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MACARTHUR MINERALS GRANTS SHARE BASED COMPENSATION

Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSXV: MMS) (ASX: MIO) (OTCQB: MMSDF) (the Company or Macarthur), pursuant to the Company's Share Compensation Plans ("Plans"), the Board of Directors of the Company has granted an aggregate of 7,200,000 stock options ("Options") to acquire common shares of the Company to Directors of the Company. The Options have an exercise price of A\$0.20, vest immediately and expire three years from the date of issue.

The Options are being issued under the terms of the Company's Share Compensation Plans which were approved by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 31 August 2022.

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Company profile

Macarthur is an iron ore development, and lithium exploration company that is focused on bringing to production its Western Australia iron ore projects. The Lake Giles Iron Project mineral resources include the Ularring hematite resource (approved for development) comprising Indicated resources of 54.5 million tonnes at 47.2% Fe and Inferred resources of 26 million tonnes at 45.4% Fe and the Lake Giles magnetite resource of 53.9 million tonnes (Measured), 218.7 million tonnes (Indicated) and 997 million tonnes (Inferred). The Lake Giles Iron Project also contains Proven Ore Reserves of 51.9 Mt and Probable Ore Reserves of 184.7Mt. Macarthur also holds 24 square kilometre tenement area iron exploration interests in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. In addition, Macarthur has lithium brine Claims in the emerging Railroad Valley region in Nevada, USA.

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