

## **MOU EXECUTED WITH YAHUA TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP LITHIUM PROJECTS**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eastern Iron and Ya Hua International Investment and Development Co. Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sichuan Yahua Industrial Group Co. Ltd, have executed a MOU for a strategic partnership to acquire and develop lithium projects.
- The parties will work together to develop the Trigg Hill Lithium Tantalum Project.
- Eastern Iron and Yahua to form a joint venture to acquire and develop further lithium projects.
- Yahua Group is one of the largest lithium hydroxide and lithium carbonate producers in China and has a strong customer base including Tesla, BYD Auto, Zhenhua E-Chem and Sinopec.

Eastern Iron Limited (“**Eastern Iron**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has executed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (“**MOU**”) with Ya Hua International Investment and Development Co. Ltd (“**Yahua**”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sichuan Yahua Industrial Group Co. Ltd (“**Yahua Group**”), to form a strategic partnership for the acquisition and development of lithium projects.

Key terms are as follows:

- Yahua and the Company to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement within 3 months of execution of the MOU, for the establishment of a long-term strategic partnership for the supply of spodumene concentrates and the potential acquisition and development of lithium projects in Australia and in other countries, except China;
- Yahua and the Company to enter a joint venture (“**JV**”) for the acquisition and development of lithium projects in Australia and in other countries except China. The JV will be established prior to the Company acquiring a Lithium Project or when the Company completes an agreed amount of work on a Lithium Project;
- On completion of the Company’s acquisition of the Trigg Hill Lithium Tantalum Project (“**Trigg Hill**”) and the definition of an initial exploration target for Trigg Hill, the parties intend to establish a JV for the exploration and development of this Project; and
- Yahua will be granted a first right of refusal for product offtake from any of the JV projects including the Trigg Hill Project.

### **About Sichuan Yahua Industrial Group Co. Ltd.**

Yahua Group is an A-share listed company on the Shenzhen-stock exchange in China, with a market capitalisation approx. RMB 36.3 billion (A\$7.7 billion), principally engaged in the manufacture and sales of civil explosives and of lithium salt products.

Yahua Group is one of China's major lithium hydroxide and lithium carbonate producers, with existing operations of a 43,000tpa refinery for lithium carbonate, lithium hydroxide and other lithium products, and is in expansion for a further 50,000tpa of lithium hydroxide and 1,000tpa of lithium metal by 2025.

Yahua Group has a strong customer base including Tesla, BYD Auto, Zhenhua E-Chem and Sinopec. Yahua is a wholly owned subsidiary of Yahua Group, and is a vehicle of Yahua Group engaged in investment.

Yahua is a major shareholder of Core Lithium Ltd, and a major offtake customer of Orocobre Ltd (Previous Galaxy Resources Ltd).

### **Trigg Hill Lithium Tantalum Project**

The Trigg Hill Project is located in East Pilbara, Western Australia and approx. 75km SE of Pilbara Minerals Ltd.'s Pilgangoora Lithium mine and 77km SE of the Wodgina Lithium and Tantalum mine. The existing port is Port Hedland which is in about 225km by road.

The Trigg Hill mine is an old tantalum and tin mine operated during the 1960s and early 1980s. Pegmatite outcrops occur within the Trigg Hill–Curlew pegmatite swarms covers approx. 5 km<sup>2</sup> with surface spodumene and lepidolite reported.

The Company has executed a binding Heads of Agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Trigg Hill Project (refer to the Company announcement dated 4 August 2021).

### **INVESTOR INFORMATION**

Further information, previous Eastern Iron announcements and exploration updates are available at the News and Reports tab on the Company's website – [www.easterniron.com.au](http://www.easterniron.com.au)

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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