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LEGAL ACTION BY SUSPENDED CEO AND PREVIOUS MD

Metallica Minerals (ASX: MLM) wishes to advise that suspended CEO and former Managing Director, Simon Slesarewich, has brought a legal claim against the Company in relation to his employment as the Company CEO.

The Company has engaged lawyers and will be defending the claim brought by Mr Slesarewich.

Mr Slesarewich has sought a declaration that he validly terminated his employment following the Board decision to suspend his employment pending an investigation. Mr Slesarewich also seeks payment of his contractual entitlements. The claim comes after the Company refused to accept Mr Slesarewich's resignation while the Company was undertaking a review of Mr Slesarewich's conduct and performance, as part of the broader review that was announced to the market on 1 February and 6 February 2019.

Given Mr Slesarewich's involvement at both Board and Executive levels in the matters under review, the new Board considered it a matter of prudent management to suspend the CEO and former Managing Director pending completion of that review.

The external review process has commenced and will be completed once all matters are addressed. Mr Slesarewich has been notified of the matters pertaining to the Urquhart Bauxite Project review process and his participation in that review has been sought. The Board expects Mr Slesarewich to participate in this process shortly.

The Company has and will continue to afford Mr Slesarewich procedural fairness in relation to the review. The Board has determined it would be inappropriate and premature to make any decision about Mr Slesarewich's employment, or about his entitlements, while investigations are ongoing.

The action taken by the new Board demonstrates a high standard of operational accountability and strong governance.

During the period of Mr Slesarewich's suspension, the Board has moved to ensure minimal disruption to Metallica Minerals' operations by appointing Director, Scott Waddell, to the position of Interim Chief Executive Officer. Mr Waddell has in-depth experience in the resources industry, particularly on bauxite projects, which is highly beneficial to the Company.

Following the completion of the review, the Board intends to address any issues identified in the review's recommendations, and develop and execute on its strategic plan as it focuses on long-term value creation for all shareholders.

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