

# Gold Production from Mt Boppy Pit Recommences

## Highlights

- **Manuka Resources Limited (“Manuka”) is pleased to advise that gold production from Mt Boppy has recommenced at its 100% owned Wonawinta metallurgical plant;**
- **Our outlook for gold production from Mt Boppy remains consistent with the forward planning provided in the February 2023 Strategic Exploration Review which highlighted production ramping up to between 20~25kozpa Au for ~3 years;**
- **The recommencement of gold production will underpin organically funded exploration of the priority targets identified in the Strategic Exploration Review;**
- **Near-mine gold exploration and drilling will aim to delineate Indicated Mineral Resource targets of 250,000-530,000oz Au @ +2.5g/t Au<sup>1</sup>. Priority targets are the Mt Boppy open cast and depth extensions, along with the McKinnons Mine & Pipeline Ridge prospects.**

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<sup>1</sup> ASX release 14 February 2023

## About Manuka Resources Limited

Manuka Resources Limited (ASX: MKR) is an Australian mining and exploration company with key assets located in the Cobar Basin, central west New South Wales. In addition to its recent acquisition of Trans-Tasman Resources Limited owner of the Taranaki VTM Project, it is the 100% owner of two fully permitted mining projects, one gold and one silver, both within the Cobar Basin, which include the following:

- Gold - Mt Boppy Gold mine and neighbouring tenements, hosting an existing open pit resource<sup>2</sup> of 281,850 tonnes grading 4.95g/t gold, based on a cut-off grade of 1.6g/t for material within its current open pit design and a cut-off grade of 3.0g/t for material below the current pit design. The Mt Boppy project having ceased current open pit mining activities in Q4 2021, is in advanced exploration as additional exploration is conducted beneath the pit floor and nearby prospects. In addition, Manuka has identified a number of stockpiles and tailings deposits which are being evaluated for economic processing.
- Silver - Wonawinta silver project, with mine, processing plant and neighbouring tenements, hosting 51 million ounces of silver in a JORC resource<sup>3</sup> grading 42g/t silver at a cut-off grade of 20g/t silver. The Wonawinta processing plant has a nameplate capacity of >850,000 tonnes per year. The Company has recently completed a plant and metallurgical recovery optimisation.

There exists a number of highly prospective base metals exploration targets on Manuka's ~1,150km<sup>2</sup> tenement package within the Cobar Basin.

The Taranaki VTM Iron Sand Project recently released its maiden vanadium resource<sup>4</sup> which ranks it as one of the largest drilled vanadium projects globally. The Project has a granted mining licence and is in the lowest quartile of the iron ore production cost curve. The Company awaits the reissuance of its Environmental Approval before completing its Bankable Feasibility Study.



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

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<sup>2</sup> ASX release 229 July 2022

<sup>3</sup> ASX release 1 April 2021

<sup>4</sup> ASX release 1 March 2023

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