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HADDINGTON BOLSTERS ITS TANTALUM EXPLORATION PORTFOLIO

Haddington Resources Ltd has expanded its tantalite exploration portfolio in the Northern Territory after its wholly owned subsidiary Australian Tantalum Pty Ltd entered into an option agreement with private company Arnhem Resources Pty Ltd to acquire their large Finniss Range exploration licence (EL24639 -139 sub-blocks) located on the western side of the Pine Creek Orogen approximately 70 kms south west of Darwin.

Arnhem has granted Australian Tantalum the exclusive option to purchase the Finniss Range tenement for a period of 24 months from the date on which the tenement is granted by the Northern Territory Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development.

As consideration for the option, Australian Tantalum will pay Arnhem $50,000 in cash and Haddington Resources Limited will issue Arnhem 500,000 unlisted options to purchase ordinary shares in the capital of Haddington for three years at a strike price of $0.30c, and 500,000 unlisted options to purchase ordinary shares in the capital of Haddington for three years at a strike price of $0.40c.

At any time during the two year option period ATL will have the exclusive right to purchase the tenement by payment of $200,000 in cash and Haddington Resources Limited will issue Arnhem ordinary shares in its capital to a value of $200,000.

The Arnhem Resources exploration licence and the Company's recent applications for two adjacent exploration licences, EL24773 and EL24774, together cover a total of approximately 385km^2.

The Finniss Range tenement contains the River Annie pegmatite field with over 30 confirmed pegmatite prospects and over 50 sighted occurrences. Minor production on the alluvial and oxidised portions of outcropping pegmatites has occurred from some of these prospects in the past. To the north and along strike from River Annie are the Observation Hill group of pegmatite's, which are currently held by Sons of Gwalia (Bynoe). The Observation Hill area contains over 60 pegmatites, and was mined intermittently from 1979 to 2000 by Greenex and Fieldcorp Pty Ltd.

The Mt Finnis Mine, which has produced the largest amount of tin and tantalum in the Northern Territory is located at the southern end of the River Annie field and is surrounded by Haddington's new application EL24774.

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In 2001 Julia Corporation carried out exploration in the area on adjacent ground, which is currently held by others, and identified several tantalite occurrences with average tantalum values from 160ppm Ta_2O_5 to 223 ppm Ta_2O_5. Julia identified by visual methods 27 pegmatite bodies up to 200m in length and 30m in width before a change in its corporate direction led to it relinquishing the area.

Generally higher grade pegmaties are associated with decreased silica contents and therefore their surface expressions are likely to be subdued or they are non outcropping. Many of the pegmatites in the Finniss Range area are kaolinised and deeply weathered, increasing the possibility of blind deposits and Haddington believes that the potential for discovery of high grade pegmatites is high.

Haddington has developed and successfully applied modern geochemical exploration methods based on bedrock geochemistry in identifying blind deposits at its Bald Hill operations in Western Australia. The Company believes it can successfully apply those techniques in the Northern Territory.

Haddington has now secured the rights to over 700km² of prospective tantalum exploration leases in the Northern Territory.

The Finniss Range licences will significantly enhance Haddington's exploration potential in the Northern Territory, where the Company already has the 260km² Shoobridge Project. Shoobridge is located approximately 165 km south of Darwin and contains tantalite prospects at Barretts, Plateau Point, Two Bobs and Shoobridge, all of which have historical tin/tantalum mineralisation and prior production history.

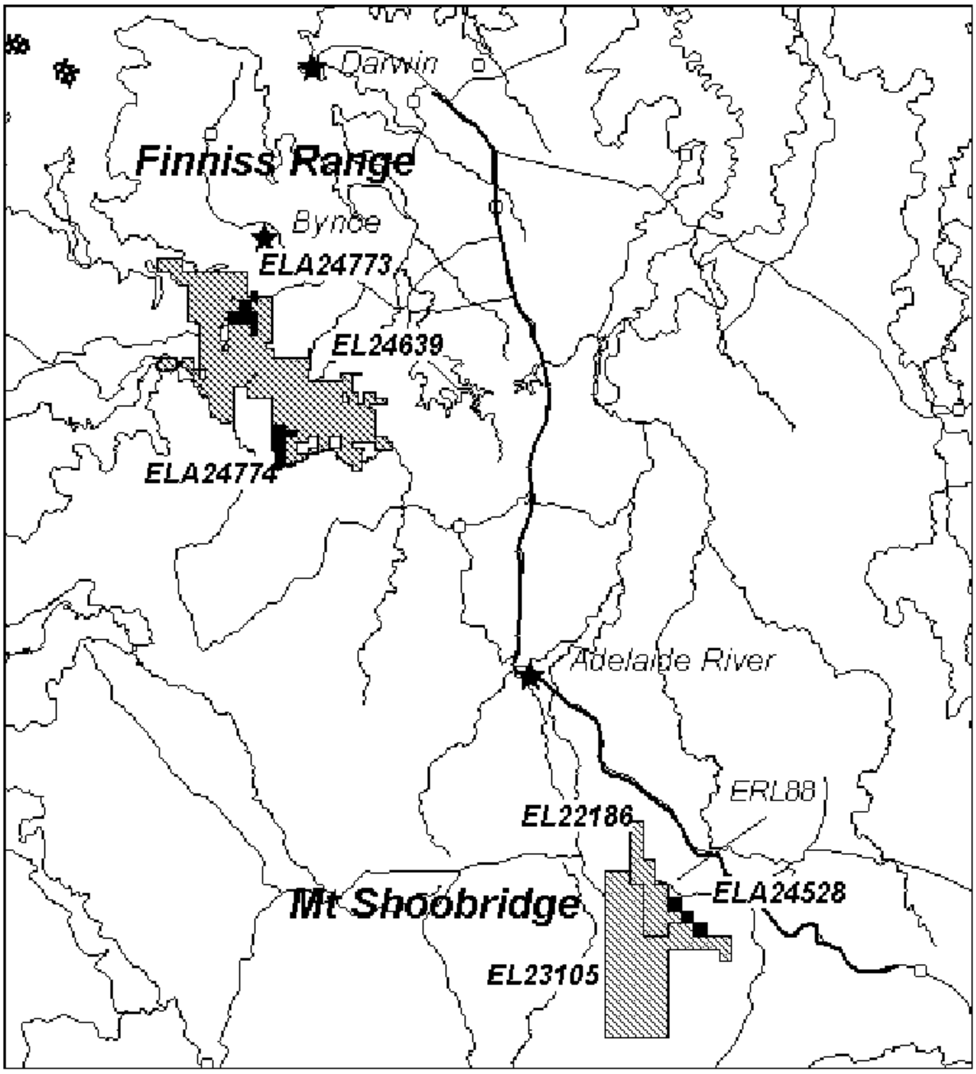
Exploration is currently underway at the Shoobridge Project with a soil geochemistry sampling program being undertaken together with rock chip sampling and mapping at the massive Two Bobs pegmatite, which is highly prospective for tin tantalite and gold.

The Company is excited about the potential of its Northern Territory tenement package and plans to commence exploration in the area as soon as possible.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HADDINGTON RESOURCES LIMITED.

Colin McCavana
Managing Director

Note: The information in the statements relating to the Bald Hill Tantalite Mineral Resources is based on the information compiled by Mr A.J.Pearson. Mr. Pearson is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity undertaken in the preparation of the Mineral Resource Estimate to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code.



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