

## QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

## Highlights

- 41-hole Auger drilling program completed at the priority Bobalong Kaolin Project in the Great Southern region of WA
- Drilling designed to deliver a maiden JORC Mineral Resource Estimate at the Bill's Middle target Maiden JORC Mineral Resource Estimate is imminent
- Bobalong Project expanded via the successful granting of Exploration Licence E70/6094, to the northern extent of the Project area
- Bobalong is Pinnacle's most advanced project the Company has recommenced discussions with potential offtake partners for a DSO kaolin product from the Project
- White Knight Kaolin-Halloysite Project Tenements in South Australia granted reconnaissance site visit planned for current quarter
- Plans announced for a Loyalty Options Issue to Eligible Shareholders of one (1) Loyalty Option for every two (2) Shares held Prospectus dispatched to Eligible Shareholders
- Pinnacle maintains a sound financial position with a cash balance of \$3.805m at 30 June 2022

Technology metals exploration and development company Pinnacle Minerals Ltd (ASX: PIM) ("Pinnacle", or the "Company") is pleased to provide the following update on its activities for the quarter ending 30 June 2022("Quarter", "Reporting Period").

Pinnacle Minerals is focused on delivering shareholder value via the systematic exploration and development of its portfolio of kaolin and halloysite prospective projects in Western Australia and South Australia (Figure 1), by delineating resources at its advanced Bobalong and Holly Kaolin Projects in WA, and through the exploration of the Company's strategically located White Knight and Camel Lake Projects in SA.

During the Quarter, Pinnacle completed its first round of drilling following its successful ASX listing in the March 2022 quarter, with a resource definition-focused drilling program at the Bobalong Kaolin Project. Corporately, the Company announced plans for a Loyalty Options Issue, offering Eligible Shareholders the opportunity to apply for one (1) Loyalty Option for every two (2) Shares held as at the Record Date, 29 June 2022.

## **OPERATIONS**

## Resource-focused Drilling Complete at Bobalong Kaolin Project – Maiden Resource Estimate Imminent

During the Quarter, Pinnacle completed its first phase of drilling at its priority Bobalong Kaolin Project (E70/5347, E70/5348 and E70/6094) ("Bobalong", "Project") in the Great Southern region of Western Australia (ASX announcement, 14 April 2022).

**Pinnacle Minerals Ltd** ACN: 655 033 677 ASX: **PIM**  **Issued Capital** 36,375,000 Shares <u>9,250,500 Options</u>

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The drilling program commenced in the previous quarter (ASX announcement, 28 March 2022), shortly after the Company completed its heavily oversubscribed \$4.5 million Initial Public Offering (IPO) (ASX announcement, 23 March 2022).

The drilling program focused on resource definition at the Bill's Middle target on the Bobalong Project where previous drilling by Pinnacle has delivered excellent results, indicating the potential for a high value direct shipping ore (DSO) product.

A total of 41 auger drill holes were completed in the program for approximately 369.5 metres (Figure 2), with samples submitted for laboratory analysis. Results are currently being interpreted, and a maiden JORC Resource Estimate is planned to be confirmed upon completion of this process.

Initial observations from the drilling confirmed intersections of kaolinitic material, and based on this outcome, Pinnacle has been encouraged to recommence discussions with potential offtake partners for a DSO kaolin product from the Bobalong Project. The Company will provide further detailed commentary upon receipt and interpretation of the drilling assay results from Bobalong.

Pinnacle plans to utilise the initial findings from the drilling program to commence preliminary planning for potential operations at the Bobalong Project. The operations planning will take into consideration the Company's desire for best practice ESG standards and its desire to undertake a sustainable development in what is a productive agricultural area, amongst other key considerations.

In assessing the appropriate design, Pinnacle will consider the merits of potentially developing the Project with a number of smaller, discreet pits rather than one large pit, with the aim of minimising the social and environmental impact.

The maiden drilling program at Bobalong was designed to gain a deeper understanding of the depth of weathering, basement granite composition - and the location of mafic intrusive rocks. The Company's aim is to better define the geological structures at Bill's Middle, to assist in determining the specific location of higher quality kaolin within the target area, and elsewhere at the Bobalong Project area.

## **Bobalong Project Area Expanded**

The Company also expanded the Bobalong Project Area via the strategic addition of Exploration Licence E70/6094, which was granted subsequent to the quarter, on 1 July 2022. E70/6094 is situated in the northern extent of the Project area, adjacent to the area targeted in Pinnacle's recently completed drilling program.

Given the success of the Company's drilling in intersecting zones of thick kaolinitic material at the priority Bill's Middle target, the addition of E70/6094 provides the opportunity to further extend the Kaolin mineralised footprint into the new licence area, in future drilling.



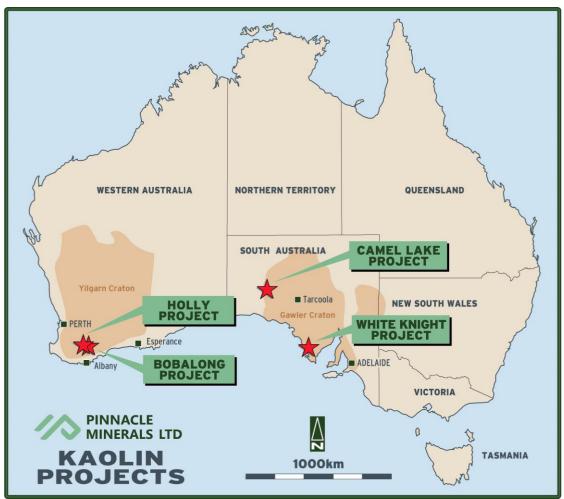


Figure 1: Pinnacle Minerals Projects' Location Map

## **Background on the Bobalong Project**

The Bobalong Project is the Company's most advanced asset, and consists of three granted exploration licences covering 213.3km<sup>2</sup> near the town of Tambellup in the Great Southern region of WA.

Drilling previously undertaken at the Bill's Middle and Tambellup East targets has shown the kaolin at Bobalong to exhibit exceptional quality of 38.3% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 45.9% SiO<sub>2</sub>, high whiteness, as well as high brightness of 80% to 85%; with a small particle size, high opacity and low impurities. Results achieved to date, indicate the potential for a high value product suitable for DSO export, via the deep-water port of Albany, 133km to the south.

Kaolin samples have been tested at Intertek Genalysis in Australia and Wuhan University of Technology in China. The Company has engaged the University to prepare a qualification report on the Bobalong kaolin for potential offtake partners.





Figure 2: Drill hole location plan of first phase of drilling at the Bill's Middle target at the Bobalong Kaolin Project

## Next Steps and Value-Add Opportunities

Initial indications suggest that the Bill's Middle kaolin may be amenable to calcination. The process of calcination involves the thermal treatment (heating kaolin to high temperatures in a largely oxygen-free environment) of kaolin to remove impurities and significantly improve the whiteness of kaolin, thereby significantly increasing its value.

Calcination can also convert kaolin into a calcined form of kaolin called metakaolin. Metakaolin is a high-value product that has the potential to replace some of the cement used in concrete, and deliver a stronger and lighter concrete product. The Company has commenced research and development into the potential qualities and uses of metakaolin from the Bobalong Project.

Analytical work is also planned to be undertaken on the quartz silica component of the Project's kaolin ore. There is potential for this by-product of the Bobalong kaolin to deliver a quality silica product. The commercialscale extraction of quartz silica from the Bobalong Project may have the potential to deliver a valuable additional revenue stream from the Project to the Company.

#### White Knight Kaolin-Halloysite Project Granted

During the Reporting Period, Pinnacle also secured the grant of the three Exploration Licences - EL6789, EL6790 and EL6791 - covering the White Knight Kaolin-Halloysite Project, on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia.



This is a key initial step in the Company's exploration planning for the Project. With the Exploration Licences granted, a reconnaissance site visit is planned to be conducted in the current quarter, ahead of initial fieldwork.

The White Knight Project covers a total area of 1,051km<sup>2</sup> on the western side of the Eyre Peninsula, and is strategically located adjacent to Andromeda Metals (ASX: ADN) high-grade Mount Hope Kaolin Project and Oar Resources (ASX: OAR) high-grade Gibraltar Kaolin-Halloysite Project.

The Company also holds the Camel Lake Kaolin-Halloysite Project at Maralinga, in South Australia. This project consists of one Exploration Licence Application (ELA2020/00230) covering 892km<sup>2</sup>, and is strategically located next to Andromeda's high-grade kaolin discovery in the area. Pinnacle advises that the grant of the Exploration Licence at the Camel Lake Project is pending.

Extensive kaolin has been recorded at the White Knight and Camel Lake Projects historically, but has not been followed up. This will be a key focus for Pinnacle over coming months.

## CORPORATE

### **Loyalty Options Offer**

During the Reporting Period, Pinnacle announced plans for a Loyalty Options Issue, offering Eligible Shareholders<sup>1</sup> the opportunity to apply for one (1) Loyalty Option, at a subscription price of \$0.005 each, for every two (2) Shares held on the Record Date, of 29 June 2022 (ASX announcement, 1 June 2022).

The Loyalty Options will have an exercise price of \$0.25 and will expire four years from the date of issue.

The Company intends to apply to the ASX to have the Loyalty Options listed on the ASX.

A prospectus for the Loyalty Options was lodged with the ASX on 23 June 2022, and was despatched to all Eligible Shareholders on 4 July 2022.

#### **Cash Position**

Pinnacle maintained a sound cash position at quarter's end, with a cash balance of \$3.805 million.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Pinnacle Minerals Ltd.

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<sup>1</sup> Eligible Shareholders for participation in the Options Entitlement Offer are those shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand and, are shareholders in Pinnacle at the time of the Record Date



### **About Pinnacle Minerals**

Pinnacle Minerals Ltd (ASX: PIM) is an ASX listed technology metals company focused on delivering shareholder value via the systematic exploration and development of its portfolio of kaolin and halloysite prospective projects in Western Australia and South Australia. The Company is focused on delineating resources at its advanced Bobalong and Holly Kaolin Projects in the Great Southern region of Western Australia. Drilling and a scoping study have been completed at Bobalong, with results indicating the potential for a high value direct shipping ore (DSO) product. The White Knight and Camel Lake Projects are strategically located adjacent to Andromeda Metals' (ASX: ADN) high-grade kaolin-halloysite discoveries in South Australia. Pinnacle is focused on the exploration and evaluation of the kaolin and halloysite potential of these projects.

#### **Competent person statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by William Witham, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). William Witham is a director of Pinnacle Minerals Ltd. William Witham 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'. William Witham consents to the inclusion in the presentation of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This announcement contains 'forward-looking information' that is based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections as of the date on which the statements were made. This forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements with respect to the Company's business strategy, plans, development, objectives, performance, outlook, growth, cash flow, projections, targets and expectations, mineral reserves and resources, results of exploration and related expenses. Generally, this forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as 'outlook', 'anticipate', 'project', 'target', 'potential', 'likely', 'believe', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'may', 'would', 'could', 'scheduled', 'will', 'plan', 'forecast', 'evolve' and similar expressions. Persons reading this announcement are cautioned that such statements are only predictions, and that the Company's actual future results or performance may be materially different. Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

#### **ASX Additional Information**

- 1. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.1– Mining exploration activities and investment activity expenditure during the quarter was \$176,000. Full details of the activity during the quarter are set out in this report.
- 2. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.2 Mining production and development activity expenditure for the quarter was Nil and there were no substantive mining exploration activities for the quarter.

Project	Holder	State	Tenement	Status	Percentage Held
Bobalong	Witby Clays Pty Ltd	WA	E70/5347	Granted	100%
Bobalong	Witby Clays Pty Ltd	WA	E70/5348	Granted	100%
Bobalong	Witby Clays Pty Ltd	WA	E70/6094	Granted <sup>1</sup>	100%
Holly	Bullseye Geology Pty Ltd	WA	E70/5676	Granted	100%
Holly	Bullseye Geology Pty Ltd	WA	E70/5690	Granted	100%
Camel Lake	Eureka Metals Pty Ltd	SA	-	Pending Grant	100%
White Knight	Open Minerals Pty Ltd	SA	EL6789	Granted	100%
White Knight	Pegasus Prospecting Pty Ltd	SA	EL6790	Granted	100%
White Knight	Titan Exploration Pty Ltd	SA	EL6791	Granted	100%

3. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3 – Tenement Schedule

<sup>1</sup> E70/6094 was granted on 1 July 2022



4. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.4 – The Company provides the actual vs proposed use of Funds as outlined in Section 3.7 of the Prospectus dated 10 March 2021.

Proposed Use of Funds	Proposed \$	Actual \$	Variance
Exploration Expenditure	\$2,800,000	\$184,601	\$2,615,399
Expenses of the Offer	\$505,400	\$347,817	\$157,583
Administration and compliance	\$850,000	\$220,677	\$629,323
costs			
Business development and	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
adviser fees			
Working Capital	\$394,600	\$0	\$349,600
Total	\$4,800,000	\$753,095	\$4,046,905

- 5. Major variances in the above table relate to timing of actual spend. The proposed spend is for a two-year period and the Company listed in March 2022.
- 6. ASX Listing Rule 5.4.5 Payments to related parties of the Company during the quarter and outlined in the Appendix 5B include \$118,000 for Salaries, Director Fees and Consulting Fees paid to Directors.

# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity				
Pinnacle Minerals Limited				
ABN Quarter ended ("current quarter")				
52 655 033 677 30 June 2022				

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers		
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(176)	(184)
	(b) development		
	(c) production		
	(d) staff costs		
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(214)	(220)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4	Interest received		
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives		
1.8	Other (provide details if material)		
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(390)	(405)

2.	Ca	sh flows from investing activities	
2.1	Pay	yments to acquire or for:	
	(a)	entities	
	(b)	tenements	
	(c)	property, plant and equipment	
	(d)	exploration & evaluation	
	(e)	investments	
	(f)	other non-current assets	

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities		
	(b) tenements		
	(c) property, plant and equipment		
	(d) investments		
	(e) other non-current assets		
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities		
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)		
2.5	Other (provide details if material)		
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	-	-

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)		4,800
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities		
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options		
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(348)	(590)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings		
3.6	Repayment of borrowings		
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings		
3.8	Dividends paid		
3.9	Other (provide details if material)		
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(348)	4,210

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,543	-
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(390)	(405)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	-	-
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(348)	4,210

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	3,805	3,805

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	3,805	4,543
5.2	Call deposits		
5.3	Bank overdrafts		
5.4	Other (provide details)		
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	3,805	4,543

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	118
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
	f any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must includ ation for, such payments.	le a description of, and an
Fees i	nclude Salaries, Director Fees and Consulting Fees to Executive Director and Non-Ex	ecutive Directors

## Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

7.	<b>Financing facilities</b> Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000	
7.1	Loan facilities			
7.2	Credit standby arrangements			
7.3	Other (please specify)			
7.4	Total financing facilities			
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at quarter end			
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.			

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Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.			
If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:			
Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current le cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	evel of net operating		
Answer: N/A			
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?			
	Answer: N/A		
	Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any s cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and believe that they will be successful?		

8.8.3	Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business	
	objectives and, if so, on what basis?	

Answer: N/A

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

## **Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

14 July 2022

Date:

Authorised by: The Board (Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

#### Notes

- This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- 2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.