

AMMAROO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSEESSMENT COMPLETED

NORTHERN TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY (NTEPA) COMPLETES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE AMMAROO PHOSPHATE PROJECT

Verdant Minerals Ltd (ASX:VRM) ("Verdant" or "the Company") today announced the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (**NTEPA**) has approved the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for Verdant Minerals' flagship 100%-owned **Ammaroo Phosphate Project**.

The receipt of the NTEPA Assessment Report marks the completion of the environmental impact assessment process for the Ammaroo Phosphate Project. Verdant is now focused on finalising the native title mining agreement and subsequently obtaining grants for mineral leases ahead of securing funding for the development of the project.

Verdant Minerals Managing Director, Chris Tziolis commented, "This is a major milestone for Verdant Minerals and the Ammaroo Phosphate Project. The completion of the assessment process by the NTEPA provides Verdant with the regulatory baseline required to move the Ammaroo Project towards final mining authorisations and the attainment of statutory licences."

"This marks the end of the most rigorous part of the approval and permitting process. We will also now move on with the implementation and financing stage of the project, progressing toward a final investment decision."

As announced to the ASX on 24 June 2018, the Ammaroo Phosphate Project has already received Federal Government approval under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. In line with the normal procedure, the NTEPA made recommendations to inform the next phase of mining authorisation under the Mining Management Act (NT).

The NTEPA stated in their communication with Verdant Minerals that "...subject to the implementation of all recommendations and the commitments and safeguards listed in the proponent's Environmental Impact Statement, the proposal can be managed in a manner that is likely to meet the NT EPA's objectives and avoid significant or unacceptable environmental impacts and risk."

A full copy of the NTEPA Assessment Report can be found on the NTEPA's website at: <u>https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/environmental-assessments</u>

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About Verdant Minerals

Verdant Minerals is focused on the discovery, development and operation of fertiliser and industrial mineral projects, located in close proximity to existing transport infrastructure, focused on the Northern Territory of Australia.

The Company's portfolio of projects includes:

- Developing the 100% owned world class Ammaroo Phosphate Project located approx. 200km south-east of Tennant Creek and 300km north-east of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory;
- A portfolio of Sulphate of Potash projects in the Northern Territory; and
- The Dingo Hill Silica Project in the Northern Territory, which has the potential to produce high purity quartz.

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