

# CELAMIN ON TRACK TO RECOVER INTEREST IN CHAKETMA AFTER COVID DELAYS

# **Celamin Holdings Ltd**

**ASX Code: CNL** 

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### Securities on Issue

194,009,961 ordinary shares 8,656,616 unlisted options 135,027 unlisted options 2,000,000 unlisted options 12,000,000 unlisted options 500,000 unlisted options

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# **Summary:**

- Chaketma Phosphate Project interest now expected to be returned in July
- Investigations into TMS actions to avoid arbitration outcome underway
- Initial due diligence on Chaketma commences
- A\$6.6m damages owed to Celamin, accrues daily

Celamin Holdings Limited (**Celamin** or the **Company** (ASX: CNL) has been advised the final step for restoring its 50.99% stake in the Chatekma Phosphate Project will occur in July.

Chatekma is a significant phosphate asset in Tunisia and the Company's primary focus. Celamin is in the final stages of recovering its interest in Chaketma following the illegal transfer by its former JV partner, Tunisian Mining Services (TMS).

Due to the impact of the Coronavirus, the government of Tunisia enacted measures to contain the pandemic's spread, including closing the courts, which understandably delayed Celamin's legal proceedings. Furthermore, TMS has sought to frustrate Celamin's enforcement action. Despite this, with the reopening of the courts in May, several hearings have taken place and a decision is expected in July.

The Company will keep the market informed as and when the outcome of this application is known.

In addition to this progress, Celamin received orders allowing it to review and understand the steps TMS has taken to avoid an adverse outcome since the commencement of the dispute in 2015.

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These orders will serve to assist in the seizure applications underway to secure payment of damages and costs exceeding US\$4.6m owed to Celamin. The damages and costs outstanding will continue to accrue until they are paid in full by TMS.

In addition, the President of the Court of First Instance has ordered an audit of the operating company that holds the Chaketma permit (Chaketma Phosphate SA (**CPSA**)) by an independent court-appointed auditor for the 2015 to 2019 financial years.

This move will allow Celamin to commence its accounting and financial due diligence exercise for the project earlier than originally anticipated.

"Although we have experienced some delays since the re-opening of the Courts, we remain pleased with the progress to have our interest in Chaketma returned," said Celamin Managing Director Simon Eley.

"Our legal team has also been busy understanding the actions TMS has taken since 2015 to avoid the consequences of an adverse decision in the arbitration proceedings, and these actions could have a serious impact on TMS and its management," Mr Eley said.

This announcement is authorised for release to the market by the Board of Directors of Celamin Holdings Limited.

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