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### MINING APPROVALS TO BE GRANTED

Mesa Minerals Limited (Mesa) advises that the WA Department of Mines & Petroleum (DMP) has advised in writing that the Mining Proposal, to develop and mine the Ant Hill and Sunday Hill manganese deposits on Mining Leases 46/237 and 46/238, is to be recommended to the Director, Environmental Division, for approval upon lodgement of a \$109,000 increase in the existing Unconditional Performance Bonds relating to these tenements.

The conditions laid down for granting of such approval are all acceptable and we expect the increased security deposit to be lodged in the very near future.

The State Mining Engineer of the DMP has also advised formally that the Project Management Plan submitted in relation to the commencement of operations on the Ant Hill tenement is satisfactory and his approval to commence mining operations is granted, subject to granting of the environmental approval noted above and the meeting of all requirements of the Mining Act 1994 and any other relevant legislation.

Mesa now looks forward to the earliest possible commencement of mining operations and a quick ramp up to targetted production of 300,000 tonnes per annum to meet the strong demand for manganese ore evident in the market place over recent months and forecast to persist throughout this current year.

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Alan Scott  
Managing Director