



SANDFIRE COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF MOD RESOURCES

Sandfire Resources NL (ASX: **SFR**; "Sandfire") is pleased to announce that implementation of the Scheme of Arrangement (**Scheme**) for the acquisition of all the issued shares in MOD Resources Ltd (ASX: **MOD**; "MOD") was completed on 23 October 2019.

Sandfire now holds a 100 per cent interest in MOD's key copper exploration and development assets in Botswana through its in-country subsidiaries, Tshukudu Metals and Tshukudu Exploration. These include the advanced T3 Copper-Silver Project and an extensive belt-scale exploration portfolio spanning ~11,700km² in the Kalahari Copper Belt.

Sandfire Managing Director Karl Simich said he was pleased to welcome the MOD team members, both in Botswana and in Perth, who are joining the Sandfire Group as it embarks on the next step in its vision to become a globally diversified international base metals company.

"We also look forward to welcoming a significant number of MOD shareholders to our register and to their participation in Sandfire's next growth chapter," he said.

"By combining the expertise and experience of both management teams with Sandfire's financial strength and focusing our joint resources on the development and financing of the priority T3 Project, we expect to be able to advance this high-quality project to a decision to mine by mid-CY2020."

"We will continue to maintain and build on the excellent local community initiatives and strong Government relations developed by Tshukudu's experienced in-country team, while applying the same high standards in safety, environmental management, sustainability, governance and transparency that we apply across all of our operations."

Next Steps

Sandfire has commenced optimisation of the current Feasibility Study for the T3 Project (refer MOD ASX Release, titled 'Feasibility Study Confirms Outstanding T3 Project Economics', dated: 28 March 2019) and expects to publish an updated Feasibility Study and Ore Reserve in the June 2020 Quarter ahead of a Decision to Mine.

The Company has also recently appointed highly experienced mining executive Ian Kerr as T3 Mine Project Director, to manage all studies and development of the T3 Mine in Botswana and all associated infrastructure. This includes completion of the Feasibility Study, management of the final design and engineering, regulatory approvals, contractor selection, construction, commissioning and handover to the operational team.

In parallel, Sandfire will progress the permitting activities for T3 with approval of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) document expected in the December 2019 Quarter, triggering a public review period and subsequent Mining Licence Application expected towards the end of this year.

The Company will also continue exploration drilling activities in Botswana from the end of October, which are expected to ramp-up as part of a major new district-scale program commencing in early CY2020.

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