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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ADVISES NO EIS REQUIRED FOR URQUHART BAUXITE

Highlights

- Queensland's Department of Environment and Heritage Protection advises that the Urquhart Bauxite project near Weipa does not require an EIS to be completed
- Mining Lease expected to be granted in Q1 2017 with maiden production commencing in Q2

Bauxite developer, Metallica Minerals Limited ("Metallica") ([ASX:MLM](#)), is pleased to advise that it has received notice from Queensland's Department of Environment and Heritage Protection confirming that the Urquhart Bauxite project in north Queensland does not require an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") to be completed. The Queensland Government determination follows earlier Federal Government advice from the Department of the Environment (*see ASX Release 24 June 2016*) also confirming that Urquhart Bauxite did not require an EIS and would be assessed via preliminary documentation.

Metallica's CEO, Mr Simon Slesarewich:

"We are extremely pleased that the hard and diligent work completed by our Joint Venture team and its consultants - to understand and develop a sustainable bauxite mining development plan on our deposits just south of Weipa on Cape York - has been recognised by both the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments. This most important determination should see a Mining Lease being granted in the first quarter of 2017, allowing mobilisation of mining contractors to commence immediately after the 2016/17 wet season. We anticipate that this in turn will deliver first production from Urquhart Bauxite during the second quarter of 2017."

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