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Momentum in Queensland's resources sector has started strongly in the new year with the State Government approving another significant mining lease.

QRC Chief Executive Ian Macfarlane said Metallica Minerals Urquhart Bauxite Project in the Cape York could unearth sizeable amounts of bauxite.

"This is a good outcome for the sector and comes after a number of mining leases being granted by Minister Lynham. The project will support 26 jobs in the Cape York and we're continuing to see a jobs story across several commodities," Mr Macfarlane said.

"The world is hungry for Queensland's resources, especially bauxite and this approval adds to the state's diversification story in commodities.

"Bauxite is one of the building blocks of the modern economy, used to produce aluminum, which goes into everything from soft drink cans in your fridge to frames for solar panels on your roof."

QRC's current data shows that in 2016-17, the state's metals industry contributed \$6.1 billion to the state's economy and supported 36,723 full time jobs.

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