

# PYX Announces Third Price Increase for Premium Zircon Triggered by Increased Demand and Low Inventories

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Price of premium zircon will increase by US\$210 per tonne to US\$1,750 per tonne
- Marks third consecutive price increase for PYX this year
- Indonesian zircon prices reach highest price point since 2013
- Price increase driven by continuing supply problems in South Africa and lack of inventories in China
- Pricing environment expected to remain strong in the medium and long-term

**PYX Resources Limited (PYX** or the **Company) (NSX: PYX)**, the leading international premium zircon producer, announces that with immediate effect it will further increase the price of its premium zircon by US\$210 to US\$1,750 per tonne for July shipments. The new price marks the third increase for PYX's premium zircon this year, resulting in a US\$355 per tonne increase during 2021 to date.

The latest price increase reflects the continued supply issues in South Africa and low inventory levels in China, with both triggering a general lack of premium zircon supply globally. Australian sales of Heavy Mineral Concentrate (HMC) to China have created a further void of premium zircon in the market, leading to higher customer demand and consequently, higher market prices, with Indonesian zircon prices having now reached their highest price point since 2013.



Source: Asian Metal. Title: Zircon Sand Indonesia  $Zr(Hf)O_2$  66% min in port China USD/mt (red/blue high/low)



In a time of a global switch to green energy, demand for copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt, and zircon is soaring. Premium zircon, such as PYX's, is in great demand for creating fused zirconia and other products, where standard zircon cannot be used.

The continuing growing demand for green energy, the continued growth of the Chinese economy and recovery of European economies from the COVID-19 pandemic, suggest the zircon pricing environment is expected to remain strong in the medium- to long-term as lack of supply continues to grow.

**PYX's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Oliver Hasler, said:** "The world cannot tackle the climate crisis unless there is a sharp increase in metal supplies required to produce electric vehicles, solar cells and other green energy technologies. The continuous price increase of premium zircon comes as no surprise as a result of increasing demand from China and supply becoming more difficult out of certain regions. We will continue to focus on boosting our capacity in order to meet market demand and increase our global market share."



Electric Vehicles, Zircon Semiconductor, Solar Panels

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This announcement is authorised for release by Oliver B. Hasler, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **About PYX Resources**

PYX Resources Limited (NSX: PYX) is a major global producer of premium zircon listed on the National Stock Exchange of Australia. PYX's key deposits, Mandiri and Tisma, are large-scale, near-surface open pit deposits both located in the alluvium-rich region of Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. PYX, whose Mandiri deposit has been in production since 2015, is the 2nd largest zircon producing mining company globally by zircon resources. Determined to mine responsibly and invest in the wider communities where we operate, PYX Resources is committed to fully develop its Mandiri and Tisma deposits, with the vision to consolidate the mineral sands resources in Kalimantan and explore and acquire mineral sands assets in Asia and beyond.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

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No stock exchange, regulation services provider, securities commission or other regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this NSX Announcement.

## **Compliance Statement**

The Mandiri mineral sands deposit hosts a 6 Mt Inferred JORC Resource of zircon. The Company originally announced this resource in its Prospectus released on 20 February 2020 and confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Prospectus. All material assumptions and technical parameters disclosed in the Prospectus that underpin the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Tisma mineral sands deposit hosts a 4.5 Mt Inferred JORC Resource of zircon. The Company originally announced this resource in its Announcement "PYX Resources Limited Agrees to Acquire Tisma Development (HK) Limited, a World-Class, Fully Licensed Mineral Sands Deposit" on NSX on 13 January 2021 and confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Announcement. All material assumptions and technical parameters disclosed in the Announcement that underpin the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Together the Mandiri mineral sands deposit and Tisma mineral sands deposit total 10.5Mt of contained zircon resource.