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Appointment of Executive Chairman, resignation of CEO and appointment of CCO

Danakali Limited (ASX: DNK) (**Danakali**, or the **Company**), wishes to announce the following management changes:

- Previous Non-Executive Chairman, Mr Seamus Cornelius, has been appointed as Executive Chairman, effective immediately;
- Current Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Danny Goeman has tendered his resignation; and
- A new Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), Mr Niels Wage, has been appointed, effective immediately.

Executive Chairman

Mr Cornelius has served as Non-Executive Chairman of Danakali since July 2013. Mr Cornelius is a corporate lawyer and former partner of one of Australia's leading law firms. He has a high degree of expertise in cross-border transactions, particularly in the resources and finance sectors. Mr Cornelius is a member of the Company's Audit Committee, and Technical and Risk Committee, and is the Chairman of the Colluli Mining Share Company (CMSC) (the 50:50 joint venture between Danakali and the Eritrean National Mining Company (ENAMCO) and 100% owner of the Colluli Potash Project (Colluli, or the Project)). Mr Cornelius has to this point been an integral part of the Company's progression from Scoping Study through to Front End Engineering Design, signing of a Mining Agreement, awarding of Mining Licences, and, as announced on Tuesday, 12 June 2018, the achievement of a binding take-or-pay offtake agreement with EuroChem Trading GmbH (EuroChem).

Mr Cornelius will be entitled to additional remuneration in respect of the executive duties to be performed as part of his new role, the material terms of which are as follows:

- Services to be provided under an executive services consulting agreement
- Fixed remuneration A\$109,000 per annum
- Term until 3 months after the appointment of a new CEO
- Mr Cornelius remains entitled to receive his pre-existing director fees (approximately A\$89,000 per annum)

CEO

The Company advises that Mr Danny Goeman, the Company's CEO, has tendered his resignation. Mr Goeman accepted an offer from a leading Perth based mining company, and will leave Danakali on 3 August 2018. Mr Goeman joined Danakali in 2016 as Head of Marketing before assuming the role of CEO in 2017. During his time with the Company, Mr Goeman developed the offtake strategy and contract framework, and led the offtake negotiations on behalf of CMSC. Mr Goeman led the process which resulted in the execution of a binding take or pay off-take agreement with EuroChem covering up to 100% (minimum 87%) of the planned Module I SOP production from Colluli.



CCO

The Company is pleased to advise that highly experienced industry executive, Mr Niels Wage has been appointed as Chief Commercial Officer. Mr Wage has significant shipping, trading and commodity experience, and has held a number of senior management roles at BHP, including Vice President Potash, Vice President Freight and Vice President Diamonds.

At Danakali, Mr Wage will be responsible for workstreams including:

- Conducting a detailed joint logistics study with EuroChem
- Further developing CMSC's product sales strategy
- Developing plans for CMSC's own product export terminal at Anfile Bay, 87km from Colluli
- Assessing the expansion of CMSC's product range

Danakali Executive Chairman, Mr Seamus Cornelius said: "I am honoured to be asked by the Board to serve as Executive Chairman at this very exciting stage as the Company transitions to the next phase of its development. I look forward to serving shareholders and continuing to work closely with our partners ENAMCO as we unlock Colluli's true value for the benefit of all stakeholders.

"The unprecedented and industry leading binding take or pay offtake agreement with EuroChem announced earlier this week further establishes Colluli as the premier pre-production SOP asset and supports my view that Colluli has no peer.

"Danny's efforts and ground-breaking achievements as CEO, have enabled CMSC and Danakali to make significant progress with the funding and development of Colluli, and is extremely timely given the planned listing of Danakali on the London Stock Exchange Main Market. On behalf of the Board I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Danny for his extremely significant contribution to Danakali and wish him well in his next career opportunity.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Niels to the executive team. Niels brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role of CCO, and the Company is very happy to have found a capable and credible professional to progress the company's marketing efforts."

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About Danakali Limited

Danakali Limited (ASX: DNK) (**Danakali**, or the **Company**) is an ASX-listed company and 50% owner of the Colluli Potash Project (**Colluli** or the **Project**) in Eritrea, East Africa. The Company is currently developing Colluli in partnership with the Eritrean National Mining Corporation (**ENAMCO**).

The Project is located in the Danakil Depression region of Eritrea, and is ~75km from the Red Sea coast, making it one of the most accessible potash deposits globally. Mineralisation within the Colluli resource commences at just 16m, making it the world's shallowest potash deposit. The resource is amenable to open pit mining, which allows higher overall resource recovery to be achieved, is generally safer than underground mining, and is highly advantageous for modular growth.

The Company has completed a Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the production of potassium sulphate, otherwise known as SOP. SOP is a chloride free, specialty fertiliser which carries a substantial price premium relative to the more common potash type; potassium chloride (or MOP). Economic resources for production of SOP are geologically scarce. The unique composition of the Colluli resource favours low energy input, high potassium yield conversion to SOP using commercially proven technology. One of the key advantages of the resource is that the salts are present in solid form (in contrast with production of SOP from brines) which reduces infrastructure costs and substantially reduces the time required to achieve full production capacity.

The resource is favourably positioned to supply the world's fastest growing markets.

Our vision is to bring Colluli into production using the principles of risk management, resource utilisation and modularity, using the starting module (**Module I**) as a growth platform to develop the resource to its full potential.

Competent Persons Statement (Sulphate of Potash Mineral Resource)

Colluli has a JORC-2012 compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 1,289Mt @11% K_20 . The resource contains 303Mt @ 11% K_20 of Measured Resource, 951Mt @ 11% K_20 of Indicated Resource and 35Mt @ 10% K_20 of Inferred Resource.

The information relating to the 2015 Colluli Mineral Resource estimate is extracted from the report entitled "Colluli Review Delivers Mineral Resource Estimate of 1.289Bt" disclosed on 25 February 2015 and is available to view at www.danakali.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Competent Persons Statement (Sulphate of Potash Ore Reserve)

The January 2018 Colluli Ore Reserve is reported according to the JORC Code and estimated at 1,100Mt @ 10.5% K₂O Equiv. The Ore Reserve is classed as 285Mt @ 11.3% K₂O Equiv. Proved and 815Mt @ 10.3% K₂O Equiv. Probable. The Competent Person for the estimate is Mr Mark Chesher, a mining engineer with more than 30 years' experience in the mining industry. Mr Chesher is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a Chartered Professional, a full-time employee of AMC Consultants Pty Ltd (AMC), and has sufficient open pit mining activity experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code. Mr Chesher consents to the inclusion of information relating to the Ore Reserve in the form and context in which it appears.

In reporting the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves referred to in this public release, AMC acted as an independent party, has no interest in the outcomes of Colluli and has no business relationship with Danakali other than undertaking those individual technical consulting assignments as engaged, and being paid according to standard per diem rates with reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Therefore, AMC and the Competent Persons believe that there is no conflict of interest in undertaking the assignments which are the subject of the statements.

Competent Persons Statement (Rock Salt Mineral Resource)

Colluli has a JORC-2012 compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 347Mt @ 96.9% NaCl. The Mineral Resource estimate contains 28Mt @ 97.2% NaCl of Measured Resource, 180Mt @ 96.6% NaCl of Indicated Resource and 139Mt @ 97.2% NaCl of Inferred Resource.

The information relating to the Colluli Rock Salt Mineral Resource estimate is extracted from the report entitled "+300M Tonne Rock Salt Mineral Resource Estimate Completed for Colluli" disclosed on 23 September 2015 and is available to view at www.danakali.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.



Quality control and quality assurance

Danakali exploration programs follow standard operating and quality assurance procedures to ensure that all sampling techniques and sample results meet international reporting standards. Drill holes are located using GPS coordinates using WGS84 Datum, all mineralisation intervals are downhole and are true width intervals.

The samples are derived from HQ diamond drill core, which in the case of carnallite ores, are sealed in heat-sealed plastic tubing immediately as it is drilled to preserve the sample. Significant sample intervals are dry quarter cut using a diamond saw and then resealed and double bagged for transport to the laboratory.

Halite blanks and duplicate samples are submitted with each hole. Chemical analyses were conducted by Kali-Umwelttechnik GmBH, Sondershausen, Germany, utilising flame emission spectrometry, atomic absorption spectroscopy and ion chromatography. Kali-Umwelttechnik (KUTEC) has extensive experience in analysis of salt rock and brine samples and is certified according by DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 by the Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAR). The laboratory follows standard procedures for the analysis of potash salt rocks chemical analysis (K⁺, Na⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, Cl⁻, SO₄²⁻, H₂O) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis of the same samples as for chemical analysis to determine a qualitative mineral composition, which combined with the chemical analysis gives a quantitative mineral composition.

Forward looking statements and disclaimer

The information in this document is published to inform you about Danakali and its activities. Danakali has endeavoured to ensure that the information enclosed is accurate at the time of release, and that it accurately reflects the Company's intentions. All statements in this document, other than statements of historical facts, that address future production, project development, reserve or resource potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities, corporate transactions and events or developments that the Company expects to occur, are forward looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in forward-looking statements.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices of potash and, exploitation and exploration successes, capital and operating costs, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be evaluated, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's filed documents.

There can be no assurance that the development of Colluli will proceed as planned. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking information. Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves have been reported according to the JORC Code, 2012 Edition. To the extent permitted by law, the Company accepts no responsibility or liability for any losses or damages of any kind arising out of the use of any information contained in this document. Recipients should make their own enquiries in relation to any investment decisions.

Mineral Resource, Ore Reserve, and financial assumptions made in this presentation are consistent with assumptions detailed in the Company's ASX announcements dated 25 February 2015, 23 September 2015, 15 August 2016, 1 February 2017, 29 January 2018, and 19 February 2018 which continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects assumptions made.