

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS - LINDI JUMBO PROJECT

Walkabout Resources Ltd (ASX:WKT) (Company), is pleased to provide an update of construction progress of the Lindi Jumbo graphite mine in Tanzania.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Majority of major mechanical equipment now delivered to site.
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) construction 73% complete and on schedule.
- Planned civil works 77% completed and on schedule.
- Further two vessels with equipment expected to arrive in Tanzania within the next two weeks.
- Further shipments planned for departure from China and Australia in June.

EQUIPMENT DELIVERY AND MANUFACTURING

A further two shipments containing essential pieces of equipment for the completion of the concrete works for the Screening and Drying building as well as the majority of the larger mechanical equipment have been delivered to site in Tanzania.

These include the Drum Scrubber, Attritioning Mills, Rotary Dryer, Gantry Cranes, Dust Collectors, Packing machines, various supporting equipment (motors, pumps etc.) and remaining the cast-in items for the completion of the foundations of the large Screening and Drying building.



Figure 2: Drum Scrubber and attritioning mills on site (left) and two sections of the rotary drier in temporary laydown near the mounting plinths (right).

The arrival of the latest equipment on site means that virtually all of the major mechanical equipment has now been delivered to site and the construction team will be in a position to install these as per the construction schedule.

A further two shipments with smaller pieces of equipment and platework in containers and a bulk shipment with the first batch of pre-fabricated steel for the Screening and Bagging building are currently en-route to Tanzania and are expected to arrive in country within the next two weeks. A further two to three shipments planned to leave China and Australia before the end of June.

The arrival of this equipment provides greater confidence of construction being completed in the final quarter of this year.

SITE WORKS

Structural and mechanical installation works of the entire crushing circuit is now complete and conveyor belting (already on site) will be installed in line with the commissioning schedule. The arrival of the drum scrubber on site and the installation thereof will allow for the completion of the concrete works (mainly floor slabs) within the upper section of the Concentrator Building and the entire area will be ready for the start of the construction of the building steel framework and roof.



Figure 2: Mechanical completed crushing circuit (left) and the platforms around the flotation circuit (right).

Civil works for the entire project is at 77% completion and on schedule. The focus of the concrete works remains around the foundations of the Drying and Screening building and the arrival of the remainder of the cast in items with the latest shipments enables the completion of this area in preparation of the pre-fabricated building framework steel currently enroute from China.

The TSF is now 73% complete. No more blasts are needed for waste rock for the completion of the pre-depositional area and the focus for the remainder of the month will be the completion of the waste rock fill, compaction and trimming of the walls in preparation of the installation of the HDPE liner that has already been delivered to site.



Figure 2: Completed clay-lined embankment walls (left) and in progress (right) of the pre-depositional area of the TSF in preparation of the installation of the HDPE liner.

MINE PLANNING

With no more pure waste rock blast needed, the focus within the starter pit will now shift towards preparation of pit for production and the opening of the main ore zone of the deposit. As previously announced, this “core zone” of the deposit comprises a super high-grade zone (5 million tonnes @ 22.5% TGC) enveloped by a medium grade zone (10 to 20% TGC)¹. This core zone will supply the bulk of the ore for stockpiling, blending and processing through the plant.

The three-year mine plan (*see ASX announcement of 26 May 2023*) is based on the following:

1. No changes to the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve (*See ASX announcements of 19 December 2018 and 7 March 2019*).
2. The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target/financial forecasts as per the 7 March 2019 DFS continue to apply and have not materially changed. No material changes to the following factors as used in the DFS of March 2019 including Metallurgical factors/assumptions, Capital costs, Revenue factors, Operating costs, Market assessment and Economic factors (i.e. interest rates, discount rates etc.).
3. Inclusion of the Inferred Resources (within the three-year pit shell) as ore and no longer classified as waste as in the DFS of March 2019. While these inferred resources will extend Lindi Jumbo mine life, it is not expected to be a material increase given the volume of inferred resources to be produced during the three-year mine plan. Grade control drilling to be done as part of the updated operational three-year mine plan will increase the confidence of all mineralised zones. These results will then be taken into consideration for the short term mine planning within the longer-term mine plan. The 3 year mine plan information is merely a component of the 2019 DFS and all material assumptions underpinning the 2019 DFS continue to apply and have not materially changed.

CEO of Walkabout Resources, Andrew Cunningham commented;

“The arrival on site of the remainder of the large mechanical equipment means that the certain areas of the processing plant can be completed fairly rapidly and more areas opened up for the construction team. We look forward to the increased activities on site as the plant rapidly changes shape in preparation of the commissioning later in the year.”

This announcement is authorised for release by the Board.

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¹ ASX Announcement 19 December 2018, Lindi Jumbo Graphite Mineral Resource Increased by 41%.

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ABOUT WKT

Walkabout is developing the high-grade Lindi Jumbo Graphite Project in South East Tanzania to take advantage of forecast market conditions for Large and Jumbo flake graphite products.

The Company holds 100% of a Mining Licence and between 70% and 100% of adjacent graphite prospecting licences at Lindi Jumbo with an enduring option to acquire the remaining 30% share. A high-grade graphite Mineral Reserve has been delineated within the Mining Licence area.

In addition to the Lindi Jumbo Project, Walkabout is also exploring in south west Tanzania at the Amani Hard Rock Gold Project.

The Company has also acquired an exciting exploration portfolio for gold and base metals in Scotland and Northern Ireland and is conducting ongoing mineral exploration in these areas.

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