

## IPERIONX AWARDED \$47.1M BY THE U.S. DOD TO SECURE U.S. TITANIUM SUPPLY CHAINS

IperionX Limited (NASDAQ: IPX, ASX: IPX) (IperionX) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a contract for up to US\$47.1 million in funding by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to strengthen the U.S. Defense Industrial Base by accelerating development of a resilient, low-cost, and fully-integrated U.S. mineral-to-metal titanium supply chain.

This strategic partnership represents a combined investment of US\$70.7 million between IperionX and the DoD to fund a two-phase development program over a two-year period. The agreement aims to strengthen U.S. titanium production capabilities, supporting national security and economic resilience.

As part of the initial phase, the DoD has obligated US\$5 million through the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) program and IperionX will contribute US\$1 million, to expedite the Titan Critical Minerals Project in Tennessee to 'shovel-ready' status, an important milestone in securing a new domestic source of titanium, rare earths and zircon critical minerals.

The remaining US\$42.1 million awarded under the contract is expected to be obligated by the DoD over the duration of the agreement, with the funds to be applied to facilitating vertical integration and increased titanium production capacity at IperionX's Titanium Manufacturing Campus in Virginia.

### Anastasios (Taso) Arima, IperionX CEO said:

*"This award is a pivotal moment in IperionX's mission to re-shore the U.S. titanium industry. For too long, American industry has been reliant on foreign-controlled supply chains for this critical high-strength metal. IperionX's proprietary technologies, combined with the Titan Project, offer a pathway for a resilient end-to-end U.S. titanium supply chain. We are proud to be selected by the DoD as a key partner in strengthening U.S. industrial and defense capabilities."*

Titanium is a critical material for the aerospace, defense, automotive, space, and consumer industries, but its high cost and reliance on foreign supply chains have limited its broader adoption. IperionX's Hydrogen-Assisted Metallothermic Reduction (HAMR™) and Hydrogen Sintering and Phase Transformation (HSPT™) technologies provide a pathway to produce low-cost, high-performance titanium.

In 2023, DoD conducted market research to identify "practical alternatives to the current import-dominated supply chain for high-purity titanium sponge and titanium alloy metals." DoD stated "the ideal solution will domestically mine, process, and refine ore, and recycle scrap titanium" to produce titanium products while providing "clear benefits regarding material quality and cost" and improving "process energy efficiency when compared to current methods (i.e., the Kroll or Hunter processes)."

This effort led DoD to issue a competitive solicitation in 2024, seeking proposals from industry to improve resiliency in the titanium supply chain. The objective of DoD's solicitation was to "domestically source titanium through innovative processes" to produce titanium to meet U.S. military demand. Having been selected for award, IperionX's proposal demonstrated a unique end-to-end solution to reshore the U.S. titanium supply chain.

This funding from the DoD's IBAS program reflects the Trump Administration's priority to secure domestic critical minerals and metals supply chains and to ensure resilient U.S. manufacturing capabilities.

IperionX's mineral-to-metal titanium supply chain will support advanced U.S. industries by delivering a low-cost, scalable and resilient solution. IperionX looks forward to working closely with the DoD and industry partners to execute on this landmark initiative.

This announcement has been authorized for release by the CEO and Managing Director.

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## **Contract Details**

IperionX has been awarded a contract for up to US\$47.1 million to strengthen the U.S. Defense Industrial Base. The parties to the contract are IperionX and the United States of America (US Government). This contract represents a combined total investment of up to US\$70.7 million to fund a two-phase development program over a 24-month period, with the US Government to fund \$47.1 million and IperionX to fund \$23.6 million.

For the initial phase, the US Government has obligated \$5 million and IperionX will contribute \$1 million, with the funds to be applied to Titan Project feasibility studies. The remaining \$42.1 million awarded under the contract is expected to be obligated by the US Government over the duration of the agreement, with the funds to be applied to facilitating vertical integration and increased titanium production capacity at IperionX's Virginia Titanium Manufacturing Campus. The US Government reserves the right to not fund the projects based on technical progress, US Government needs, and availability of funding. Either party may terminate the contract at any time.

## **About IperionX**

IperionX is a leading American titanium metal and critical materials company – using patented metal technologies to produce high performance titanium alloys, from titanium minerals or scrap titanium, at lower energy, cost and carbon emissions.

Our Titan critical minerals project is the largest JORC-compliant mineral resource of titanium, rare earth and zircon minerals sands in the United States.

IperionX's titanium metal and critical minerals are essential for advanced U.S. industries including space, aerospace, defense, consumer electronics, hydrogen, automotive and additive manufacturing.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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