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WA Minister's Appeal Determination for Arrowsmith North Silica Sand Project

Highlights:

- ✓ **WA Minister for Environment determines the EPA assessment process of Arrowsmith North Silica Sand Project was adequate, consistent with the policy framework and that implementation of the proposal can proceed without further assessment**
- ✓ **VRX now awaits formal notification from the Minister in relation to the Company's application for Ministerial approval for the Arrowsmith North development proposal**
- ✓ **This determination is another significant step in the Environmental Approval process before project development can commence**

VRX Silica Limited (**VRX** or **Company**) welcomes confirmation from the Western Australian Minister for the Environment, the Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC, that he has determined that the Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia's (**EPA**) assessment of the Arrowsmith North Silica Sand Project was adequate, and further assessment is not required.

The Minister had been asked to consider an appeal against the EPA's report and recommendations in favour of conditional implementation of the Arrowsmith North development proposal. The appeal was lodged with the Office of the Appeals Convenor (**OAC**) in late January and triggered an investigation by the OAC, which submitted its report and recommendations in relation to the appeal to the Minister in early May 2025.

The Minister yesterday advised VRX that he had considered the information available, including the EPA response to the appeal, the appellant's submissions, VRX's response to the appeal, advice from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, and the OAC's report and recommendation.

The Minister allowed the appeal in part and accepted the OAC's recommendations to amend conditions addressing dieback. VRX had previously considered and accepted the amendment.

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Capital Structure

Shares on Issue:
747 million

Options on issue:
92 million

Corporate Directory

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Non-Executive Chairman

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Managing Director

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Non-Executive Director

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Company Secretary

Silica Sand Projects

Arrowsmith Silica Sand Projects, 270km north of Perth, WA.

Muchea Silica Sand Project, 50km north of Perth, WA.

Boyatup Silica Sand Project, 100km east of Esperance, WA.

Geothermal Energy Dandaragan Geothermal Energy Permit, 145km north of Perth, WA

The Company is actively assessing other silica sand and downstream processing projects in Australia.

The determination by the Minister is final and cannot be appealed.

The report by the OAC can be downloaded at:

<https://appeals-system.appealsconvenor.wa.gov.au/search-appeals/>

This positive determination by the Minister is an important step in the Environmental Approvals process as VRX moves towards development of Arrowsmith North.

Arrowsmith North, 270km north of Perth, contains a globally significant deposit of high-quality silica sand that will enable VRX to produce more than 2Mtpa of silica sand for the foundry, container glass and flat-glass markets in Asia. Arrowsmith North has a JORC Proved and Probable Ore Reserve of 221Mt @ 99.5% SiO₂.

This announcement has been approved for release by the Managing Director.

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About VRX Silica Limited

VRX Silica Limited (ASX: VRX) is the most advanced pure-play silica sand company listed on the ASX, developing its 100% owned silica sand projects at Arrowsmith (North, Brand and Central), Muchea and Boyatup in Western Australia.

Silica sand is the most used commodity on the planet after air and water. It is the main ingredient in all types of glassmaking, including specialty solar panel and high-tech glass and foundry casting. It is a finite resource that is running out, with the Asia-Pacific region experiencing an ever-growing supply shortfall that is driving up prices.

Arrowsmith is located 270km north of Perth. Arrowsmith North boasts a minimum 25-year mine life capable of producing more than 2Mt tonnes per year of high-grade (99.7% SiO₂)* silica sand for export to the foundry, container glass and flat glass markets in Asia, with permitting well advanced, and will lead production.

Muchea, located 50km north of Perth, is an ultra-high-grade (99.9% SiO₂)* silica sand project capable of producing sand required for ultra-clear glass for solar panels and other high-tech glass applications.

Boyatup, located 100km east of Esperance, is under development and capable of producing sand for the glass market.



*Information relating to grades are extracted from releases to ASX on 28 August 2019, 11 November 2022 and 6 March 2024 (Arrowsmith North) and 18 October 2019 (Muchea). The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects this information.