



# Canyon signs key agreement with the Government of Cameroon regarding the Minim Martap Project

## Highlights

- **Canyon has executed an agreement with the State of Cameroon** titled a Cahier de Charges, or Specifications Agreement (“Agreement”), which will help facilitate the negotiation of a Mining Convention.
- The Agreement **specifies some key obligations of Canyon and the State** with respect to the Minim Martap Project and the relationship between the parties.
- Highlights of the Agreement include:
  - **Stability** of legal, fiscal, customs and exchange regulations.
  - A **dispute resolution** pathway, which if required will utilise International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) international arbitration.
  - A **right to enforce Force Majeure**
- The specifications within the Agreement will **remain in force until the signing of a Mining Convention**, with some stability clauses from the Agreement continuing throughout the mining phase.
- **The Agreement provides certainty of Canyon’s** position during the phase of negotiating the Mining Convention.

Canyon Resources Limited (**ASX: CAY**) (“**Canyon**” or “**the Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has executed a Cahier de Charges, with the State of Cameroon (“**Agreement**”), in relation to the development of the Company’s Minim Martap Project (“**Project**”).

The Agreement was initially proposed by the Ministry of Mines in Cameroon and following negotiation over a number of key points, the Agreement was executed with the Company and the Minister of Mines in Yaounde Cameroon on 17 May 2021.

The Agreement confirms Canyon’s major obligations and rights in relation to the Project exploration permits and stabilises the Company’s position in relation to the Project until the completion of the Mining Convention for the Minim Martap Project. A Mining Convention is the definitive agreement between Canyon and the State of Cameroon regarding all the key rights and obligations for the development of the Project, including the taxation, legal, fiscal, social and environmental obligations of the Project.

Canyon’s Managing Director, Mr Phillip Gallagher said: “We are very pleased to have executed the Cahier de Charges with the State of Cameroon. This agreement gives us the confidence of the

positive intentions of the Government of Cameroon and provides security and clarity as the Company takes the Minim Martap Project to the next phase.”



Figure 1: Canyon Resources executing the Cahier de Charges with His Excellency Gabrielle Ndoke, the Minister of Mines, Industry and Technological Development in the Ministry of Mines, Yaounde Cameroon

#### Key terms within the Agreement:

- Confirmation of the rights and obligations of the Minim Martap, Makan and Ngaoundal exploration permits regarding the financial commitments, work requirements and reporting requirements etc. All the requirements are consistent with the Cameroon Mining Code and the obligations within the permit granting documents.
- Stability of legal regime during the exploration phase until the signing of the Mining Convention and stability of the fiscal, customs and foreign exchange regulations during the exploration and exploitation phases in relation to the Project and Canyon's work on the Project.
- A commitment by Canyon to present one or more technical and financial partners to the State of Cameroon prior to the execution of the Mining Convention.
- An agreement between Canyon and the State of Cameroon to negotiate an agreed amount as a payment to the State for the value of the previous studies completed on the Project, which payment will be subject to the creation of a law to enable Canyon to make that payment. The amount and terms of the payment are to be included in the Mining Convention.
- Both parties have the right to call Force Majeure and claim extended time to fulfill obligations, if required.
- The parties have agreed that if a dispute cannot be solved amicably, the parties will refer the dispute to the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

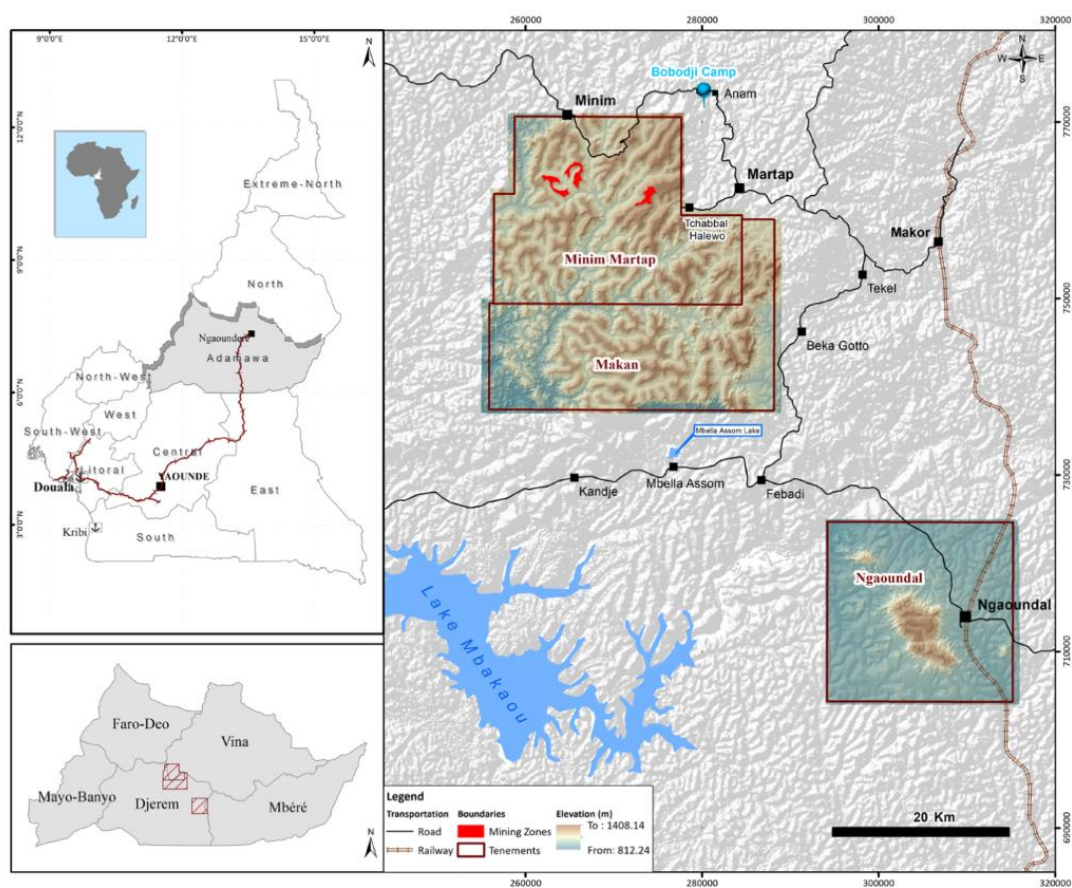
The agreement was executed in the Ministry of Mines, Yaounde Cameroon by the Minister of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, His Excellency Gabrielle Ndoke and the Managing Director of Canyon Resources Mr Phillip Gallagher in the presence of the Secretary General and the Director of Mines of the Ministry of Mines of the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, and the Director General of Calmalco Cameroon.

## About Canyon Resources

### Summary

Canyon Resources is focussed on the development of the 100% owned Minim-Martap Bauxite Project, a direct shipping ore (DSO) project development opportunity in central Cameroon. The Project is situated adjacent to the main rail line linking the region to the Atlantic port of Douala. The rail line is currently underutilised and coupled with the existing port of Douala, supports a low capex, low opex solution to deliver high grade, low contaminant, seaborne bauxite to market to fuel the large and growing aluminium industry as described in the 2020 Pre-Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup>. The country is planning a rail extension and is undergoing rail line debottlenecking upgrades, giving longer term potential for export through the newly built, deep-water port of Kribi.

Canyon is planning the development of the bauxite Project in a 2 Stage, 2 Port execution programme with initial production exported through the port of Douala utilising the existing rail and port infrastructure and Stage 2 unlocking tonnes and reducing costs by utilising the planned rail extension to access the deep-water port of Kribi.



<sup>1</sup> ASX announcement 1 July 2020

## Pre-Feasibility Study

The Company's Stage 1 Pre-Feasibility Study<sup>2</sup> demonstrated the Minim Martap Bauxite Project's potential as a long-term producer of very high quality, low contaminant bauxite via a multi-stage development program utilising existing infrastructure in Cameroon. Subsequent to the PFS, the mining costs have been updated to reflect cost inputs from mining contractors to demonstrate outcomes for mining contract, rather than owner operated, mining operations. The headline economic outcomes of the Pre-Feasibility Study and the subsequent update are shown below. Canyon is advancing strategic partnership and off-take agreement discussions with interested parties to accelerate the Project development timeline.

Minim Martap Project	Units	PFS (Owner Mining) <sup>2</sup>	PFS (Contractor Mining) <sup>3</sup>
Annual Production Rate	Mtpa	5.0	5.0
Project Development Capital	US\$M	120	109
Average Operating Cost C1	US\$/t	35.1	36.1
Project NPV <sub>10</sub>	US\$M	291	289
Project IRR	%	37	38
Capital Intensity	US\$/t	24	24

## Reserves and Resources

The Project is validated by the **Ore Reserve estimate**<sup>3</sup> prepared by a Competent Person, in accordance with the JORC Code (2012) and is stated as:

Reserve			
Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Alumina	Silica
Proved	99.1	51.6% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.4% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Probable	-	-	-
Total Ore Reserves	99.1	51.6% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.4% SiO <sub>2</sub>

The underlying **Mineral Resource estimate**<sup>4</sup> prepared by a Competent Person, in accordance with the JORC Code (2012) is stated as:

Resource (35% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> cut-off)			
	Tonnes (Mt) ore	Alumina	Silica
Total	1,027	45.3% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.7% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Measured	382	47.3% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.7% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Indicated	597	44.2% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.7% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Inferred	48	43.2% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.7% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Contained High Grade Resource (45% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> cut-off)			
	Tonnes (Mt) ore	Alumina	Silica
Total	500	49.0% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.6% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Measured	268	49.7% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.6% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Indicated	218	48.3% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.5% SiO <sub>2</sub>
Inferred	14	47.3% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.8% SiO <sub>2</sub>

<sup>2</sup> ASX announcement 1 July 2020

<sup>3</sup> ASX announcement 25 May 2021

<sup>4</sup> ASX announcement 11 May 2021



### Competent Person's Statement – Ore Reserves

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr John Battista, a Competent Person who is a Member and Chartered Professional (Mining) of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is currently employed by Mining Plus (UK) Ltd. Mr Battista has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves (JORC Code).

Mr Battista consents to the disclosure of information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

### Competent Person's Statement – Mineral Resources

The information in this announcement that relates to mineral resources is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr Mark Gifford, an independent Geological expert consulting to Canyon Resources Limited. Mr Mark Gifford is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code of Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code).

Mr Gifford consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

### Mineral Resource estimate

The data in this announcement that relates to the Mineral Resource estimates for the Minim Martap Bauxite Project is based on information in the Resources announcement of 11 May 2021 and available to view on the Company's website and ASX.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and the context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement

### Pre-Feasibility Study

The data in this announcement that relates to the Pre-Feasibility Study for the Minim Martap Bauxite Project and associated production targets and forecast financial information, is based on information in the PFS announcement of 1 July 2020 and available to view on the Company's website and ASX.

The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target and forecast financial information derived from the production target continue to apply and have not materially changed.

### Ore Reserve estimate

The data in this announcement that relates to the Ore Reserve estimate for the Minim Martap Bauxite Project is based on information in the maiden Ore Reserve announcement of 25 May 2021 and available to view on the Company's website and ASX.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and the context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

## About Cameroon

Canyon Resources Ltd is exploring and developing high grade bauxite reserves in Cameroon, a central-west African country between Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea with Yaounde as the capital. The country has enjoyed the development of industry and infrastructure, particularly agriculture, roads, railways and ports and including a hydro-electric powered aluminium smelter at Edea, currently utilising imported alumina. Cameroon is a producer, consumer and exporter of gas, having exported 6,262,113 million BTU by the end of May 2020, and crude oil and has rich deposits of cobalt, iron ore, gold, diamonds and vast high grade bauxite ore reserves. Revenues from the extractive industries accounted for 5.43% of GDP and 33.23% of total exports in 2015. Cameroon has the fundamental infrastructure and mineral deposits to support a significant mining industry and the population is generally highly skilled in the technical vocations commensurate to exploration, construction and mining.

## Forward looking statements

All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this announcement including, without limitation, statements regarding future plans and objectives of Canyon, are forward-looking statements. When used in this announcement, forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as 'anticipate', 'believe', 'could', 'estimate', 'expect', 'future', 'intend', 'may', 'opportunity', 'plan', 'potential', 'project', 'seek', 'will' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties.

These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions regarding future events and actions that are expected to take place. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, its directors and management of Canyon that could cause Canyon's actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or anticipated in these statements.

Canyon cannot and does not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Canyon does not undertake to update or revise forward-looking statements, or to publish prospective financial information in the future, regardless of whether new information, future events or any other factors affect the information contained in this announcement, except where required by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements.

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**This announcement has been approved for release by the Board.**

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