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PILBARA UNDERTAKING \$6.465M CAPITAL RAISING TO FAST-TRACK WA LITHIUM AND TANTALUM PROJECTS

PLACEMENT AND CONVERTIBLE NOTE ISSUE TO UNDERPIN THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD-CLASS
PILGANGOORA LITHIUM-TANTALUM PROJECT AND COMMENCEMENT OF TABBA TABBA TANTALUM PROJECT MINING

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Company has undertaken two capital raising initiatives and has received applications to raise a total amount of \$6.465m (before costs) from professional and sophisticated investors, being an immediate placement of 17M ordinary securities at \$0.045 per share to raise \$0.765m and a Secured Convertible Note issue to raise \$5.7m.
- Proceeds to be used predominantly to fast-track the Company's 100%-owned Pilgangoora Lithium-Tantalum Project and its 50% owned Tabba Tabba Tantalum Project.
- The Secured Convertible Notes are to be issued by way of an initial tranche of \$1.8m and a second tranche of \$3.9m
- The receipt of funds from the Convertible Note issue, the majority of which has been applied for by a significant group of offshore investors, is conditional upon completion of note and security documentation and for the second tranche, approval by members.

Australian strategic metals company Pilbara Minerals Ltd (ASX: PLS) ("the Company") is pleased to announce that it has received applications totalling \$6,465,000 (before costs) through a placement 17 m shares at \$0.045 per share to raise \$765,000 and a Secured Convertible Note Issue to professional and sophisticated investors to raise \$5.7m.

The funds raised from the issues will be utilised in the ongoing development of the Pilgangoora and Tabba Tabba projects. In particular the company intends ramping up development of the Pilgangoora project and will shortly be commencing prefeasibility work including conversion of the Exploration Licences to Mining leases. Discussions are underway with potential offtake partners for Pilgangoora spodumene (lithium) and tantalum and a number of environmental, hydrology and engineering studies will be running concurrently with resource drilling for the remainder of this year.

Placement

The company has agreed to place 17m ordinary shares at a price of \$0.045 (being a 14.6 % discount to 5-day VWAP as at 27 May 2015) to a group of Australian professional and sophisticated investors to raise \$765,000 before capital raising costs.



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Convertible Note Details

The Convertible Notes will be issued in two tranches, with the first tranche of \$1.8 million to be issued under the Company's existing 15% placement capacity and the second tranche of \$3.9 million to be issued subject to shareholder approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened at the earliest possible date.

The key terms of the Convertible Notes are:

- 15% coupon;
- Term of 18 months from date of issue;
- For every \$100,000 subscribed, 1.25m free attaching unlisted options exercisable at \$0.05c within 18 months of issue; and,
- The notes will be secured by registered mortgage over the Company's Pilgangoora tenements.

Documentation and the grant of security are in train. Until execution of final documentation, the counterparty commitments will not be enforceable and the issue of the second tranche will be subject to shareholder approval.

Appendix 3B

An Appendix 3B covering the placement of ordinary securities is enclosed.

Further Advice

The Company will inform the market when the documentation to the Convertible Note Issue is completed by all counterparties.

Reinstatement of Trading

The Company requests that trading in the Company's securities be reinstated following the lodgement of this announcement.

Pilbara Investor Presentations

Pilbara's Executive Director, Mr Neil Biddle, will update investors on progress with the Company's key strategic metals projects at a *Resources Rising Stars* investor luncheon series to be held next week.

- Melbourne Tuesday, 2 June 2015: 12.00-2.30pm, RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street
- Sydney Wednesday, 3 June: 12.00-2.30pm, Intercontinental Hotel, 117 Macquarie Street
- Brisbane Thursday, 4 June: 12.00-2.30pm, Customs House, 399 Queen Street

For details or additional information, please visit <u>www.resourcesrisingstars.com.au</u> or contact Read Corporate on +61 8 9388 1474.



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About Pilbara Minerals

Pilbara Minerals (Pilbara) is a mining and exploration company listed on the ASX, specialising in the exploration and development of the specialty metals tantalum and lithium. Pilbara is currently developing the Tabba Tabba Tantalum deposit, located approximately 50km south-east of Port Hedland through a 50% Joint Venture. Pilbara is also drilling and developing the advanced 100%-owned Pilgangoora tantalum-lithium deposit close to Tabba Tabba.

The primary source of tantalum is from minerals such as tantalite, columbite, wodginite and microlite contained in pegmatite ore bodies. The largest deposits are located in Australia, Brazil and Africa. Tantalum's **major use is** in the production of electronic components, **especially for capacitors**, with additional use in components for chemical plants, nuclear power plants, airplanes and missiles. It is also used as a substitute for platinum.

The tantalum market is boutique in size with around 1,300 tonnes required each year. However the market is rapidly growing due to capacitor use in wireless and handheld devices. PLS's Tabba Tabba Project could supply approximately 7% of the annual market consumption over two years. There are two major buyers of tantalum raw product worldwide: HC Stark and Global Advanced Metals.

Lithium is a soft silvery white metal and has the highest electrochemical potential of all metals. In nature it occurs as compounds within hard rock deposits and salt brines. Lithium and its chemical compounds have a wide range of beneficial properties resulting in numerous chemical and technical uses. A key growth area is its use in lithium batteries as a power source for a wide range of applications including electric bikes, motor vehicles, buses, trucks and taxis.

Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin: Appendix 5 Amended 01/07/98, 01/09/99, 01/07/00, 30/09/01, 11/03/02, 01/01/03, 24/10/05, 01/08/12, 04/03/13

Name of entity Pilbara Minerals Limited ABN 95 112 425 788

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

- 1 +Class of +securities issued or to be issued

 Ordinary Shares
- Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued

17,000,000

Principal terms of the *securities (e.g. if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid *securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if *convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

Ordinary fully paid shares

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the *issue date with an existing *class of quoted *securities?

If the additional *securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment

Yes, all shares issued will rank equally with Pilbara Minerals fully paid ordinary shares trading on the ASX under Code PLS.

5 Issue price or consideration

(a) 4.5 cents per share (\$765,000)

6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) Allotment of Ordinary Shares to fund ongoing exploration and working capital needs.

6a Is the entity an ⁺eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?

If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the *securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i

No

6b The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed

Not applicable

6c Number of *securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1

17,000,000

6d Number of *securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A

Not applicable

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Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting) 6f Number of +securities issued under Not applicable an exception in rule 7.2 Not applicable 6g If +securities issued under rule 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the +issue date and both values. Include the source of the VWAP calculation. 6h Not applicable If +securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released ASX Market to Announcements 6i Calculate the entity's remaining 7.1 73,769,938 issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 7.1A Not applicable and release to ASX Market Announcements 7 +Issue dates 5 June 2015 Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A. Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B. Number +Class Ordinary Fully Paid 8 635,521,897 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on **ASX Shares** (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)

Not applicable

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9	Number	and	+class	of	all
	+securities	not	quoted	on	ASX
	(including	the	+secu	rities	in
	section 2 if	fappli	cable)		

Number	+Class
39,166,659	Options with an exercise price of \$0.03 and an expiration date of March 25, 2017
173,600	Convertible Notes with a face value of \$1.00 per note maturing on the earlier of a Conversion Date or 25 September 2015
876,400	Convertible Notes with a face value of \$1.00 per note maturing on the earlier of a Conversion Date or 30 November 2015

Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

holder

NA			

Part 2 - Pro rata issue

security

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	required?	
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13	Ratio in which the *securities will be offered	

14 *Class of *securities to which the offer relates

approval

- 15 *Record date to determine entitlements
- Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?

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17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new offer documents Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.	NA
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	
20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	NA
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	NA
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders	NA
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	NA
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	NA
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	NA
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	NA
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	NA
20	Then do not be 1.12 and 2.2	NA
30	How do security holders sell their	NA

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31	their e	•	ts throu	s sell <i>part</i> igh a brol ce?		NA
32	their e		ts (exc	rs dispose cept by s		NA
33	⁺ Issue	date				NA
You nee	ed only co	mplete thi	s section	Securi		S lying for quotation of securities
34	Type of (tick or	of ⁺ securit ne)	ies			
(a)		+Securiti	es descr	ribed in Pa	art 1	(Ordinary Securities Only)
(b)			stricted sec	curities at the		of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities
Entiti	es that	have ti	cked b	oox 34(a)	
Addit	ional se	curities	formir	ng a new	cla	ss of securities
Tick to docume		you are	providin	g the info	rma	tion or
35			l ⁺ secui	_	-	securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the number and percentage of additional *securities held by
36	If the *securities are *equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additions *securities setting out the number of holders in the categories 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000 5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over					
37		A copy o	f any tr	ust deed fo	or tl	ne additional ⁺ securities

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Entitie	es that have ticked box 34(b)		
38	Number of *securities for which *quotation is sought		
39	⁺ Class of ⁺ securities for which quotation is sought		
40	Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the *issue date with an existing *class of quoted *securities? If the additional *securities do not rank equally, please state: • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment		
41	Reason for request for quotation now Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period (if issued upon conversion of another +security, clearly identify that other +security)		
42	Number and ⁺ class of all ⁺ securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the ⁺ securities in clause 38)	Number	⁺ Class

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Quotation agreement

- ⁺Quotation of our additional ⁺securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the ⁺securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
 - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
 - There is no reason why those *securities should not be granted *quotation.
 - An offer of the *securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any *securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any *securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the *securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the

 +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the
 time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document is not available now, we will give it to ASX before ⁺quotation of the ⁺securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here: Date: 1 June 2015

Company Secretary)

Print name: Alan Boys

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Appendix 3B - Annexure 1

Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for eligible entities

Introduced 01/08/12 Amended 04/03/13

Part 1

Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital			
Step 1: Calculate "A", the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated			
Insert number of fully paid *ordinary securities on issue 12 months before the *issue date or date of agreement to issue	306,115,162		
Add the following:			
Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2	109,124,921		
Number of fully paid ⁺ ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval	201,535,426		
Number of partly paid ⁺ ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period			
 Note: Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 			
Subtract the number of fully paid ⁺ ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	Nil		
"A"	616,775,509		

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

"B"	92,516,326
Multiply "A" by 0.15	0-,0.0,0-0
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Step 3: Calculate "C", the amount of that has already been used	of placement capacity under rule 7.1
Insert number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period not counting those issued:	18,746,388
 Under an exception in rule 7.2 	
Under rule 7.1A	
 With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4 	
 Note: This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 	
"C"	18,746,388
Step 4: Subtract "C" from ["A" x "E placement capacity under rule 7.1	B"] to calculate remaining
"A" x 0.15	92,516,326
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2	
Subtract "C"	18,746,388
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3	

Total ["A" x 0.15] - "C"

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73,769,938

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Part 2

Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities		
Step 1: Calculate "A", the base figure capacity is calculated	ure from which the placement	
"A" Note: number must be same as shown in	NA	
Step 1 of Part 1		
Step 2: Calculate 10% of "A"		
"D"	NA	
	Note: this value cannot be changed	
Multiply "A" by 0.10		
Step 3: Calculate "E", the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used		
 Insert number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A Notes: This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed Do not include equity securities issued under rule 7.1 (they must be dealt with in Part 1), or for which specific security holder approval has been obtained It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 	NA NA	
"E"	Nil	

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Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A		
"A" x 0.10		
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2		
Subtract "E"	Nil	
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3		
<i>Total</i> ["A" x 0.10] – "E"	Nil	
	Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	

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