BOOT plant sale.

Peter Wade, Managing Director of MRL said that the revised agreement provides MRL shareholders with an appropriate return for the capital held in the Project since MVPL went into receivership in February 2009 and provides for full repayment of past debts and accrued capital payments through to settlement of plant purchase. The new structure provides certainty of outcome for MRL shareholders and also has the potential of providing MVPL's new shareholders with a positive return into the future.

Atlantic will obtain all necessary finance to complete construction and commissioning of the refinery plant, undertake completion of the plant construction, maintain full control of the operational aspects of the Project and take responsibility for the successful performance of the mine and processing operations.

"MRL stood by the Windimurra project through extremely challenging economic times. Our commitment in doing so enabled the Receivers of MVPL to secure new investors and thereby give existing secured lenders to the Project the best opportunity to achieve an improved debt recovery outcome."

"The Board of MRL considers that its exit from the Windimurra Project insulates MRL shareholders from the historically volatile vanadium market and importantly enables the cashflow generated from this transaction to be reinvested into our portfolio of well advanced iron ore and manganese producing projects and further expedites the development of other projects into production. In the current tight skilled labour market, it also enables MRL to utilise its



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specialist construction and project management personnel on projects for which anticipated greater project returns can be achieved.”

“The Windimurra project will acquire a world class upfront beneficiation plant at a very competitive cost. This acquisition enables MVPL to own and manage the entire processing infrastructure from mine to product which should generate considerable potential for operational synergies.” said Mr Wade.

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*Mineral Resources Limited is a leading, integrated, Australian based mining services and processing company with operations in contract crushing, general mine services, infrastructure provision and recovery of base metal concentrate for export. Operations are supplemented by rehabilitation and sale of heavy duty crushing and processing equipment, hire of engineering and crushing fleet plant and workshop manufacture of polyethylene pipe fittings and components.*

*Comprising three long standing core businesses reporting as a single entity, PIHA Pty Ltd, Crushing Services International Pty Ltd and Process Minerals International Pty Ltd, Mineral Resources Limited has developed a strong reputation for the cost effective delivery of its services and products to the resources and infrastructure sectors. These operations have been supplemented by the acquisition of 100% of Polaris Metals which was completed in the early half of 2010 and supports Mineral Resources Limited's strategy to become a major volume player in the steel making contracting and commodity market.*

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