

ASX Announcement - 24th September 2020



# Company Update

# Highlights:-

- Plans advancing to commence mining at the Ardmore Phosphate Project
- Preliminary work has commenced into the potential for additional phosphate sales in Queensland and possibly other States
- Work on rare earth potential at Ardmore
- Discussions continue regarding funding for Centrex's projects continue
- New alternate director appointed

### 1. Ardmore Phosphate Project

The development of the Ardmore Phosphate Project continues with plans now advanced to commence mining in the first quarter of 2021. This initial stage of mining will produce 25,000 tonnes of phosphate rock, with the intention of selling the production into local and overseas markets.

This mining operation is proposed to be carried out by an established contract mining company, and should only take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

## 2. Ardmore Phosphate Sales Potential

Work continues on establishing additional markets for phosphate rock production from the Company's 100 percent-owned Ardmore Phosphate Project.

The Ardmore project has been designed to produce 800,000 tonnes per annum of high grade, low impurity rock phosphate. Marketing of the premium phosphate rock product has already targeted substantial customers within Australia and overseas, and the product has gained good acceptance as a feed for superphosphate production and other uses. Recent work has also indicated there may be substantial potential to supply additional specialty phosphate rock products into local and overseas markets, and technical and market development work is being carried out to ascertain the size and requirements of these markets.

It may be possible that either additional rock phosphate tonnage could be produced from the Ardmore mine to satisfy this market, and/or tailings from the Ardmore process plant (the value of which have not previously been accounted for in financial projections) and other products may be suitable for sale in their current form.

# 3. Work on Rare Earth Potential at Ardmore

A preliminary study has commenced into the potential for commercial quantities of rare earths that are known to exist in the Ardmore Phosphate deposit. The value of these rare earths had not previously been included in economic modelling for the Ardmore project.

#### 4. Fund raising

Discussion and investigation continue into raising funds, particularly for the further development of the Ardmore Phosphate Project.

As noted above, Centrex plans to proceed to mine 25,000 tonnes in the first quarter of 2021. The cost of this program of works is approximately \$600,000, and discussions are advancing regarding raising appropriate capital for this proposal. In addition, Centrex still wishes to develop the full Ardmore Phosphate Project as soon as possible. Discussions continue with various funders who may have potential to provide the substantial capital required. If successful, Centrex would become a producer of high grade low impurity phosphate rock for sale, with additional potential for the sale of as-mined ore and tailings from the processing plant.

#### 5. Appointment of Alternate Director

The Company has appointed Mr Ben Chrisp as an Alternate Director to Mr Graham Chrisp, effective 22 September 2020. Ben Chrisp is completing a degree in accounting and finance and has worked in the mineral exploration and land development fields for over 10 years. He is experienced in finance, computing and project management and is a private company director who has also served as a director of an ASX listed company.

This announcement is authorised by the board of the Company.

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#### **About Centrex Metals**

Centrex Metals is looking to secure Australasia's sustainable agriculture future through the exploration and development of its wholly-owned Ardmore Phosphate Project and Oxley Potash Project. The products from both of these projects are necessary ingredients for global food production and human nutrition.

The Centrex Metals fertiliser projects are located near to established energy and transport infrastructure that are necessary for access to established agricultural markets. The Company is also continuing its copper-gold-base metal exploration projects near Goulburn in the Lachlan Fold Belt in New South Wales.