

# Aeon Metals Ltd

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### LETTER OF INTENT WITH RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD ON EPM 17060

Letter of Intent signed with Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd regarding JV of EPM 17060, a tenement which is outside the Company's main Greater Whitewash, John Hill and Kiwi Carpet Projects

Aeon Metals Ltd ("AQR") (formerly Aussie Q Resources Limited) has signed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") with Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited ("RTX"), which sets out indicative terms in regard to a proposed earn-in and joint venture of AQR's (100%) tenement EPM 17060 ("Tenement") and all data, reports and any other assets held by AQR related to the Tenement (collectively, the "Project"). AQR has granted RTX a 60 business day exclusivity period during which the parties intend to negotiate and execute an Exploration and Earn-In Joint Venture Agreement ("EEJVA") for the exploration and evaluation of the Project. Key indicative terms as outlined in the LOI are as follows:

## **Phase 1 Period - Exploration:**

RTX to sole fund an exploration program and any associated expenditure to a minimum of AU\$200,000 ("Phase 1 Commitment") within 12 months prior to any withdrawal.

### Phase 2 Period – Earn-In:

Upon satisfaction of the Phase 1 Commitment, RTX shall, within 20 Business Days, make a decision to conduct further exploration on the Tenement or terminate the EEJVA. If RTX elects to conduct further exploration then AQR will extend RTX's exclusive exploration rights to the Project for a further period of thirty six months from the date of such election ("Phase 2 Period"). RTX will commit to a total expenditure of AU\$2,500,000 over the Phase 2 Period ("Phase 2 Commitment") to earn its initial interest.

Upon RTX satisfying the Phase 2 Commitment, RTX and AQR will form an unincorporated joint venture ("JV") to continue the Project with the following participating interests:

(a) RTX: 70%; and (b) AQR: 30%.

#### Phase 3 Period – Pre-Feasibility:

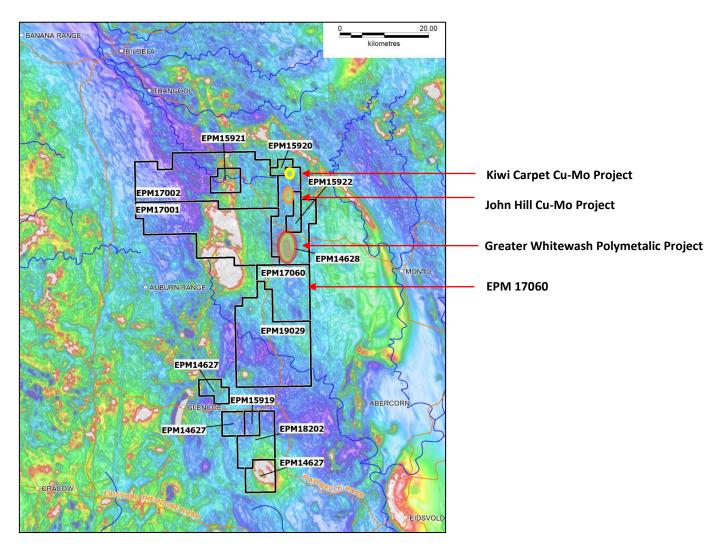
Within thirty days of formation of the JV, AQR must notify RTX whether or not it will contribute its share of future funding of the Project on a pro-rata basis, as per the parties' participating interests in

the JV. If AQR elects not to contribute its share of future funding, RTX will have no further obligation to fund the Project but may elect, in its sole discretion, to continue to sole fund the Project, in which case it will commit to:

- (a) expenditure of AU\$15,000,000; or
- (b) completion of a pre-feasibility study ("PFS"),

whichever occurs first ("Phase 3 Commitment"), within a period of five (5) years from the satisfaction of the Phase 2 Commitment ("Phase 3 Period") to earn an additional 20% interest.

The Tenement borders AQR's Greater Whitewash Project tenement (EPM 14628) along the porphyry geological north-south structure. The proposed earn-in and joint venture with RTX will allow AQR to focus its exploration and development on the Greater Whitewash, John Hill and Kiwi Carpet Projects along strike to the north, while allowing RTX's geological team to explore along strike to the south.



Yours faithfully

Hamish Collins

Managing Director

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