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# NIMRODEL ACQUIRES AFRICAN COAL INTERESTS AND AUSTRALIAN IOCG AND URANIUM PROJECTS

Nimrodel Resources Limited (ASX: NMR; "Company") announces that the Company has agreed to acquire 100% of the issued capital of Walkabout Resources Pty Ltd ("Walkabout"), a company that has interests in coal exploration projects in Botswana and Tanzania as well as two projects in Tasmania.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **BOTSWANA**

- ➤ Rights to acquire 70% interest in 2 Botswana coal tenements
- Drilling has been conducted on both tenements
- ➤ Limpopo Project is in greater Mmamabula Coal field in Eastern Botswana, contiguous with the Waterberg coal fields and within 50km of Grootgeluk mine in South Africa
- Historical drilling and reports indicates shallow and mineable thermal coal suitable for export
- Targeting JORC classified resources by end of 2011
- Deferred consideration based on 500Mt of Inferred JORC resource

# **TANZANIA**

- > 100% granted tenements in the east coast based Lindi Project in the Mandawa basin
- Initial prioritized drilling to test Cretaceous sediments for coal and uranium

## **TASMANIA**

- > Rights to earn 65% of Specimen Reef Project IOCG
- Tenements are adjacent to Savage River Mine (iron ore)
- Savage River first place in Australia to mine Iridium and Osmium
- > Small drill program in 1982 intersected 910g/t Au over 0.2m at 140m
- ➤ 100% Avoca Project prospective for uranium in downstream trap sites of the St Paul's River system

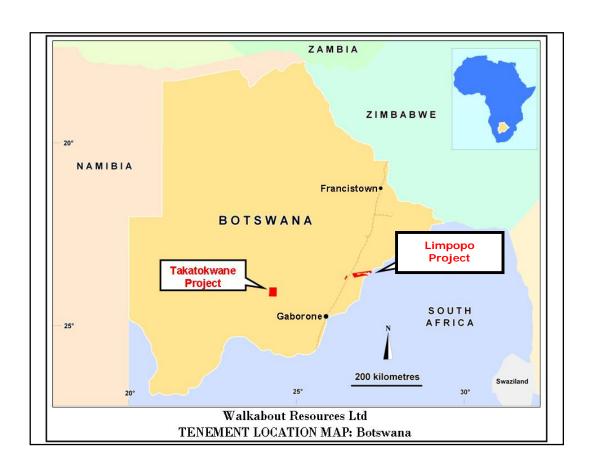
Damian Delaney, Managing Director, commented; "This is a significant acquisition for Nimrodel. In 2011 we will be focused on developing the potential of these assets both in Africa and Australia, exploring in stable environments for coal, uranium and gold. This acquisition holds a lot of merit in the current market."

## **SUMMARY**

## THE PROJECTS

#### **BOTSWANA**

The Botswana Projects are focused on coal. Both projects have had some historical drilling and need further exploration to confirm a JORC classified resource. The initial focus will be to secure the formal joint venture agreements and then move to design and implement a drilling program sufficient to classify the resource according to the JORC code.



## Limpopo Project

The Limpopo Project lies within the greater Mmamabula Coal Field in Eastern Botswana. Current and previous explorers in the area include CIC Energy Corporation, BP Coal Division and Amax.

The project consists of one Prospecting Licence (PL 17/2010) issued to Water Plus Pty Ltd. Walkabout has entered an exclusive agreement granting the right to Walkabout to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement with Water Plus whereby Walkabout may earn a 70% equity interest in the tenement by completing a pre-feasibility study for the project before October 2013.

About 170 holes have previously been drilled within PL 17/2010. Some 75 of these holes indicated the presence of three zones of a shallow and mineable coal deposit.

It is the intention to drill the site to define a JORC resource during 2011 and evaluate the prospect of an open-cut mining operation producing coal for export or local consumption. It is currently estimated that some 50 million tonnes of coal lies within an open-cut mining depth above 50mbs. This coal is situated within 50km of the Exxaro owned Grootgeluk Mine in the Waterberg region of South Africa.

# **Takatokwane Project**

The Takatokwane Project consists of one Prospecting Licence (PL 35/2007) 100% owned by Wizard Investments Pty Ltd. Walkabout has entered into an earn-in agreement to acquire 70% of the shares of Wizard Investments by completing a pre-feasibility study before October 2012.

At Takatokwane there are 3 coal seams within sandstones and mudstones of the Ecca Group of the Karoo Stratigraphic System. Sparse drilling (some 43 holes at 4km spacing) has indicated that the upper 2 seams could contain some 300 million tonnes at a depth of less than 200 metres with a further endowment beyond that depth. The drilling indicated seam thicknesses to be around 2.4 metres wide and raw calorific values are considered to be around 23 MJ/kg.

The intention is to conclude the formal joint venture arrangements and conduct some further drilling to take Takatokwane to JORC status of resource during the next 12 months and assess various mining options.

## **TANZANIA**

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## Lindi Project

Two licences, 100% owned by Walkabout, are located in the Mandawa Basin of south-eastern Tanzania, south and north-west of the coastal village of Lindi. A sixty kilometre sealed road links Lindi to the southern port of Mtwara.

Rocks underlying the licences are composed of Cretaceous and Jurassic marine and continental sediments which outcrop in the Namunda-Mputa plateau. These sediments contain dinosaur fossils which were excavated by German and English palaeontologists at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Walkabout believes that its land position in the Mandawa Basin has good potential for both coal and uranium. The initial exploration program will include a number of prioritized stratigraphic drill holes to investigate the Cretaceous sediments for both coal and uranium.

# **TASMANIA**

# Specimen Reef Project

This joint venture has been formed with Resource Star Ltd (ASX: "RSL") around 3 tenements located north and south of the Savage River iron ore mine. Resource Star Ltd is the holder of EL 11/2005 and Walkabout is the holder of EL 19/2009 and EL 20/2009. The three tenements are the subject of the JV agreement whereby Walkabout can earn up to 65% of the 3 tenements via an unincorporated Joint Venture.

The historic gold workings at Specimen Reef are located within EL 11/2005 which abuts the northern boundary of the Savage River Mine. Gold was first discovered at Specimen Reef in 1882. A small underground mining operation was established, accessing the reef on three levels. Thereafter, there has been no recorded sub-surface exploration in EL 11/2005 for the next one hundred years.

A modest drill program was conducted in and around the old workings in 1982. One of these drill holes intersected 910 grams per tonne of gold over an estimated true width of 0.2 metres at a down-hole depth of 140 metres. The drill log from this hole also described minor copper in the form of chalcopyrite.

In 1998 a petrological examination of this gold intersection identified the uranium mineral brannerite in carbonate veins.

These metal showings, namely the iron oxide, copper, gold and uranium, together with the tectonic setting, the Proterozoic age and the metamorphism of the host rocks strongly suggest the presence of an iron-oxide, copper, gold (IOCG) type deposition system.

Such systems contain copper, gold and uranium deposits, the giant Olympic Dam mine being the prime example.

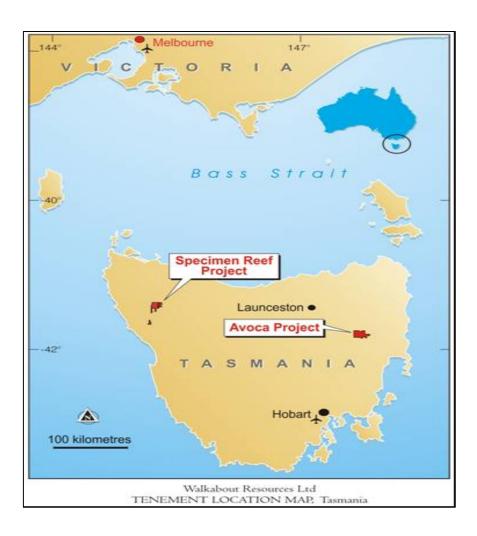
This presents an opportunity to further investigate the occurrence of gold, copper and uranium in an iron-oxide setting at Specimen Reef.

## **Avoca Project**

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The EL is located in the historic mining district of Rossarden. The district has variously been mined and explored for tungsten, tin uranium, coal and base metals. A significant feature of the geology of the district is the underlying and outcropping Devonian age granite with high uranium content.

This tenement incorporates about 20 kilometres of the St. Pauls and South Esk rivers extensive drainage system. The tenement is west of and downstream of the nearby and outcropping Royal George Devonian Granite batholith which hosts the historic Royal George tin mine (1911 to 1922).



#### THE AGREEMENT

Nimrodel has signed an implementation agreement with the major shareholders of Walkabout to acquire 100% of the issued share capital of Walkabout on the following terms:

The initial consideration will consist of 35,400,800 Nimrodel shares and 35,400,800 Nimrodel options. These will be issued to the Walkabout shareholders on a pro rata basis. Half of the options are exercisable at \$0.03 on or before 31 October 2011, a quarter at \$0.05 on or before 31 October 2012 and the final quarter at \$0.10 on or before 31 October 2013.

Deferred consideration shares have been agreed based on various performance criteria and priced at a 15% discount to the 15 day VWAP Nimrodel share price at the time.

Performance Criteria	Deferred Consideration
Achieve 500Mt aggregate Inferred JORC coal	\$1.5M of shares calculated at
resources on any 2 projects	85% of 15 day VWAP
Achieve 200Mt aggregate Indicated JORC coal	\$1.5M of shares calculated at
resources on any 2 projects	85% of 15 day VWAP
Fulfilment of JV arrangements to achieve 70%	\$1.0M of shares calculated at
earn in to the Limpopo Project	85% of 15 day VWAP
Fulfilment of JV arrangements to achieve 70%	\$1.0M of shares calculated at
earn in to the Takatokwane Project	85% of 15 day VWAP

The deal is subject to due diligence and Nimrodel shareholder approval.

# THE OBLIGATIONS

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As part of the deal Nimrodel has agreed to certain financial obligations as part of acquiring the Walkabout shares and to help conclude the negotiated interests of Walkabout.

- the issue of \$200,000 of shares and \$350,000 in cash, or a combination of shares and cash, to Water Plus (Pty) Ltd for the rights to earn 70% of the Limpopo Project;
- 2. the issue of \$300,000 of shares and \$200,000 in cash, or a combination of shares and cash to Wizard Investments (Pty) Limited for the rights to earn 70% of Wizard Investments, the 100% owner of the Takatokwane Project;
- 3. the issue of \$300,000 of shares or cash or a combination of shares/cash for the rights to earn 65% of the Specimen Reef Project in accordance with the Specimen Reef JV;
- payment of a broker's fee for Botswana acquisitions of \$100,000 in cash or VWAP shares:
- 5. payment of approximately \$250,000 in consultants' fees by way of cash or shares calculated at an issue price of 85% of the 15 day VWAP of Shares as traded on the ASX immediately prior to the execution date of this Agreement;
- 6. repayment of Walkabout directors' loans in the amount of approximately \$30,010. The repayment of loans will be satisfied by the issue of Nimrodel shares and calculated at a deemed issue price of 3 cents per share.

Nimrodel has also agreed to initial exploration expenditure levels as follows:

- 1. the commitment of \$1,500,000 to exploration expenditure on the Botswana Coal Projects;
- 2. the commitment, in the first year, of \$250,000 to exploration expenditure on the Specimen Reef Project in Tasmania;
- 3. the commitment of \$50,000 to exploration expenditure on the Avoca Project in Tasmania; and
- 4. the commitment of \$100,000 to exploration expenditure on the Tanzanian Projects.

The acquisition will be put to Nimrodel shareholders and an appropriate Notice of General Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum will be circulated in due course.

Nimrodel will also appoint 2 Walkabout Board members to the Board of Nimrodel. Walkabout has currently nominated Allan Mulligan who will take on the role of Executive Technical Director and George Kenway who will join as a non-executive director. Nimrodel welcomes their input to the growth of the Company.

Allan Mulligan is a mining engineer with 30 years of management and production experience. He has specialised in technical assessment and production economics, feasibilities, project design and costing of underground mines and prospects. Allan has worked extensively in exploration, mine development and operations across Southern Africa and understands clearly the value-interface between Australian expertise and African opportunity. More recently, he started RSV Australia and was the inception Managing Director of the services provider and remains a Non-Executive Director and shareholder of the engineering and projects specialist.

George Kenway has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geophysics from the University of Queensland. He has spent the past twenty years in senior management and has occupied the positions of Executive Director, Managing Director and Executive Chairman with ASX listed companies including Titan Resources, Goldstream Mining and Uranex N.L. During that period George was involved in capital raisings in excess of A\$50m and was instrumental in negotiating a number of Strategic Alliances and Joint Ventures with major companies in particular, Minorca plc, Anglo American and Lonmin plc.

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