

## A\$6.5 MILLION INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT TO FUND MALINGUNDE FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Sovereign Metals Limited (“Sovereign” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it has secured commitments from institutional and sophisticated investors in Australia and the United States to subscribe for 59.1 million new ordinary shares of the Company, to raise gross proceeds of \$6.5 million.

Proceeds from the Placement will be used to expedite development of the Company’s 100% owned Malingunde Flake Graphite Project in Malawi, including all technical works, enabling completion of the pre-feasibility and definitive feasibility studies.

Sovereign’s Chairman has also agreed to subscribe for a total of 2 million shares in the Placement, subject to the necessary approvals.

The issue price of A\$0.11 represents a 15% discount to the last closing price of \$0.13 on ASX and to the 10-day ASX VWAP.

Dr Julian Stephens, Sovereign’s Managing Director commented, “*We are delighted to have raised funds to complete all technical disciplines required to proceed to a final investment decision at Malingunde. The significant institutional support received from Australia and the United States highlights the demand for simple, low-cost projects in the rapidly expanding graphite space.*”

### Capital Raising

The Company will place up to 59,090,909 ordinary shares at \$0.11 each to institutional and sophisticated investors, to raise \$6.5 million before costs.

The placement will be completed in two tranches:

- (a) **Tranche 1 Placement Shares:** 38,956,189 new ordinary shares at \$0.11 each to raise approximately \$4.3 million before costs under the Company’s capacity under Listing Rules 7.1 (17,223,281 shares) and 7.1A (21,732,908 shares). Following the issue of these shares and unlisted options (see below), the Company will have no remaining issue capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A; and
- (b) **Tranche 2 Placement Shares:** 20,134,720 new ordinary shares at \$0.11 each to raise approximately \$2.2 million before costs. Tranche B is subject to shareholder approval at a general meeting of Shareholders to be held on or around 8 December 2017.

The Company expects to complete Tranche 1 of the placement on or about 2 November 2017. A Notice of General Meeting in respect of Tranche 2 will be issued shortly.

### ENQUIRIES:

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**Dr Julian Stephens – Managing Director**

**Dominic Allen – Business Development Manager**

## **Information required under ASX Listing Rule 3.10.5A:**

- (a) Dilution to existing shareholders as a result of the issue under Listing Rule 7.1A is 9.1%, dilution to existing shareholders as a result of the issue under Listing Rule 7.1 is 7.3% and the total dilution to existing shareholders is 15.2%. Details regarding the participation of existing and new security holders is not able to be determined yet and will be provided at completion;
- (b) Sovereign will issue 21,732,908 Tranche 1 Placement Shares under Listing Rule 7.1A as a placement was considered to be a more efficient mechanism for raising funds. The placement did not expose the Company to additional costs, a protracted process and market volatility that may have been experienced with a pro-rata issue or other type of issue in which existing ordinary security holders would have been eligible to participate;
- (c) No underwriting arrangements are in place for the placement under rule 7.1A; and
- (d) A fee of up to 6.0% may be paid to eligible brokers in connection with the placement under rule 7.1A.

Sovereign also intends to issue 12 million unlisted options exercisable at \$0.18 each on or before 31 July 2020 to a key advisor assisting the Company with offtake arrangements.

### **Not for release in the United States**

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### **Forward Looking Statement**

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