
EXECUTION OF A\$160M NAIF LOAN FACILITY

HIGHLIGHTS

- **A\$160m Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) loan documentation executed by the Government of Western Australia in favour of the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project**

Sheffield Resources Limited (“Sheffield” or “the Company”) (ASX: SFX) is pleased to advise that the Deputy Premier of Western Australia, Hon. Roger Cook MLA, has ratified the A\$160m Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) loan facility and that the loan facility documentation has been executed by the Government of Western Australia, providing a key step forward for the development of the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Sheffield Executive Chair, Bruce Griffin, said: *“Sheffield wishes to thank and acknowledge the welcome support of the Western Australian Government for Thunderbird and the establishment of a leading new mineral sands project that will deliver significant economic benefits for the people of the Kimberley region. In partnership with our joint venture partner Yansteel, we look forward to providing employment opportunities to many more local Kimberley residents and those in the wider Western Australian community.”*

In conjunction with third party project financing being sourced by Kimberley Mineral Sands, the execution of the NAIF loan documentation is one of the remaining steps to enable Kimberley Mineral Sands to achieve Financial Close and utilise the loan facilities, which is expected over the coming months.

Naust Capital is acting as project financing adviser to Kimberley Mineral Sands in relation to the NAIF loan facility.

This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by the Company’s Board of Directors.

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KEY TERMS OF THE A\$160M NAIF LOAN FACILITY

Borrower:	Thunderbird Operations Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary of Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd).
Guarantors:	Sheffield Resources Limited and YGH Australia Investment Pty Ltd (the “Sponsors”) and Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd. Sponsors cease to be Guarantors at Project Completion.
Aggregate Facility Amount:	Up to A\$160 million inclusive of a term loan and cost overrun facility
Tenor:	Up to 12 years from the date of Financial Close (subject to any earlier repayments and prepayments).
Security:	Comprehensive senior security package over assets and rights of Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project.
Conditions Precedent to Drawdown:	As is customary for a facility of this nature, including but not limited to, evidence of the balance of development funding being secured, completion of key commercial project agreements, Sponsors contributing project equity and satisfaction of cost to complete test for each draw down.
Covenants and Events of Default:	Customary positive and negative covenants and undertakings and events of default for a secured facility of this nature.

ABOUT SHEFFIELD RESOURCES

Sheffield Resources Limited is focused on developing the world class Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project, located in north-west Western Australia, through its 50% investment in Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd (KMS).

ABOUT YANSTEEL

Yansteel is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tangshan Yanshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd, a privately owned steel manufacturer headquartered in Hebei, China producing approximately 10mt per annum of steel products and has annual revenues of ~A\$6bn.

Construction of a 500ktpa integrated titanium dioxide processing facility including a titanium slag smelter has commenced by the company. This complex will consume the magnetic concentrate from Stage 1 of the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project under a take or pay offtake agreement.

THUNDERBIRD MINERAL SANDS

The Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project (“Thunderbird”) is one of the largest and highest grade mineral sands discoveries in the last 30 years. The 2022 KMS Bankable Feasibility Study shows Thunderbird is a technically low risk Project, that generates strong cash margins from globally significant levels of production over a decades long mine-life.

Thunderbird will generate a high-quality suite of mineral sands concentrate products suited to market requirements. These products include a zircon concentrate and a magnetic concentrate that contains a high quality ilmenite suitable for smelting into chloride slag or for manufacturing titanium dioxide pigment.

Thunderbird is located in one of the world’s most attractive mining investment jurisdictions and is well placed to deliver long term, secure supply of high quality products to a range of potential customers.

KIMBERLEY MINERAL SANDS

Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd, (KMS) is a 50:50 Joint Venture between Sheffield and Yansteel. The joint venture owns and is developing the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project and adjacent tenements on the Dampier Peninsula.

KMS is governed by a four person Board of Directors with Sheffield and Yansteel each nominating two directors. Key Joint Venture decisions require unanimous approval of both shareholders. KMS operates as a standalone entity with its own management and employees.