

# MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

## Mining Proposal Approved by DMIRS for Paulsens East Iron Ore Mine

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mining Proposal approved by DMIRS for a 1.5Mtpa operation at the Paulsens East Iron Ore Project in the Pilbara, Western Australia
- Key permits now received allowing pre-mining site works to commence
- First shipment of ore targetted for early next year
- Strike to take advantage in the near term of a buoyant iron ore market with benchmark pricing at circa AUD\$270 per tonne
- Strike now in the process of finalising port allocations for export and offtake arrangements prior to final investment decision

Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) (**Strike**) is pleased to confirm that it has achieved a significant milestone in the development of its Paulsens East Iron Ore Mine (**Paulsens East Mine**) with the receipt of approval from the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety (**DMIRS**) of Strike's Mining Proposal for 1.5 Mtpa of iron ore production from the Paulsens East Mine.

With the Project Management Plan and Native Vegetation Clearance Permit for the Paulsens East Mining Lease already approved, the approval of the Mining Proposal is the last of the key permits required for Strike to commence pre-mining site works at the new Paulsens East Mine.

Strike is now focussing on finalising port allocation for export of its iron ore from the Paulsens East Mine along with key offtake arrangement with customers where discussions are advanced.

Strike expects that, with the approval of the Mining Proposal for the Paulsens East Mine now secured, these discussions will rapidly advance and expects to make announcements in this regard shortly. The Company expects to make a final investment decision (FID) on the Paulsens East Mine upon conclusion of offtake arrangements and once confirmation has been received of port export allocation and is targeting first shipment of iron ore early next year.

William Johnson, Managing Director:

*The approval of the Mining Proposal by DMIRS for Paulsens East is a key milestone in the development of this exciting new iron ore project in the Pilbara. With the key permits for the Paulsens East Mine now received, Strike is focussing on securing the necessary port allocation to confirm export capacity for its iron ore, prior to making a final investment decision and targeting first shipment of ore in early 2022.*

*With the Mining Proposal now approved, we will move as fast as possible to commence production at Paulsens East to take advantage of buoyant market conditions in the iron ore sector.*



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## **ABOUT STRIKE RESOURCES LIMITED (ASX:SRK)**

Strike Resources Limited is an ASX listed resource company which is developing the 1.5Mtpa Paulsens East Iron Ore Project in Western Australia. Strike also owns the high grade Apurimac Iron Ore Project in Peru where it has commenced mining of high-grade surface deposits and entered into an offtake agreement with an international iron-ore trading firm to export the “Apurimac Premium Lump” DSO product of ~65% Fe. Strike has a 43% shareholding in Lithium Energy Limited (ASX:LEL), which was recently spun-out of Strike under a \$9m IPO. Lithium Energy is developing battery minerals related assets - the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina and the Burke Graphite Project in Queensland.

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