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## **PUTTALAM PROJECT, SRI LANKA - CLARIFICATION OF MEDIA REPORT**

Iluka Resources Limited (Iluka) refers to recent media coverage in Sri Lanka related to the company's pre-feasibility assessment of its Puttalam mineral sands deposits in the country. The media coverage refers to an initial investment of \$540 million and a commencement by 2019. These details are incorrect and, in particular, the capital estimate and timing do not align with the company's internal, early stage expectations.

Iluka is conducting a pre-feasibility study over a two year period. Subject to satisfactory completion of this phase and agreement to appropriate regulatory and fiscal arrangements, a determination to progress to the next stage would then be made, including a potential definitive feasibility study.

The ultimate commitment to a mineral sands development, and its timing, will be subject to these factors and market demand conditions. It is too early to estimate a capital expenditure amount until the completion of the previously referenced studies.

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