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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS URQUHART BAUXITE DOES NOT REQUIRE AN EIS

Highlights

- Department of the Environment (Commonwealth) confirms that the Urquhart Bauxite project in north Qld will be assessed by preliminary documentation
- Commonwealth Government does not require an EIS to be completed

Metallica Minerals Limited ("Metallica") ([ASX:MLM](#)) is pleased to advise that it has received notice from the Department of the Environment (Commonwealth) (the "Department") that it has determined that the Urquhart Bauxite project (the "Project") in north Queensland is a Controlled Action that will be assessed by preliminary documentation. The assessment by preliminary documentation requires certain management plans to be developed and approved to mitigate the potential impacts of the Project. This determination is a direct result of significant work and consultation undertaken by the Joint Venture and its consultants to deliver a sustainable development plan for the Project.

The plan to utilise the nearby Hey Point infrastructure (see ASX release 7 April 2016), thereby negating the need to construct costly marine and barge loading infrastructure, played a large part in reducing the impact of the Project. This coupled with the development plan has now resulted in the Department not requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address Commonwealth matters.

The Joint Venture continues to work closely with the Queensland Government and other stakeholders, including the Traditional Owners, so as to receive all approvals to commence production in the first half of 2017. The Company remains confident that the Queensland Government will also confirm that the Project will be assessed without the need for an EIS to be completed.

Metallica's CEO, Mr Simon Slesarewich:

"The determination by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment is a major endorsement of the Company's development plan and the relatively low impact of the direct shipping Urquhart Bauxite project in north Queensland. This major milestone confirms that the Project remains on schedule for a low capital start up in the first half of 2017."

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