# ASX Announcement

**8 July 2024**

# Development Update – Approvals and Project Progress

**Mine dewatering and clearing permits approved, site services now being installed with infrastructure to follow.**

- Two permits required for the development of the Company's 100% owned Murchison Gold Project have been approved.
- A final permit, the open pit Mining Proposal, is expected to be received early in the September 2024 quarter.
- Site works are progressing with infrastructure arriving and the establishment of services and water supply for the camp and administration complex.
- The $2.2M secured, bridging loan facility (*ASX announcement, 17 June 2024*) has been drawn down, with $1.34M funding the purchase of a camp, administration complex and associated infrastructure including:
    - 116-person camp;
    - 200-person change house and ablutions for the Andy Well mining centre;
    - 36.5m x 14.5m fully fitted-out administration complex for the Andy Well mining centre;
    - 12m x 9m open pit mining office form the Turnberry mining centre; and
    - 110kL fuel storage tank.
- Full credit approval for a larger project development facility remains targeted for July 2024.
- Site activities including relocation and installation of the above infrastructure to ramp up post funding.

***Commenting on the progress, Meeka's Managing Director Tim Davidson said:*** *"Pleasingly we have received approval for several activities, with only one permit remaining to transition our Murchison Gold Project from development ready to full execution. Infrastructure and equipment mobilisation to site are ongoing. Preparation works are also underway in anticipation of installing the camp, administration complex, and underground mining change house in July 2024."*

Meeka Metals Limited ("**Meeka**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to advise the approval of the mine dewatering and clearing permits. The Company acknowledges the current high level of permitting activity under assessment by DEMIRS (approximately 400 open applications) and expects the final permit, the open pit Mining Proposal, early in the September 2024 quarter.

Figure 1: Trenching unit on site for underground service installation, July 2024.

Figure 2: Preparations of foundations for administration infrastructure, July 2024.

Figure 3: New fuel farm pad (foreground), power station (background), July 2024.


Figure 4: Fuel storage being delivered to site, July 2024.

Figure 5: Buildings being delivered to site, June 2024.

## Grant of ASX Listing Rule 10.1 Waiver

As announced on 17 June 2024, the Company has entered into a $2.2M secured, bridging facility to cover the purchase, relocation and installation of certain high-quality infrastructure for the Murchison Gold Project.

The parties to the secured, bridging facility comprise a group of eight lenders. The group includes two directors of the Company, who account for approximately one third of the facility.

The Company advises it has been granted a waiver by ASX from Listing Rule 10.1 to enable the Company, without obtaining shareholder approval, to grant to the lenders (including the two related party lenders) security in the form of a Mining Mortgage over Mining Lease 51/870 to secure the Company's obligations under the secured, bridging loan facility (ASX Waiver), as detailed further below.

The material terms of the bridging loan and related security are set out in the 17 June 2024 announcement. As noted in that announcement, the bridging loan facility is secured by a Mining Mortgage over Mining Lease 51/870. The terms of the Mining Mortgage include limitations required by the conditions to the ASX Waiver (as detailed further below).

Two directors, Roger Steinepreis and Paul Adams, did not participate in the facility and remained independent and have determined that the facility is on arm's length terms and is the best short-term option for the Company.

The terms of the facility are similar to conventional market terms and are no more favourable to the director lenders than to the other lenders.

The Company elected to obtain funds from the director lenders (among others), rather than solely from parties that are not Listing Rule 10.1 parties, in order to secure the purchase of the relevant infrastructure assets ahead of the commencement of development activities at the Murchison Gold Project (including camp purchase and construction). The Company entered into the secured, bridging loan facility to provide immediate funding while it seeks to establish a larger project development facility (with full credit approval targeted for July 2024).

The infrastructure to be acquired with the secured, bridging loan facility was available on favourable pricing and terms, and the Company took action to lock in this opportunity.

Table 1: Infrastructure Acquired with Secured, Bridging Loan Facility Funding

| Item | Description | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| 116-person camp | 22 concrete floor buildings | $726,000 |
| 200-person change house and ablutions | 9 concrete floor buildings | $122,000 |
| 36.5m x 14.5m fully fitted-out administration building | 11 concrete floor buildings | $182,000 |
| 12m x 9m open pit mining office | 3 steel floor buildings | $76,000 |
| Fuel tank | 110kL tank | $110,000 |
| Auction fee | | $121,600 |
| **Total** | | **$1,337,600** |

In addition to the infrastructure purchases listed in Table 1, funds advanced under the bridging facility will be used to relocate and install this infrastructure at the Company's Murchison Gold Project.

## Waiver Decision – ASX Listing Rule 10.1

The ASX Waiver obtained by the Company is on the following terms and conditions:

1. Based solely on the information provided, ASX grants Meeka Metals Limited (the Company) a waiver from listing rule 10.1 to the extent necessary to permit the Company to grant security over Mining Lease 51/870 held by Andy Well Mining Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (Security Interest) in favour of Tim Davidson and Paul Chapman, who are both directors of the Company (or their related entities), (Lenders) to secure the Company's obligations under a loan facility agreement, without obtaining shareholder approval, on the following conditions:

    1.1. the Company releases an announcement to the market that provides:

        1.1.1. the material terms of the transaction and of the waiver from Listing Rule 10.1; and

        1.1.2. a description of the reasons why the entity has chosen to obtain the financial accommodation from the Lenders rather than a lender that is not a Listing Rule 10.1 party and the steps the board has taken to satisfy itself that the transaction is being entered into on arm's length terms and is fair and reasonable from the perspective of the holders of the Company's ordinary securities;

    1.2. the Security Interest documents expressly provide that:

        1.2.1. the Security Interest is limited to the funds due under the financial accommodation;

        1.2.2. the Security Interest will be discharged when the funds due under the financial accommodation have been repaid in full;

        1.2.3. in the event the Security Interest is enforced, the assets can only be disposed of to any of the Lenders or an associate of the Lenders if the disposal is first approved by the entity's security holders under Listing Rule 10.1; and

        1.2.4. otherwise, if the holder of the Security Interest exercises, or appoints a receiver, receiver and manager or analogous person to exercise, any power of sale under the Security Interest, the assets must be sold to an unrelated third party on arm's length commercial terms and the net proceeds of sale distributed to the Lenders in accordance with their legal entitlements;

    1.3. any variation to the terms of the financial accommodation or the Security Interest which:

        1.3.1. advantages any of the Lenders in a material respect;

        1.3.2. disadvantages the entity in a material respect; or

        1.3.3. is inconsistent with the terms of the waiver,

2. must be subject to security holder approval under Listing Rule 10.1; and

    2.1. for each year while they remain on foot, a summary of the material terms of the financial accommodation and the Security Interest is included in the related party disclosures in the Company's audited annual accounts.

3. ASX has considered Listing Rule 10.1 only and makes no statement as to the Company's compliance with other listing rules.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Company's Board of Directors.

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## ABOUT MEEKA

Meeka Metals Limited has a portfolio of high quality 100% owned projects across Western Australia.

### Murchison Gold Project

Meeka's flagship Murchison Gold Project has a combined 281km² landholding that hosts a large high-grade 1.2Moz @ 3g/t Au Mineral Resource on granted Mining Leases.

The Murchison Gold Project Definitive Feasibility Study focusses on restarting the fully permitted Andy Well mill. The Study outlines a straightforward development strategy and strong financial outcomes, including post-tax net cash flows of $413M, post-tax $NPV_{8\%}$ of $244M and a post-tax IRR of 100% over an initial 9-year production plan.

### Circle Valley

In addition, Meeka owns the Circle Valley Project (222km²) in the Albany-Fraser Mobile Belt (also host to the Tropicana gold mine – 3Moz past production). Gold mineralisation has been identified in four separate locations at Circle Valley and presents an exciting growth opportunity for the Company.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report relate to the future, including forward looking statements relating to the Company's financial position, strategy and expected operating results. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Actual events or results may differ materially from the events or results expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement and deviations are both normal and to be expected. Other than required by law, neither the Company, their officers nor any other person gives any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements will actually occur. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on those statements.