

# **MAIDEN SHIPMENT OF THUNDERBIRD PRODUCT**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- First shipment of non-magnetic (zircon) concentrate
- Early start of production enabled bagged shipment ahead of planned bulk shipment
- Commencement of bulk shipments expected as planned during Q1 2024
- Ramp up proceeding well with quarterly production statistics to be provided in the upcoming December quarterly report

Sheffield Resources Limited ("Sheffield" or "the Company") (ASX: SFX) is pleased to announce that Kimberley Mineral Sands (KMS) completed a maiden product shipment comprising approximately 300 metric tonnes of bagged non-magnetic (zircon) concentrate over the weekend.

With production commencing ahead of schedule in Q4 2023, Kimberley Mineral Sands took advantage of its capacity to ship bagged product via Port Hedland, commencing non-magnetic concentrate product shipment to its three existing offtake customers. Revenue from this shipment will be received during January 2024.

Back loading of otherwise empty containers from Port Hedland to China, utilising truck fleet transporting imported rotainers from Port Hedland to Broome to back haul bagged product to Port Hedland, enabled cost effective shipping of bagged product in containers. Preparations are underway for additional bagged shipments and the commencement of bulk shipping from Broome during the quarter.

Ramp up is proceeding very well with initial quarterly production statistics for the December 2023 quarter due for release before the end of January 2024.

Sheffield Resources Executive Chair, Mr Bruce Griffin said, "We wish to congratulate the Kimberley Mineral Sands team and thank our offtake customers for this milestone achievement of first revenue for the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Mine, and with KMS production ramp up progressing very well, we look forward to delivering further increased volumes of product to our customers in the coming weeks and months ahead".

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

**ENDS** 

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Image 1 & 2: Bagged zircon product (above) ahead of loading on to vessel (below)



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# **ABOUT SHEFFIELD RESOURCES**

Sheffield Resources Limited is focused on assembling a portfolio of global mineral sands development and production assets to generate cash returns and growth.

Our core asset is our 50% investment in Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd (KMS), the owner of the world class Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project under development in north-west Western Australia.

Additionally, Sheffield executed a binding agreement in February 2023, providing the Company with an option to acquire up to an initial 20% interest in the South Atlantic Mineral Sands Project in Brazil.

#### 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.

# 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.

With operations commencing October 2023, Thunderbird is expected to 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 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.

### **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.

Yansteel's 500ktpa integrated titanium dioxide processing facility, which includes a titanium slag smelter, will consume the magnetic concentrate from Stage 1 of the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project under a take or pay offtake agreement.

# **SOUTH ATLANTIC PROJECT**

The South Atlantic Project is located in south east Brazil. Four main deposits have been identified within the project area: Retiro, Estreito, Capao do Meio and Bujuru with Exploration Targets developed for the Retiro and Bujuru deposits. The combined Exploration Target for Retiro and Bojuru is estimated between 500 and 720 Mt of material at an average grade of 4.0% to 3.2% HM.

The tenements are held by RGM. Sheffield entered into an option agreement with RGM in February 2023 with Sheffield to provide US\$2.5m to fund project related activities over an 18 month period and earn an option to acquire up to 20% of RGM with the payment of a further US\$12.5m (US\$15.0m in total) to acquire a 20% interest. Should Sheffield elect to exercise the option, subject to various conditions being satisfied, including project financing being obtained and all funds required for project construction being secured, Sheffield may exercise a further options to increase its interest in RGM up to 80%.