Grant of Banio potash licence

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HIGHLIGHTS:
- Plymouth notified of grant of Banio tenement which covers a major potash project with high-grade intercepts at shallow depth
- Banio Project hosted within the extensive Congo Basin
- Recent ~$120M EOI announced for Elemental Resources Ltd potash company, (~20km along strike from Banio (Congo Basin) highlights activity in region

Plymouth Minerals Limited ("Plymouth" or "the Company", ASX:PLH) is pleased to announce that it has been notified by Equatorial Potash Pty Ltd ("Equatorial") that the grant of tenure covering the Banio Potash Project (Banio) has been approved by the Minister of Mines. Equatorial lodged an exploration licence application (number from DGPEM: No. 652), which has now been granted with new licence (Arete No. 161).

FIGURE 1: BANIO PROJECT IN RELATION TO ELEMENTAL RESOURCES PROJECT
Plymouth entered into a binding Heads of Agreement (HoA) to purchase Equatorial (full details contained in ASX release 7th October 2015). Equatorial holds 100% of the shares in Mayumba Potasse SARL, a Gabonese Company, which in turn holds a 100% interest in the Banio Exploration Licence and a 100% interest in a second potash project, Mamana (currently held under Exploration Licence Application).

Both projects are proven to host potash minerals and were in the application stage at the time of the HoA. A Condition Precedent of the transaction was the granting of at least one of the exploration licence applications covering the potash projects. Plymouth is pleased to receive confirmation of the granting of one of the licences, to the satisfaction of the relevant Condition Precedent. Plymouth reiterates its belief that either of the Banio or Mamana projects has the potential to be a highly valuable asset and will likely significantly enhance shareholder value.

**About the Banio Project**

The Banio Project (Exploration Licence Number 161) is located in the south of Gabon. Equatorial’s potash projects are shown below in Figure 1.

![Figure 2: Gabon Potash Project Locations](image-url)
The Banio Project covers 1,244km$^2$ of prospective potash-bearing sediments that are hosted in the Congo Basin which spans from southern Angola through the Republic of Congo ("RoC"), Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and into the northern extent of Cameroon. Previous drilling in Gabon has identified very wide zones of potash mineralisation (sylvite and carnallite) notably within Plymouth’s Banio tenure.

Banio lies 20km to the north west of Elemental Resources (Elemental, ASX:ELM) Sintoukola Project (Figure 2). Elemental has conducted drilling and feasibility study work within Sintoukola which is reported to contain a global resource of 5.3 billion tonnes of potash mineralisation at 14.3% K$_2$O (22.6% KCl) (Elemental Resources, Annual Report on Mineral Resources & Reserves, 30/04/2015) and the previously operating Holle Potash Mine (1969-1977) in the RoC. Drilling has confirmed potash-bearing sediments extend northwards into the Banio tenure.

On 12th February 2016 Elemental announced that it had received a non-binding, conditional Expression of Interest (EOI) to acquire the issued capital of Elemental for up to A$0.30 per share. This valued the issued capital of Elemental at ~A$120M.

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Seismic data analysis conducted across the Banio project has delineated basement horst (structural uplift) targets associated with the formation of high-grade sylvite style potash mineralisation. This sub-vertical faulting has created zones of enriched sylvite mineralisation in the otherwise continuous and consistent mixed carnallite and sylvite horizons which characterise the extensive Congo Basin. Seismic work shows the development of formations such as this near BATC-1 (proposed) with the salt horizon (potash-bearing) as close as 200m from the surface. Drilling across the border in the RoC confirms high-grade sylvite horizons between 200 and 300m from surface trending northwards into the Banio project.

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This information highlights the highly prospective nature of the Banio project and provides immediate drill targets.

Managing Director Adrian Byass said “Plymouth is pleased to be working with Gabonese officials and Equatorial to obtain granted tenure and to complete this transaction. To have two potentially Company-making projects as part of the transaction is very rare. With previous drilling showing shallow, high-grade potash and good access to infrastructure we are excited by the potential this acquisition has to drive shareholder wealth.”

As with Mamana, the Banio project is very well located in terms of infrastructure and access to markets. The Gabonese government has recently completed major bridge infrastructure within the tenement area linking previously separated parts of the lagoon (ferry only) and is completing a large programme of sealed roads to access the town of Mayumba. The excellent infrastructure within Gabon which benefits the two projects is highlighted within the Due Diligence presentation (ASX release 30th October 2015) and also specifically on Banio within Gabonese government reports:

Plymouth considers the Banio project an exciting exploration and development opportunity and will advise the market on the completion of its due diligence shortly. The processing of the second potash project held by Equatorial (Mamana) is proceeding and Plymouth is confident in the administrative process and minerals industry regulatory framework in Gabon.

Full results and explanatory tables for exploration results are contained in ASX announcement dated 7th October 2015

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