

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MARKET UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Blackwood Capital founder and director Francis Harper appointed Non-Executive Director of Vital Metals
 - Mr Harper has extensive experience in West African mining, having served as Chairman and as a major shareholder of West African Resources between 2009 and 2015 where he was integral in the highly successful 2014 acquisition of Channel Resources.
 - He is also a founding director of Blackwood Capital, which has raised over \$1 billion for smaller companies over the last 15 years, and manages the Blackwood Small Cap Companies Fund.
- Drilling underway at Kollo as part of accelerated program, first results expected before end of May
- Macquarie debt paid down to \$1.4 million, due by end of 2018

Gold explorer Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) is pleased to announce the appointment of Francis Harper as a Non-Executive Director to its Board.

Mr Harper was Chairman and a Non-Executive Director of West African Resources until June 2015. West African Resources is developing the 2.2Moz Sanbrado Gold Project in Burkina Faso, with tenements close to Vital Metals' Kollo Project. Prior to founding Blackwood Capital, Mr Harper spent 15 years with NM Rothschild in senior positions within resources corporate finance in the UK, the USA and Australia.

Vital Metals Chairman David Macoboy said Mr Harper's experience, particularly with West African Resources, would be integral to the Company as it continues exploration across its Burkina Faso tenements.

"Francis was Chairman of West African Resources from the start and was with the company as it developed its Burkina Faso project portfolio. All of West African's financings over 6 years were conducted by Blackwood so his experience will be invaluable to Vitals' growth as the project progresses," he said.

Vital is continuing an accelerated drilling program at Kollo. We started drilling at Kollo South where we are aiming to follow up on previous high grade gold results. The program will involve drilling along strike and at depth to test for extensions of high grade mineralization.

Additionally, we have secured a second track-mounted RC drill rig to drill test at Kollo Hill, a 1km strike length on the Kollo shear zone between Kollo Central and Kollo North that has never been

tested. This rig is in Ghana and will be arriving on site in May when it has cleared customs, and we are very excited to be targeting untested ground and discovering its potential.

We are also continuing our regional auger drilling campaign as we have received some exceptional high grades from auger samples that are a solid vindication of the Company's exploration model. The targets immediately south of the Kollo gold project were inferred from our exploration model as it was overlain by transported cover at some time.

Vital also restructured its facility with Macquarie Bank, reducing outstanding debt to \$1.4 million (from \$3.0 million) by way of a cash repayment of \$1.0m and a debt for equity conversion of \$0.6m approved by shareholders at a meeting on 2 May 2017. The balance is to be repaid by 31 December 2018.

"With a \$5 million oversubscribed placement now completed, Vital Metals is in a strong financial position and we aim to make considerable progress on our Burkina Faso exploration over the coming 12 months," Mr Macoboy said.

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Competent Person's Statement

Information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Mark Strizek, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Strizek is a full time employee of the Company. Mr Strizek has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Strizek consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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ABOUT VITAL METALS

Vital Metals Limited (**ASX: VML**) is an explorer and developer, focused on progressing three highly prospective mineral Projects: the Watershed Tungsten Project in far north Queensland, Australia, the Aue Tungsten Project in Saxony, Germany and the Doulnia Gold Project in southern Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Watershed Tungsten Project – Queensland

The Watershed scheelite (calcium tungstate) Project, in far north Queensland, 150 kilometres north-west of Cairns, is the Company's flagship venture. The Watershed Tungsten Project is a development-ready project that has a completed Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS), is fully permitted and has all landowner and Indigenous agreements in place.

Aue Tungsten Project – Germany

The Aue Tungsten Project (100% Vital) is located in the western Erzgebirge area of the German state of Saxony. The permit, comprising an area of 78 sq. km is located in the heart of one of Europe's most famous mining regions, being surrounded by several world class mineral fields. Historical mining and intensive exploration work carried out between from the 1940's and 1980's showed high prospectivity of the Aue permit area for tungsten, tin, uranium and silver mineralisation.

Doulnia Gold Project – Burkina Faso

The Doulnia Gold Project (100% Vital) is located in southern Burkina Faso. The Project is made up of three contiguous permits; the Doulnia, Kampala and Zeko exploration permits. The Project is located in highly prospective Birimian Greenstone terrain with 400 sq. km of contiguous tenements lying on the trend of the Markoye Fault Corridor and hosting the Kollo Gold Project and Boungou South Gold Prospect.

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Capital Structure

1,055.7 million shares

255.2 million unlisted options

Figure 1: Project Location Plan

