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# **Additional Placement Shares – Update**

On 9 May 2024, Manuka Resources Limited ("**Manuka**" or the "**Company**") announced an \$8 million capital raising ("**Placement**") to support bringing the Mt Boppy Gold Mine into production<sup>1</sup>. The Placement comprised three discrete components, including a tranche ("**Tranche 2b**") by which the Company agreed to issue a total of 41,666,667 Additional Placement Shares at the Placement Price of \$0.06 per share and 41,666,667 Additional Placement Options, to Claymore Capital Pty Limited (a longstanding shareholder in Manuka) ("**Claymore**") or its nominee(s).

Tranche 2b was conditional upon shareholder approval and Claymore being satisfied that the proceeds would be sufficient to complete construction of the Mt. Boppy Gold Mine and restart production. At a General Meeting of the Company held on 26 June 2024, shareholder approval was obtained for the issue of the Tranche 2b shares within 3 months of the meeting<sup>2</sup>.

The Company has recently extended the maturity date of the existing TransAsia debt facility to 31 January 2025<sup>3</sup>. To align with the extension of the TransAsia debt facility, Manuka has similarly agreed with Claymore to extend the period of time to satisfy the Tranche 2b conditions precedent.

Shares and options issued under Tranche 2b would be on the same terms as the Placement and will be issued within the Company's existing capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 to the extent the issue is not covered by previous shareholder approval.

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Manuka Resources Limited.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 9 May 2024, *"\$8 million capital raise to commence bringing the Mt Boppy Gold Mine into production in 2024"* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ASX Announcement 26 June 2024, "Results of General Meeting of Shareholders".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ASX Announcement 20 September 2024, "Extension of TransAsia Debt Facility".



## About Manuka Resources Limited

Manuka Resources Limited (ASX: MKR) is an Australian mining and exploration company with key gold and silver assets located in the Cobar Basin (NSW), and offshore vanadium and titanium bearing iron sands in the South Taranaki Bight of New Zealand.

### The Mt Boppy Gold Mine (Cobar Basin, NSW)

The Mt Boppy gold mine is located 43 km east of Cobar, in the Central West region of New South Wales. A resource update was released on ASX on 16 April 2024.

The Company has to date processed its stockpiles and gold mineralised waste product through its Wonawinta plant. Manuka are currently pursuing a strategy of establishing of a fit-for-purpose, on-site crush-screen-mill-float facility to enhance the economics of the Mt. Boppy Mine and the value of near-mine prospects. The Mt Boppy site includes a 48-person mine camp and is fully permitted for the proposed processing plant and on-site production.

## The Wonawinta Silver Mine (Cobar Basin, NSW)

Previously Australia's largest primary silver producer, Wonawinta produced approximately 3 million ounces of silver during 2012-2013, and an additional 500,000oz of silver in 2022. A resource update was released on 1 April 2021

The Wonawinta processing plant has a nameplate<sup>4</sup> capacity of approximately 850,000 tpa. The Company is reviewing the potential of recommencing operations at Wonawinta, taking advantage of the strengthening silver price environment.



Mt Boppy Gold mine (left) & Wonawinta Silver Mine (right)

# The Taranaki VTM Project (South Taranaki Bight, New Zealand)

Manuka is the 100% owner of the Taranaki VTM (vanadium titanomagnetite) Iron Sands Project. The Taranaki VTM Project resource was released on ASX on 1 March 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Manuka Resources IPO prospectus May 2020



The Project is located 22 km to 36 km offshore in New Zealand's EEZ, or Exclusive Economic Zone, outside the 12 nautical limit from the shoreline, in waters ranging between 20 to 50 metres depth and has a granted mining permit, MP55581, permitting production of 5Mtpa. On granting of final government approvals to operate the Company will complete its Bankable Feasibility Study on the Project. The Project is anticipated to sit in the lowest quartile of the iron ore production cost curve.



Location of Taranaki VTM Project.



#### **Compliance Statements**

The information in this presentation that relates to previously reported Exploration Results, Exploration Targets, Mineral Resources, Ore Reserves, Production Targets and Financial Forecasts is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements noted in the text of the presentation and are available to view on the Company's website. The Company confirms that, other than mining depletion, it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant announcement continue to apply and have not materially changes. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially altered.

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