



#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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#### **Key Projects**

Meekatharra Gold
Mt Forrest Iron/Gold
Mt Lucky Gold

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# ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **Key points**

In line with Mindax Limited's (MDX or the Company) (ASX: MDX) objectives to develop the Midwest into an iron ore processing hub, this Quarter, the Company:

- received Section 18 Consent from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for the Mt Forrest Iron Project, which allows conducting ground-disturbing works while ensuring the protection and management of aboriginal heritage.
- Ongoing discussions with other stakeholders to explore potential pathways for the Mid-West Shared Infrastructure Project, supporting miners in the Mid-West to transport magnetite ore to port and to be loaded onto a ship for export;
- Continued to engage an external party to assist in securing additional funds via capital raising and the introduction of development partners for the Mt Forrest Iron Project. Discussions with potential partners are ongoing.
- Successfully claimed its Research and Development (R&D) Tax Incentive for FY23, in relation to the study for the Mid-West Shared Infrastructure Project.

Undertook desktop analysis of the soil sampling results from the Mr Lucky Gold Project (**Mt Lucky**) to determine a follow up exploration programme of the defined coherent gold animalisation aligning with potential mineralised bedrock structures.



# MT FORREST IRON PROJECT (MDX 65%)

The Mt Forrest Iron Project (**Project**) is operated via a joint venture between Mindax, Yilgiron Pty Ltd (**Yilgiron**), and Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd (**Norton**) pursuant to a shareholders agreement dated 22 July 2021 (**SHA**).

This quarter, Yilgiron was granted consent pursuant to Section 18(3) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for its Mt Forrest Iron Project. This consent was granted following extensive consultations with Native Title Services Goldfields and various Aboriginal stakeholders. This approval marks a significant milestone for the development of the Mt Forrest Iron Project, allowing Yilgiron to conduct ground-disturbing works while ensuring the protection and management of aboriginal heritage. Yilgiron is committed to adhering to all conditions of the consent and ensuring that our activities are conducted with the utmost respect for the cultural heritage of the region.

Follow the successful completion of the phase two study for the Mid-West Shared Infrastructure Project (MWSIP) earlier this year, Mindax continues discussions with other stakeholders to explore potential pathways to advance the MWSIP to its next phase. The long-term objective of the MWSIP is to support miners in the Mid-West to transport magnetite ore to port and to be loaded onto a ship for export, unlocking the untapped value of iron ore assets in the region.

Mindax is reviewing further development opportunities for Mt Forest, including seeking alternative joint venture partners to assist with development. The Company continues with its engagement with Mr. Huang Yueguang to assist in introducing development partners for the Mt Forest Iron Project. Discussions with potential partners are ongoing, with a long-term goal of attracting partners with the full capacity to develop the Mt Forest Iron Project into production. These discussions will continue through future quarters, and the Company will update the market once substantial progress is made.

No exploration work was undertaken on the project during the quarter.

#### MID-WEST SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The Company announced the successful completion of the phase two study for the Mid-West Shared Infrastructure Project (MWSIP or the Project) on the viability of developing infrastructure to allow miners in the Mid-West to transport magnetite ore to port and to be loaded onto a ship for export (Study) during the previous Quarter.

Following the encouraging Study results, the Company is continuing to explore potential pathways to advance the Project to its next phase and to unlock the untouched value of iron ore assets in the region.

For background, on 9 November 2022, Mindax entered into a binding Heads of Agreement (**HOA**) with Australian Gas Infrastructure Group of companies (**AGIG**) in a strategic collaboration to conduct comprehensive studies assessing the technical and commercial viability of the MWSIP. The technical Study work on the pipeline was developed by global engineering firm Verbrec in Perth, Western Australia.



### MT LUCKY GOLD PROJECT (MDX 100%)

The Mt Lucky Gold Project (Mt Lucky), tenement E38/3336, lies within the Mt Margaret Mineral Field of the north-eastern Goldfields of Western Australia (Laverton Greenstone Belt), approximately 7km east of the Granny Smith gold mine (plant capacity 3.5 Mtpa) and 12km southeast of Laverton. The ground has widespread gold anomalism and artisanal-scale gold workings.

Additional soil sampling was completed during the March quarter aimed at following up the gold anomalism that was previously identified by drilling conducted in November 2023 (see ASX announcement 5th March 2024) and interpretations of that sampling were completed during the June quarter (see ASX announcement 11th June 2024).

Two target areas (see figure 1) were soil sampled, each with a sample grid of  $100m \times 50m$ , for a total of 1,189 samples being collected. In both target areas, sampling defined coherent, 1km long and 200-500m wide gold anomalies of greater than 10ppb gold. These anomalies are consistent with the interpreted location of potential gold bearing bedrock structures. The gold anomalies in the northern grid area located directly along strike from the nearby historic Mt Lucky mine and Mt Gold Deposit, support the geological interpretation that the mineralised structures from these deposits potentially continue northward extending through the Mt Lucky project area.

These anomalies are considered very prospective exploration targets in both areas. Further geological interpretation is ongoing, with preparation and planning for a follow up drill program.

# **MEEKATHARRA GOLD PROJECT (MDX 100%)**

The Meekatharra Gold Project (**Meekatharra North**), tenement E51/1705, lies within the Murchison Gold Field of Western Australia, approximately 40km north of Meekatharra and 2km south of the Andy Well Gold Mine (currently on care and maintenance).

Re-interpretation of existing datasets to identify new drill targets continues.

#### **TENURE**

A total of 9 tenements covering more than 70 km<sup>2</sup> were held as at 30 September 2024. A list of the tenements and their locations are detailed in Annexure "A".

#### CORPORATE

The Company continues to review project acquisition opportunities, and to date, it has not proceeded to acquire any further projects. Reviews are ongoing and will continue during the coming quarters.

The Company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was released to ASX on 26 September 2024, together with the annual Corporate Governance Statement. The Company will be holding its annual general meeting of shareholders on Thursday, 21 November 2024.

The Company successfully claimed its Research and Development (R&D) Tax Incentive for FY23 in relation to the study for the Mid-West Shared Infrastructure Project, received a tax benefit of \$329,590.69. The Company is now preparing its R&D Tax Incentive submission for FY24, with a plan to lodge it in the December quarter to secure additional tax benefits.

#### Strategy

The Company's strategy is to realise shareholder value by exploring its existing projects, potentially delivering new discoveries, continuing to pursue new opportunities, and amalgamating holdings through acquisition and corporate activity.



#### Capital Structure

The Company's issued capital is 2,048,783,780 fully paid ordinary shares, 25,000,000 unlisted options (exercise price \$0.07, expiring 16 November 2024), and 11,000,000 unlisted options (exercise price \$0.07, expiring 30 November 2025).

10,000,000 unlisted options with an exercise price of \$0.07 expired on 25 October 2024.

#### **ASX ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**ASX Listing Rule 5.3.1:** Exploration and evaluation expenditure during the quarter was \$54,000 comprising payments associated with tenement compliance and geological consulting costs associated with the Meekatharra and Mt Lucky gold projects, and the Mt Forrest iron project.

**ASX Listing Rule 5.3.2:** There were no mining production and development activities undertaken during the quarter.

**ASX Listing Rule 5.3.5:** During the quarter, the Company made cash payments totalling \$177,000 to related parties or their associates. This was the aggregate amount paid to the directors, including salary, directors' fees, consulting fees, expense reimbursements and superannuation.

Annexure "A"

Tenements held by the Company at the beginning and end of the Quarter

Tenement Number	Project	Locality	Status	Interest at beginning of quarter %	Acquired/ Disposed %	Interest at end of quarter %
M29/257	Mount Forrest	Mount Forrest - Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/258	Mount Forrest	Mount Forrest - Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/314	Mount Forrest	Mount Forrest	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/348	Mount Forrest	Toucan - Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/349	Mount Forrest	Macaw North - Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/350	Mount Forrest	Macaw - Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
M29/351	Mount Forrest	Bulga Downs	Granted	65.0	-	65.0
L57/63	Mount Forrest	Water Licence C-2	Granted	65.0		65.0
E51/1705	Meekatharra	Meekatharra	Granted	100	-	100
E38/3336	Mt Lucky	Mt Lucky	Granted	100	-	100

End of Announcement

Authorised for release by Benjamin Chow AO – Executive Chair

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#### **Competent Person's Statement:**

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements noted in the text of the announcement which are available to view on the Company's website. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcements and that the form and context in which the competent person's findings are presented have not been materially altered.

# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity	
Mindax Limited	
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")

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Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(136)	(136)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(351)	(351)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	9	9
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(3)	(3)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	325	325
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(156)	(156)

2.	Са	sh flows from investing activities	
2.1	Pa	yments to acquire or for:	
	(a)	entities, net of cash acquired	-
	(b)	tenements	-
	(c)	property, plant and equipment	-
	(d)	exploration & evaluation	(54)
	(e)	investments	-
	(f)	other non-current assets	-

ASX Listing Rules Appendix 5B (17/07/20)

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(54)	(54)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (Principal elements of lease payments)	(12)	(12)
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(12)	(12)

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	520	520
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(156)	(156)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(54)	(54)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(12)	(12)

Cons	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	298	298

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	298	520
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	298	520

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	177
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.		

7.	Financing facilities  Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.  Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	_	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	ıarter end	_
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
	N/A		

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(156)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(54)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(210)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	298
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	298
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	1.4

Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.

- 8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:
  - 8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?
  - Answer: Yes. As the Mt Forrest Iron Project resource is defined, activity has focussed on developing relationships with significant Chinese and international iron producers and investors to seek development partners. This activity is largely meetings and negotiations which limits the level of expenditure.
  - 8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?
  - Answer: The Company understands it will be required to raise further funds. The Company has engaged an external party to assist with the process of identifying potential investors. Additionally, after a successful claim of its R&D Tax Incentive for FY23, the Company is now preparing its R&D Tax Incentive submission for FY24, with a plan to lodge it in the December quarter which will assist with cashflow.
  - 8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: Yes, the Company expects to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives on the basis that the Company will be able to raise further funds as required.

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

#### **Compliance statement**

- This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 31 October 2024

'Signed electronically'

Authorised by: Dennis Wilkins, Company Secretary

(Name of body or officer authorising release - see note 4)

#### Notes

- This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the
  entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An
  entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is
  encouraged to do so.
- If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.
- 6. By the Company lodging this Appendix 5B, the CEO and CFO declare that the Appendix 5B for the relevant quarter:
  - presents a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the cashflows of the Company for the relevant quarter and is in accordance with relevant accounting standards;
  - the statement given above is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control
    which implements the policies adopted by the Board; and
  - the Company's financial records have been properly maintained and the Company's risk management and internal compliance and control system is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.