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# QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Focus continuing towards granting of Mining Licence for Citronen Base Metal Project in Greenland
  - Public consultation process period concluded
  - Public Comments received
  - Licence Relief Provided
  - Director Resignation and Appointment

Ironbark Zinc Limited (ASX: IBG) ("Ironbark" or "the Company") is pleased to report its activities for the period ending 31 December 2015, which remained focussed on the advancement of the Citronen Base Metals Project ("Citronen") in Greenland. Ironbark remains in a sound financial position with no debt but has undertaken further strong cost cutting measure to preserve the cash position.

During the quarter, Ironbark primarily focussed on conducting the public consultation process across several community centres in Greenland. Greenland's authorities have demonstrated support for the development of Citronen with the relevant Ministers attending and discussing the project with the public and stakeholders. Greenland has a history of zinc and lead mining and continues to seek to establish a mining industry.

In addition, Ironbark submitted a request for relief from the statutory expenditure requirements on its licences in Greenland. In acknowledgement of the challenging market conditions and in support of Ironbark's work in Greenland, the Government agreed to provide temporary relief on the conditions for mineral exploration licences. For years 2015 and 2016 the minimum yearly exploration expenses will be adjusted down to nil for licences that are 6 years or older. This has provided relief for Ironbark and allows the Company to retain its other highly prospective projects such as Mestersvig and Washington Land. Both of these projects have yielded exceptional early results from drilling and will be progressed when market conditions improve.

Exploration planning has been ongoing for the Captains Flat Joint Venture project in New South Wales. Drill holes have been planned for the Jerangle Prospect and several access agreements are being negotiated for other prospects. These include the Anembo Prospect which returned a drill intercept of 3m @ 6.9% Zn, 5.5% Pb, 21g/t Ag and 2.0g/t Au; and the Julita Prospect which returned rock chips up to 0.48% Pb and a bottom of hole intercept of 12.0m @ 0.3% Zn which has not yet been followed up.



### **Global Zinc Market Summary**

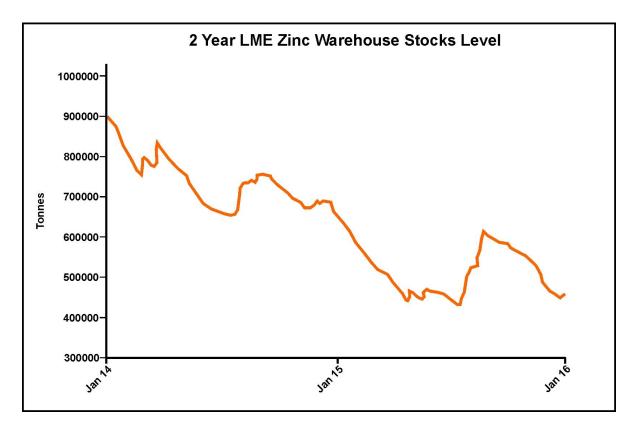


Figure 1: Two year zinc stockpiles in the London Metal Exchange, the largest zinc warehouse, and highlights the ongoing trend of demand exceeding supply

This quarter has been more challenging than ever for the zinc sector and Ironbark. The zinc price has continued to retreat under the broader pressure of falling commodity prices amidst concerns about China growth prospects and its demand for commodities. On a positive note the global zinc stockpiles continue to fall (Figure 1), and increasingly larger production cuts are being made across the industry with Nyrstar one of the latest to reduce production from the Tennessee Mines Complex. This ongoing deficit position should put fundamental support behind zinc. Despite this, the backdrop of commodity negativity has continued to depress the zinc price.

## **Citronen's Mining Licence Application: Public Consultation Period Concluded**

Following notice from the Greenland Ministry of Industry, Labour and Trade (MILT), the Environmental Agency for Mineral Resources Activities (EAMRA) and the Ministry of Mineral Resources it was confirmed that the Company's submitted Mining Licence Application met the requirements for conducting a public consultation. Subsequently, Ironbark conducted Public Consultations across Greenland during November 2015.

Ironbark has been advised that the Public Consultation Period has concluded, and that Ironbark had now received all the comments from the stakeholders regarding the public consultation as part of the Exploitation Licence Application. Ironbark is now processing the feedback from the Public Consultation process and moving towards entering into an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) with the Government.

Ironbark is currently conducting additional community presentations across Greenland with meetings in Qaanaaq, Qaqortoq and Tasiilaq at the request of the Government.



Ironbark is now responsible for drafting a White Paper with the purpose of transparently addressing relevant consultation statements and comments on the project, which will be submitted following the consultation period. In the White Paper, Ironbark will address all the comments and state which sections of the SIA and EIA reports have been changed due to comments or questions from the submitted consultation responses. This work has commenced.

Following the public consultation process Ironbark will enter into an IBA which will be used to provide a formal framework for Ironbark's obligations under the SIA, including training and employment commitments to the Greenlandic people.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Ironbark Annual General Meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Company's registered office: Level 1, 350 Hay Street, Subiaco W.A. All resolutions put to the meeting were passed unanimously by shareholders.

## **Director resignations & appointment**

Ironbark announced Mr. Chris James' resignation as a Non-Executive Director of Ironbark due to taking another role outside of Nyrstar NV (Nyrstar), and the appointment of Mr. Jason Dunning as Nyrstar's replacement nominee. In addition Ironbark advised that Mr. Adrian Byass resigned as an Executive Director of Ironbark as a result of his increased work load in other roles outside of Ironbark.

The Board of Ironbark thanks Mr. James and Mr. Byass for their outstanding contributions and welcomes Mr. Dunning.

## Cash at 31 December 2015

Cash available to the Company at the end of the December 2015 quarter was approximately \$1.2 million with no debt. During the quarter further cost saving measures were implemented across the company.

### End.

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## Schedule of Tenements (as required by ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3)

IRONBARK ZINC LIMITED CONSOLIDATED BASIS SCHEDULE OF INTERESTS IN MINING TENEMENTS								
Project	Mining	Location of	Beneficial %	Change in				
	tenements	tenements	interest at end	the quarter				
	held		of the quarter					
Captains Flat (Joint	EL6381	New South Wales	50%					
Venture with Glencore)								
Fiery Creek	EL6925	New South Wales	100%					
,	EL8107		100%					
Citronen	EL2007/02	Greenland	100%					
	EL2007/31		100%					
	EL2011/33		0%	relinguished				
	EL2010/47		100%					
Mestersvig	EL2011/28	Greenland	100%					
	EL2007/32		100%					
Washington Land	EL2007/33	Greenland	100%					



## About Ironbark

Ironbark is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and is seeking to become a base metal mining house. Ironbark has an undrawn US\$50M funding facility provided by Glencore to expand its project base through acquisition.

Ironbark seeks to build shareholder value through exploration and development of its projects and also seeks to actively expand the project base controlled by Ironbark. The management and board of Ironbark have extensive technical and corporate experience in the minerals sector.

The wholly owned Citronen base metal project currently hosts in excess of 13.1 Billion pounds of zinc (Zn) and lead (Pb).

The current JORC 2012 compliant resource for Citronen:

Category	Mt	Zn%	Pb%	Zn+Pb%
Measured	25.0	5.0	0.5	5.5
Indicated	26.5	5.5	0.5	6.0
Inferred	19.3	4.9	0.4	5.3

## 70.8 million tonnes at 5.7% Zn + Pb

Using Ordinary Kriging interpolation and reported at a 3.5% Zn cut-off

Including a higher grade resource of:

Category	Mt	Zn%	Pb%	Zn+Pb%
Measured	8.9	6.6	0.6	7.2
Indicated	13.7	6.8	0.5	7.3
Inferred	7.3	6.2	0.5	6.6

## 29.9 million tonnes at 7.1% Zn + Pb

Using Ordinary Kriging interpolation and reported at a 5.0% Zn cut-off

*"Ironbark is an emerging leader amongst Australia's mineral resource companies, dedicated to the development of its major base metal mining operation in Greenland – the world class Citronen Project, and the acquisition of quality base metals projects."* 



### **Disclosure Statements and Important Information**

#### Forward Looking Statements

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#### **Competent Persons Statement**

The information included in this report that relates to Exploration Results & Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Ms E Laursen (B. ESc Hons (Geol), MSEG, MAIG), an employee of Ironbark Zinc Limited. Ms Laursen has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Ms Laursen consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears

### **Competent Persons Disclosure**

Ms E Laursen is an employee of Ironbark Zinc Limited and currently holds securities in the company.