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MACARTHUR RECEIVES THIRD \$250,000 PAYMENT FROM GOLD VALLEY YILGARN

Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSXV: MMS) (ASX: MIO) (OTCQB: MMSDF) (the Company or Macarthur), is pleased to announce the receipt of the third payment of A\$250,000 from Gold Valley Yilgarn Pty Ltd (“Gold Valley”), which was due on 31 December 2024. This payment forms part of the staged consideration under the binding Agreement signed on 13 June 2024, granting Gold Valley the right to mine hematite ore from Macarthur’s Lake Giles Ularring Hematite Project in Western Australia.

This marks the final of three scheduled payments, following the initial A\$250,000 paid upon the signing of the Term Sheet in June (see announcement [here](#) – 18 June 2024). In addition to these payments, the Agreement includes milestone payments of A\$5,000,000 upon the extraction and sale by Gold Valley of 1,000,000 dry metric tonnes (DMT) and a further A\$5,000,000 upon the extraction and sale by Gold Valley of an additional 1,000,000 dry metric tonnes of direct shipping ore (DSO) from the Lake Giles Project. Beyond the initial 2,000,000 DMT, Macarthur will receive a royalty of A\$1 per tonne for all additional tonnes mined for the life of the mine.

The Agreement grants Gold Valley the right to extract hematite ore from Macarthur’s Lake Giles Ularring Hematite Project. The Agreement excludes mining of magnetite iron ore from the 1.3 billion tonne Lake Giles Moonshine Magnetite Project, the subject of the 2022 Feasibility Study.

Key Terms of the Agreement:

- Gold Valley has the right to mine hematite ore from Macarthur’s Lake Giles Ularring Hematite Project.
- Macarthur retains ownership of all tenements, while Gold Valley is responsible for maintaining the tenements and obtaining necessary mining approvals.
- Gold Valley is responsible for all State Government Royalties.
- Life of mine Agreement.

Macarthur Chairman, Cameron McCall commented:

“Receiving this third payment from Gold Valley highlights the strength of our partnership and underscores our shared commitment to advancing Macarthur’s high-value iron ore assets in Western Australia. This milestone marks another significant step on our journey towards production and further strengthens our financial position as we continue advancing our much larger, 1.3 billion tonne Moonshine Magnetite Iron Project. Gold Valley’s initial shipments last year from its Wiluna West Iron Project demonstrate the tangible progress of our collaboration and highlights the positive impact our agreement will have in unlocking value from Macarthur’s iron ore portfolio. Gold Valley is now onsite and working diligently with the view to bring the hematite project online later this year, allowing the partnership to gain momentum. With Southern Ports’ commitment to upgrades and attracting new customers at the Port of Esperance, the future looks increasingly promising (see news article [here](#) – 16 December 2024). Additionally, available capacity at the Port of Esperance has expanded further following the final shipment from Mineral Resources’ Koolyanobbing iron ore mine in December 2024 (see news article [here](#) – 1 January 2025).”

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About Gold Valley

Gold Valley companies are a multi-sector conglomerate with interests spanning mining, agriculture (vineyards), and energy. Based in Perth, Gold Valley is supported by an experienced executive team and is chaired by Mr. Yuzheng Xie. Across all sectors and projects, Gold Valley adheres to its safety, environment, and social “5 Pillars” to ensure the best possible outcomes for the environment, stakeholders, and the community.

Gold Valley recently acquired the Wiluna West Iron Ore Project, which boasts a 130-million-tonne resource, from GWR Group Limited (ASX: GWR). In October 2024, Gold Valley exported its maiden shipment of iron ore through the Port of Esperance, comprising over 78,000 tonnes of Wiluna West ore. This milestone was followed by a second shipment of 170,000 tonnes in December 2024.

Gold Valley plans to upgrade the Ularring ore and blend it with Wiluna fines to create a unique mix of low SiO₂, low Al, and low P fines, in addition to its highly sought-after lump ore. Currently, Gold Valley exports iron ore to seven countries, including several in Europe, and has been recognized as a green iron ore producer.

Released On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr Cameron McCall, Executive Chairman and CEO

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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. The Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimates presented herein have previously been released to the ASX on March 21, 2022, including supporting JORC reporting tables. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements and, in the case of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves that all assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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