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## Wuudagu D, E and F Mineral Resource Estimate

- New bauxite discoveries at Wuudagu D, E and F have contributed to a 108% increase in the Wuudagu Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource Estimate from the 2025 drilling program
- Expected to support an extended mine life at the Wuudagu Project, at a higher mining and beneficiation rate of 8 to 9 Mtpa, as part of this year's DFS
- The Wuudagu D, E and F Mineral Resource Estimate is 6% higher in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 30% lower in SiO<sub>2</sub>, than the Wuudagu B and C Mineral Resource Estimate
- The increased Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource Estimate at Wuudagu is 131.9 Mt at an improved 40.2% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 12.6% SiO<sub>2</sub>, including
  - 21.0 Mt at 39.4% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 13.3% SiO<sub>2</sub> for Wuudagu B and 74.8 Mt at 39.6% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 13.8% SiO<sub>2</sub> for Wuudagu C (including CNN) (*ASX Announcement 20 January 2026*)
  - 16.7 Mt at 42.1% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 9.6% SiO<sub>2</sub> for Wuudagu D
  - 6.7 Mt at 41.3% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 9.5% SiO<sub>2</sub> for Wuudagu E
  - 12.7 Mt at 42.1% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 9.7% SiO<sub>2</sub> for Wuudagu F
- The Mineral Resource Estimate was completed by independent consultant, Rod Brown from SRK, who is a leading expert in the estimation of Mineral Resources relating to lateritic bauxite deposits and has over 30 years' experience
- The Wuudagu Mineral Resource Estimate is reported on an in-situ basis and the reported grades do not take into account the significant product quality improvements that are achieved at Wuudagu through simple, industry standard beneficiation methods

**VBX Limited** (ASX: VBX) ("**VBX**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to provide an update on progress towards development of the Wuudagu bauxite project ("**Wuudagu**" or the "**Project**") in northern Western Australia.

**VBX Founder and Managing Director Ryan de Franck** said:

"The 2025 drilling program has led to a more than doubling of the Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource Estimate at Wuudagu. This is an exceptional outcome and I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the broader VBX team, including the Wunambal Gaambera Traditional Owners and our consultants and contractors, who have contributed to this achievement."

"The Wuudagu D, E and F deposits are thicker and have less overburden than the Wuudagu B and C deposits. They are also higher in alumina and lower in silica which has resulted in an improved, higher grade total Wuudagu Mineral Resource Estimate."

"Wuudagu's expanded resource base removes the key constraint which previously limited the mine life to 10 years. Mine planning work is already underway to inform the expanded production profile and mine life at Wuudagu as part of the DFS."

"Importantly, there is additional exploration prospectivity at Wuudagu, including the 6.6 km<sup>2</sup> Plateau G, which is the second largest of all the plateaus within the Wuudagu project area."

SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd (“**SRK**”) has prepared initial Mineral Resource Estimates for Plateaus D, E and F, which are contained within VBX’s Wuudagu project area. The Wuudagu Project is located approximately 15 km west of the community of Kalumburu in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, in the north Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Mineral Resource estimates have previously been defined for five plateaus in the project area, Plateau A, B, C, CN, and CNN. In 2025, VBX conducted resource infill and extension drilling on Plateaus B, C, CN, and CNN, as well as exploration and resource delineation drilling of Plateaus D, E and F that had not previously been drilled. The data collected from the 2025 drilling program has been used in conjunction with the existing data to:

- Update the Mineral Resource Estimates for Plateaus B, C, CN, and CNN (*ASX Announcement 20 January 2026*), and
- Prepare initial Mineral Resource Estimates for Plateaus D, E, and F.

The initial Mineral Resource Estimates for Plateaus D, E and F are presented in Table 1 below. The estimates were derived from resource models prepared by SRK in February 2026, and are based on data provided by VBX in December 2025 and January 2026. The estimates are based on an upper total SiO<sub>2</sub> cut-off grade of 22.5%, which was applied to individual cells in each resource model. The Mineral Resource is limited to material located on the plateau tops, as interpreted from LiDAR survey data.

Summaries of the project location, deposit geology, data collection programs and the resource and modelling activities are presented below. The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve (JORC Code, 2012) Table 1 is included as Appendix A.

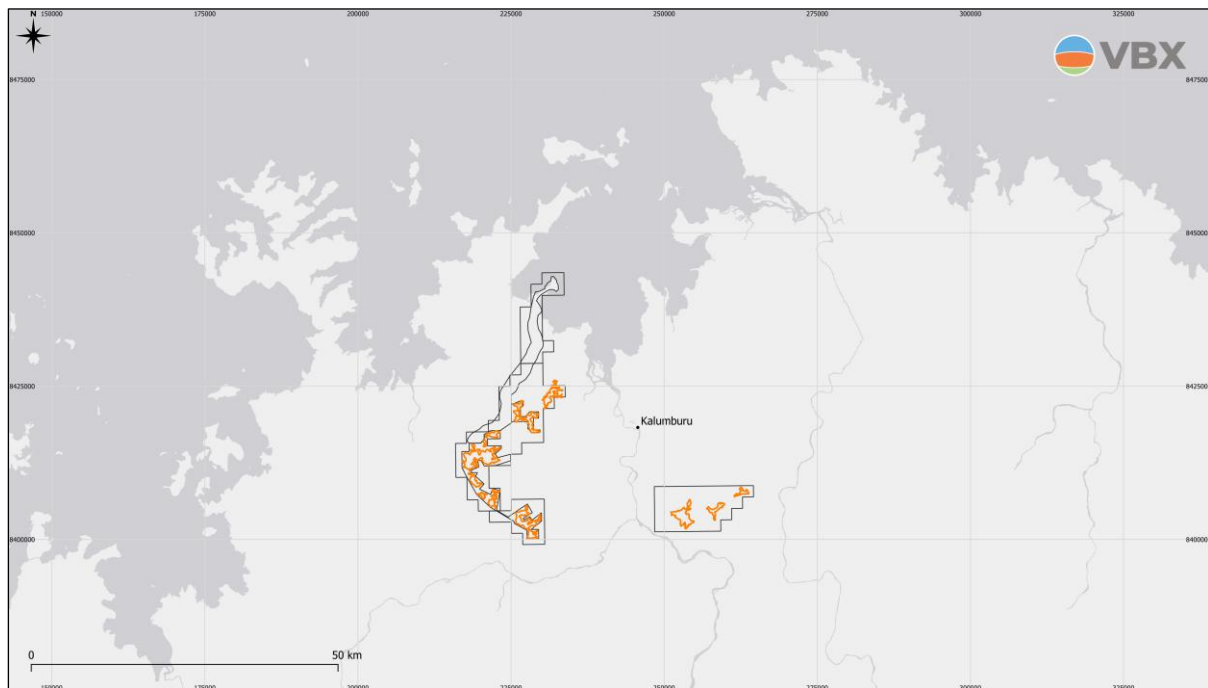
Plateau	Classification	Tonnage (Mt)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	LOI (%)
<b>D</b>	Measured	–	–	–	–	–
	Indicated	16.7	42.1	9.6	22.5	21.0
	Inferred	–	–	–	–	–
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>21.0</b>
<b>E</b>	Measured	–	–	–	–	–
	Indicated	6.7	41.3	9.5	23.3	21.0
	Inferred	–	–	–	–	–
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>
<b>F</b>	Measured	–	–	–	–	–
	Indicated	12.7	42.6	9.7	21.2	21.6
	Inferred	1.8	35.2	12.2	30.4	18.0
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>21.1</b>
<b>All</b>	Measured	–	–	–	–	–
	Indicated	36.1	42.1	9.6	22.2	21.2
	Inferred	1.8	35.2	12.2	30.4	18.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>21.0</b>

Note: Based on an upper cut-off grade of 22.5% SiO<sub>2</sub>

**Table 1:** Wuudagu D, E and F Mineral Resource Summary – February 2026

## Introduction

The Wuudagu Bauxite Project is located on Wunambal Gaambera country approximately 15 km west of the community of Kalumburu in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, in the north Kimberley region of Western Australia. Kalumburu is located approximately 270 km north-west of Kununurra, which is the closest regional centre. Kalumburu is accessible by road from Kununurra, with a transit distance of 563 km. A regional map showing the deposit locations is presented in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1: Wuudagu Project Location**

## Geology and Geological Interpretation

Wuudagu is located in the North Kimberley region which predominantly consists of Paleoproterozoic aged sedimentary and volcanic rocks of the Kimberley Group, which were deposited in the Kimberley Basin. The Kimberley Group consists of five main units: King Leopold Sandstone, Carson Volcanics, Warton Sandstone, Elgee Siltstone and Pentecost Sandstone. A sixth unit, the Hart Dolerite, intrudes the Kimberley Group across much of the Kimberley Basin (Ruddock, 2003).

The Carson Volcanics, which conformably overlie the King Leopold Sandstone, almost completely cover the project area. Bauxite mineralisation occurs in mesa cappings of lateritic duricrust that have been developed over the Carson Volcanics. The plateau areas are typically flat, and the indurated capping has resulted in the development of small scarps at the plateau edges in some areas. Bauxite occurs over much of the plateau area.

The bauxite mineralisation is generally nodular in form, comprising small iron pisolites and larger, less spherical, gibbsite-rich nodules up to a few centimetres across. With increasing depth, the bauxite grades into a ferruginous clay material with little texture, transitioning into saprolitic claystone, and then into the relatively unweathered basalts of the Carson Volcanics.

The lateritic profile from the top down typically comprises:

- A thin layer of soil intermixed with iron-rich lateritic material which, in places forms an indurated capping. This was identified in approximately 20% of the drill holes used to prepare the current Mineral Resource estimates. It has an average thickness of approximately 1.5 m, and the maximum thickness encountered in the drilling was 4 m.

- A friable to semi-friable bauxitic layer typically comprising nodules and pisolites in a clayey matrix. This was identified in all except two the resource drill holes, with an average thickness of approximately 4.5 m. The maximum thickness encountered in the drilling was 7 m.
- A basal clay layer, which typically shows a gradational contact with the overlying bauxite horizon and the underlying fresh volcanics. The contact with bauxite horizon is marked by a reduction in nodular and pisolitic material and an increase in clay material. It is usually marked by an increase in iron and silica, and a reduction in alumina. With increasing depth, iron reduces and silica increases.

Mineralogical studies conducted by VBX on in-situ Wuudagu material indicate that, within the bauxitic zone, the main mineral species in order of abundance are Gibbsite (60%), Goethite (11%), Kaolinite (10%), Hematite (10%), Anatase (4%), Quartz (3%), and Boehmite (2%). Organic carbon is expected to average approximately 0.14%. The relative proportions of each mineral are approximation only, but they indicate that the material should be amenable for low-temperature and high-temperature Bayer processing.

### **Drilling Techniques**

All data used to prepare the Mineral Resource estimates were derived from a drilling program conducted by VBX in 2025.

The drilling program was conducted using aircore drilling equipment. The rig was equipped with a 96 mm diameter bladed bit. The samples were collected over 1 m intervals. The entire sample from each interval was collected directly from the rig cyclone into plastic bags, which were freighted to Perth for preparation and testing. The drillhole collar locations were surveyed by VBX personnel using handheld global positioning system (GPS) equipment.

A LiDAR survey was completed in February 2021. The data provided to SRK consisted of XYZ points, with separate files containing 5 m gridded point data representing each 1 km<sup>2</sup> tile. SRK merged the data for the individual tiles and prepared a wireframe surface model that covered the extents of the three deposits.

The LiDAR data collected used WGS84 Zone 52 and GDA94 datum. The datapoints were converted to GDA2020 prior to the preparation of the topographic surface models. The drillhole survey data also converted to GDA2020, and the drillhole collar elevations were adjusted to the topography.

The drill coverages for the three deposits included in this Mineral Resource Estimate are presented in Figure 2 below.

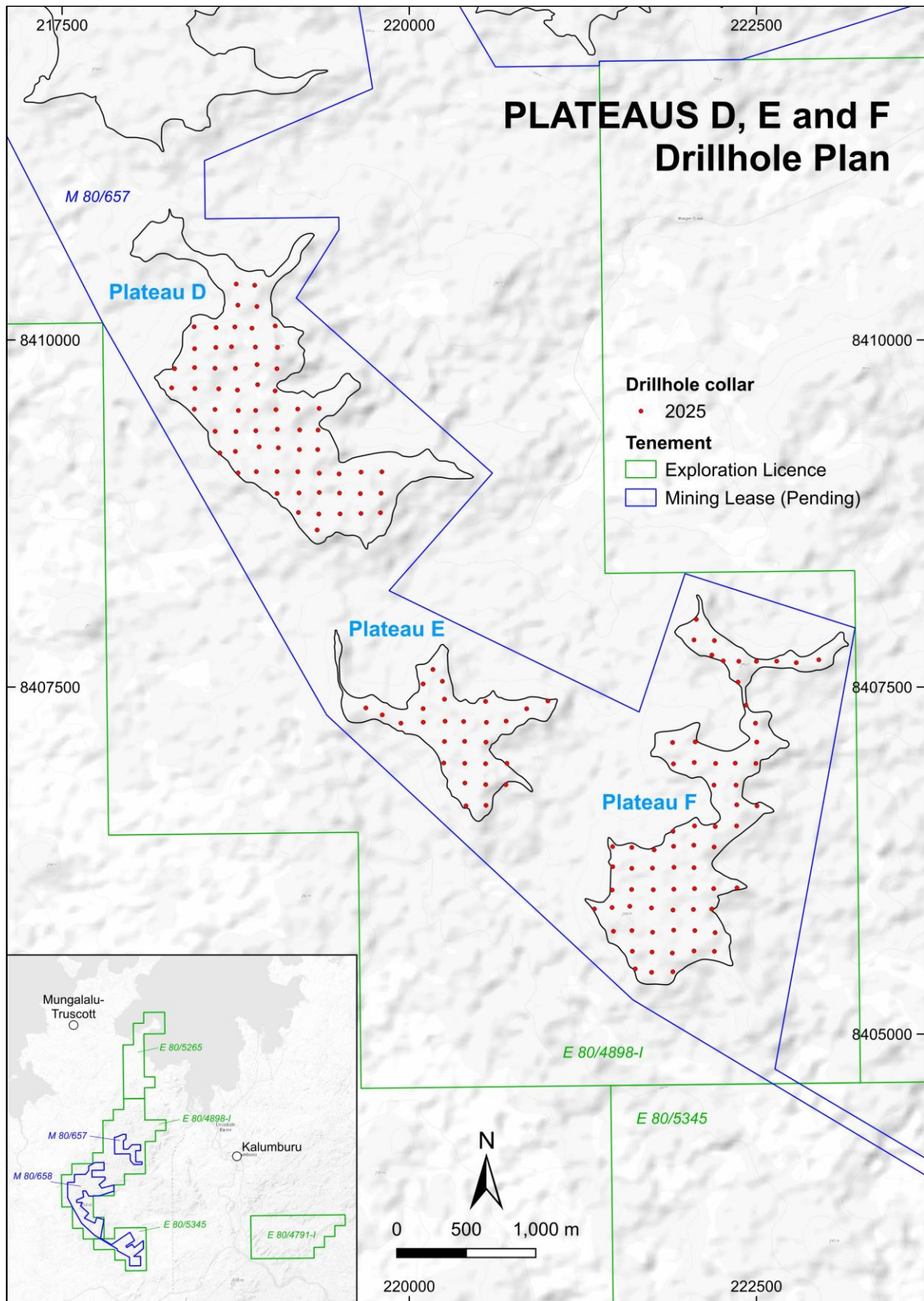


Figure 2: Wuudagu D, E and F Drillhole Plan

## Sample Preparation and Analysis Techniques

The samples from the 2025 program were prepared and tested by Nagrom, Perth and SGS, Perth. Conventional sample preparation procedures were used, including oven drying at 105 °C, crushing to a nominal size of 6.3 mm, and pulverising a 1 kg split to 80% passing 75 µm. Head grade major oxide analyses were conducted on all samples using fused-bead XRF. Low temperature bomb digest tests will be performed on a subset of the samples.

VBX included a number of QA and QC protocols in all their data acquisition programs, including coarse duplicates, laboratory repeats, standards and blanks. Based on an assessment of these datasets, SRK concluded that there were sufficient QA and QC data of acceptable quality to demonstrate that the primary datasets were suitable for resource estimation.

## Estimation Methodology

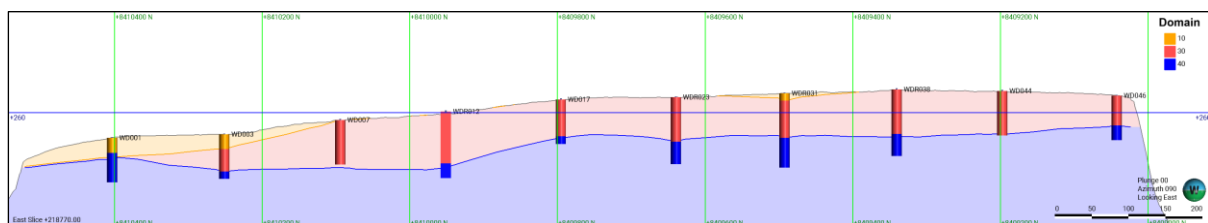
SRK has prepared Mineral Resource models and estimates for the Plateaus D, E and F using data collected from the 2025 drilling program, as well as the LiDAR data for the project area. The models have been prepared using similar procedures to those used for the previous modelling studies at Plateaus A, B, C, CN and CNN.

## Geological Modelling

The lateritic profile typically comprises an overburden zone, a bauxitic zone, and an underlying clay rich zone. To enable the profile grades to be adequately reproduced in the mineralisation model, the profile was divided into these three horizons. The contacts between each horizon were defined using major oxide grade changes, with the grade thresholds broadly chosen to delineate what is likely to be bauxite (i.e. alumina-rich material having potential economic viability) and to also coincide with step changes in grades. All material above the interpreted bauxitic horizon was coded as overburden and all material below the bauxite horizon was coded as lower clay zone.

The profile was divided into the three horizons primarily for estimation control, and not to pre-define what is likely to be ore and waste. For example, some material in the overburden and lower clay zone meets the current resource definition criteria and some material in the bauxitic zone does not meet these criteria. The three zones from the top down are referred to as Domain 10, Domain 30, and Domain 40.

The grade data were used to assign domain codes to each sample and a combination of explicit and implicit modelling techniques were used to ensure that the contacts interpreted surfaces honoured the contacts evident in the sample data while broadly mimicking the morphology of the topography and trends between drillholes. An example section plot showing the sample domain coding and model is presented in Figure 3 below.



**Figure 3:** Example section (E 218,770) plot showing the sample domain coding

## Estimation Dataset

The database used to prepare the Mineral Resource estimates reported in this statement contained a total of 161 holes drilled in 2025.

Plateaus D, E and F have all been drilled on a nominal spacing of 150 x 150 m, with the spacing reduced or less regular in narrower parts of the plateaus.

No data compositing was conducted, and the original 1 m grade data were used for resource estimation. The geological models were used to assign domain codes to each sample, and statistical assessments of the major analyte grades in the domain datasets were conducted to assist with validation of the geology model and the selection of resource estimation parameters. Cumulative frequency distribution plots and decay tables were used to check for outlier grades. Based on this assessment, grade cutting was not considered necessary.

Lateritic bauxite deposits typically exhibit significantly greater lateral grade continuity than vertical grade continuity. For example, a sample located near the top of profile (during bauxitisation) is expected to have similar grades to that of other samples located in stratigraphically similar parts of the profile. To ensure that these characteristics are accurately modelled, spatial transformations (unfolding and dilation) were applied to the estimation datasets prior to estimation. Variograms were prepared for the major oxides in each domain using the unfolded datasets.

The analytes listed below were retained in the final dataset for local estimation. In addition to  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$ , these include analytes that may have processing implications, be useful for downstream studies, or assist with modelling and validation:

- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$  and LOI.

### **Grade Modelling**

The Mineral Resource estimates were prepared using conventional 3D block modelling techniques. A single model framework was created to cover the full extents of the four plateaus. A parent cell size of  $25\text{ m} \times 25\text{ m} \times 1\text{ m}$  (XYZ) was chosen. A minimum sub-cell size of  $5\text{ m} \times 5\text{ m} \times 1\text{ m}$  (XYZ) was used to enable improved reproduction of the domain volumes. KNA studies were used to assist with cell size selection.

The topographic surface models were used to interpret perimeters representing the plateau tops. The modelling limits were defined by expanding the plateau top perimeters by 100 m. This effectively captures the flank material, which is not included in the Mineral Resource but may be useful for mine planning studies.

A single model was prepared for Plateaus D, E and F. Only model cells contained within the expanded perimeters for each plateau were retained. The same spatial transformations as those described above for the samples were applied to the model cells.

Ordinary kriging was used for grade estimation for all of the analytes listed above. All domain contacts were treated as hard boundary constraints. KNA studies were used to assist with parameter selection. Estimates were made into the discretised parent cells. A three-pass search strategy was implemented using discoid-shaped search ellipsoids, with the dimensions largely based on the results from variogram studies. Keyfield (drill hole) restrictions were invoked for additional estimation control.

Default grades, which were equivalent to the average grades of estimation datasets for each domain, were assigned to any cells that did not receive estimated grades. Extrapolation was limited to approximately half of the drill spacing. After estimation, the model cells were back-transformed to their original locations.

Model validation included:

- Visual comparisons of the sample and model cell grades
- Local and global statistical comparisons of the composite and model cell grades, and
- Assessment of the estimation performance data.

The validation procedures did not highlight any significant issues. The model cell estimates appear to be consistent with the input data. The estimation performance data indicated that most of the model cell grades were estimated in the first search pass and informed by an adequate number of relevant samples. Example section and plan plots comparing the sample and model grades are presented in Figures 4, 5 and 6 below.

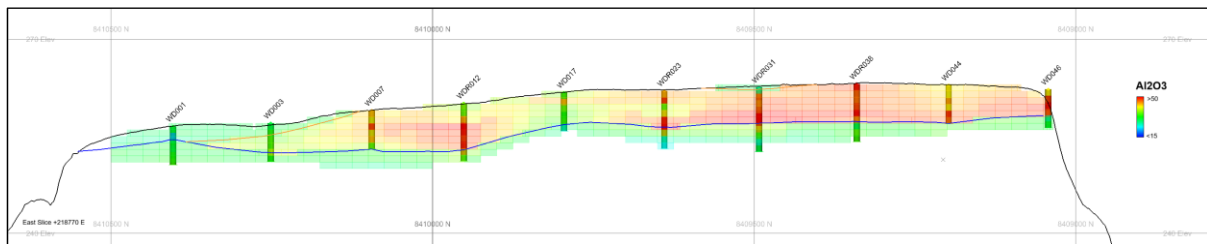


Figure 4: Example section (E 218,770) plot comparing sample and model Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> grades - Plateau D

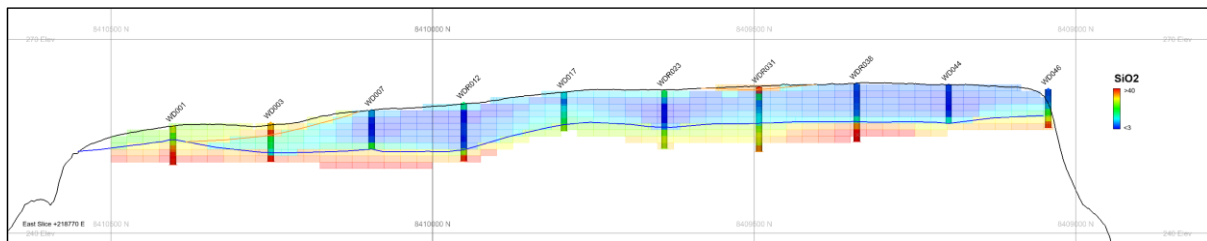


Figure 5: Example section (E 218,770) plot comparing sample and model SiO<sub>2</sub> grades - Plateau D

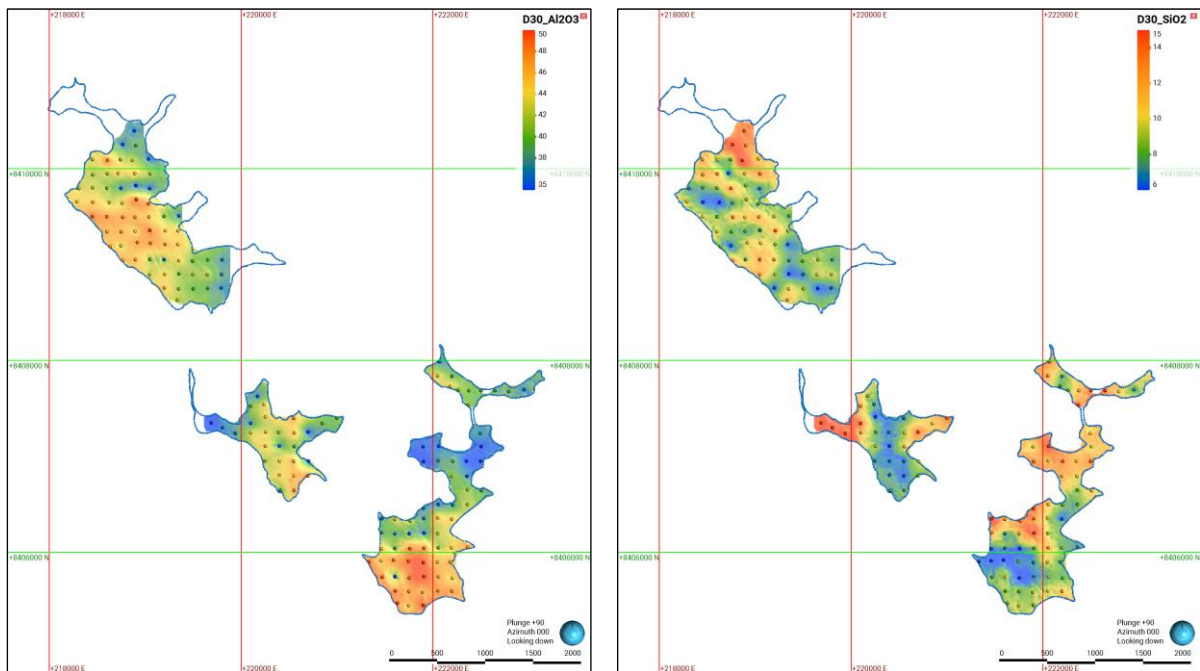


Figure 6: Example plan plot (Plateaus D, E and F) - Domain 30 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SiO<sub>2</sub>

### Classification Criteria

The Mineral Resource estimates have been classified in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). The classifications have been applied to the Mineral Resource estimates based on consideration of the confidence in the geological interpretation, the quantity and quality of the input data, the confidence in the estimation technique and the likely economic viability of the material.

These considerations include:

- **Lithological and grade continuity** – The regolith zones display reasonably good lithological continuity between holes, with individual zones quite easily traced along and between drill sections. The variograms indicate total ranges of approximately 300 m, but practical ranges (approximately 80% of the sill) of approximately 100 m.
- **Geological complexity** – The regional geology of the project area and the general controls on mineralisation are well understood. The general orientations of the regolith domains are reasonably

consistent and, although areas of close-spaced drilling show significantly more variability in thickness than evident in the wider drill spacings, the volumes remain similar.

- **Data quality** – All of the data used to prepare the Mineral Resource estimates were collected by VBX in a drilling program conducted in 2025. Sufficient Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) data to demonstrate that the primary data are suitable for resource modelling
- **Grade modelling** – The model validation checks show an acceptable match between the input data and estimated grades, indicating that the estimation procedures have performed as intended and that the confidence in the estimates is consistent with the Mineral Resource classifications that have been applied.

Based on the above observations, SRK considers that sample spacing is the primary controlling factor for the classification of the Mineral Resource estimates, given its influence on grade and lithological continuity and estimation quality. For this, the Mineral Resource classifications have been largely defined using average drill spacing, with the following criteria applied:

A classification of Indicated (RESCAT = 2) has been assigned to the estimates in areas covered by a nominal spacing of up to 150 × 150 m. This includes all of Plateau D and E, and most of Plateau F.

A classification of Inferred (RESCAT = 3) has been assigned to the estimates for narrower parts of Plateau F.

The resource classification outlines for Plateaus D, E and F are presented in Figure 7 below.

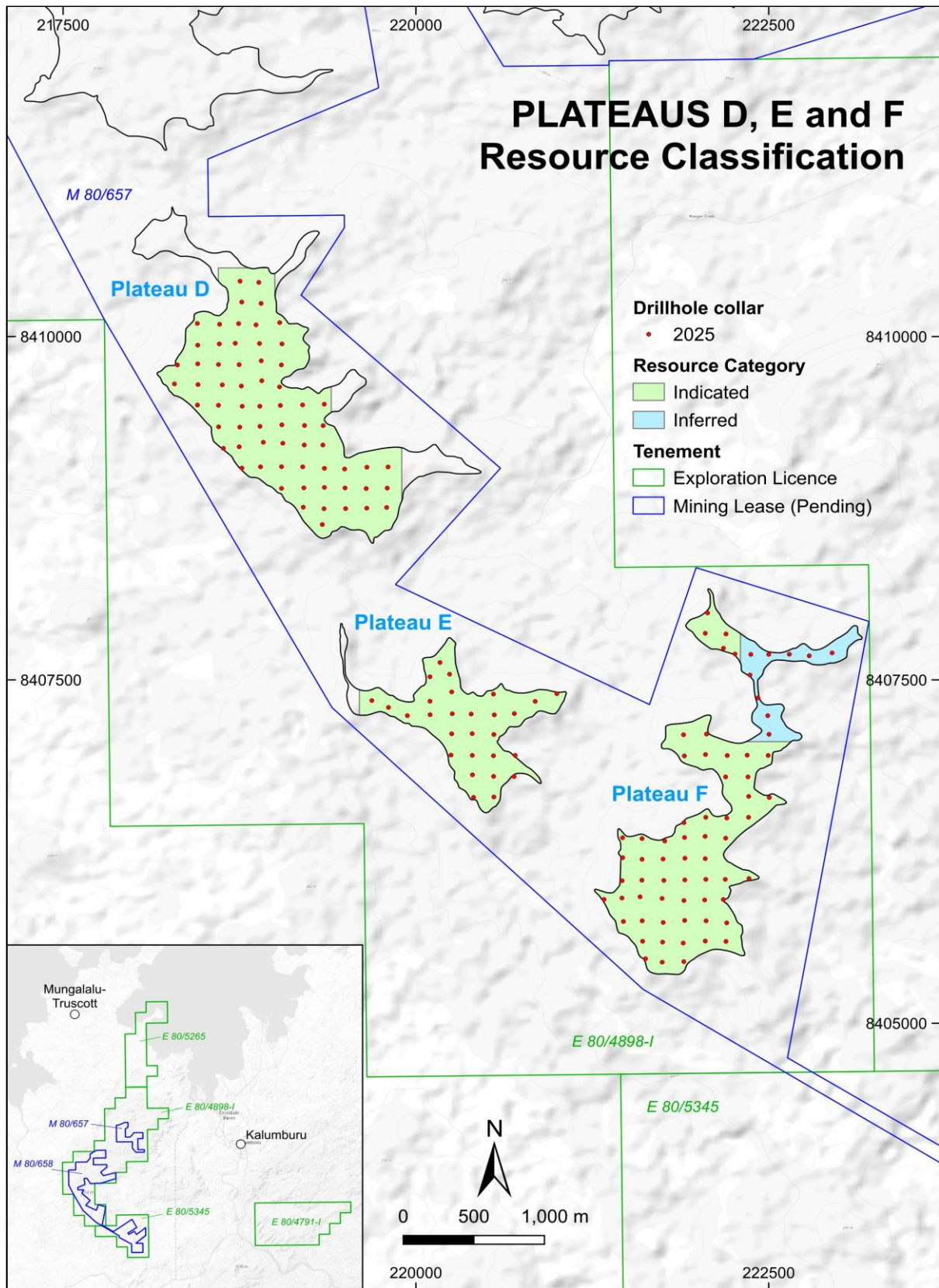


Figure 7: Wuudagu D, E and F Resource Classification

The Mineral Resource is limited to material located on the plateau tops. Bauxite can develop on the plateau flanks, but it is often more variable in grade and poorer in quality compared to material on the plateau top. The plateau flanks have not been drilled and model cells located beyond the plateau top perimeters have not been assigned a Mineral Resource classification (RESCAT = 0)

For resource classification, a surface corresponding to the local base of drilling was interpreted and model cells located below this surface were not assigned a resource classification (RESCAT = 0).

### **Cut-Off Grade**

The Mineral Resource estimates are based on the application of an upper cut-off grade of 22.5% applied to the estimated SiO<sub>2</sub> grade of each model cell. This threshold was chosen to reflect the material that was considered to be amenable to beneficiation based on the findings of the PFS (2025).

### **Modifying Factors**

The Mineral Resource estimates are considered to meet the criteria for reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction (RPEEE) through the outcomes of the mining, processing, marketing and environmental studies commissioned by VBX including the PFS (2025).

### **Mining Factors**

The terrain at Wuudagu is relatively flat. The bauxite deposits are near-surface and tabular, with large lateral extents and shallow depths. It is anticipated that the mining method will comprise the use of surface miners to remove and stockpile the overburden, and to then remove the bauxite. It is expected that blasting will not be required.

Mining dilution assumptions have not been factored into the resource estimates. Although the reported resource quantities are derived from bauxitic units only, the resource model contains local estimates for the overlying overburden and underlying clay zone. It is intended that these estimates could be used to assist with dilution studies.

### **Metallurgical Factors**

VBX has conducted metallurgical test work and studies that demonstrate the amenability of the material to silica reduction by wet screening and scrubbing. These include laboratory-scale wet screening tests performed on over 400 exploration samples as part of a drilling program conducted by VBX in 2016. In 2019, Nagrom Laboratories conducted wet screening and scrubbing and wet screening tests on 30 bulk samples collected from 12 pits excavated on Plateau C.

The beneficiation plant flowsheet prepared as part of the PFS completed by Wave in 2025, indicates a calculated mass recovery of 59.5%, a total alumina grade of 45.4%, a total silica grade of 3.6%, an available alumina grade of 37.3%, and a reactive silica grade of 2.6%.

Metallurgical test work to optimise the beneficiation operating parameters is currently underway as part of the DFS.

VBX has engaged independent consultants to complete product marketing and pricing studies, and they are of the opinion that a marketable beneficiated product can be produced.

Most of the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> occurs as gibbsite and it is expected that the beneficiated material will be suitable for both low and high temperature Bayer processing due to the presence of boehmite and low levels of quartz in the beneficiated product. Based on the results of marketing outcomes, VBX requested that the Mineral Resource estimates be stated in terms of total oxide concentrations instead of low or high temperature available alumina and reactive silica.

### **Environmental Factors**

Wuudagu was referred to the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change Energy Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in December 2019. The level of assessment was set at a Public Environmental Review under an Accredited Assessment as a Controlled Action.

An Environmental Scoping Document was approved in June 2021 and detailed environmental surveys and studies have been conducted as part of the ongoing work program for the project approval process including in relation to undersize fine material from the beneficiation process which is planned to be filtered and used to backfill the mined-out areas.

S.43A and s.156 amendment submissions were made in December 2025. An Environmental Review Document is scheduled for submission in early 2026.

The Mineral Resource estimates are classified in accordance with the JORC Code, and the JORC Code – Table 1 is included in Appendix A to this Report.

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## About VBX Limited

VBX Limited is a responsible and near-term producer of high-quality, low-silica Australian bauxite, unlocking the potential of scalable assets to supply a rapidly growing market.

Established in 2013, VBX is focused on the near-term development of high-grade, low-silica bauxite resources at its flagship project, Wuudagu, in northern Western Australia. The Project boasts a flat orebody with a low strip ratio and is located 30 km from the coast. A Pre-Feasibility Study was completed in 2025 demonstrating strong project economics based on an initial mine life of 10 years.

VBX is poised for growth, with over 6,000 m of infill and exploration drilling at Wuudagu completed in H2 2025 and a Definitive Feasibility Study due for completion in H1 2026. Additional exploration prospectivity exists at Wuudagu and at the large-scale Takapinga project in the Northern Territory.

The VBX team is committed to a socially and environmentally responsible approach to exploration, and building strong relationships with Traditional Owners and local communities. VBX aspires to having a positive community and regional influence that lasts beyond the Company's operations.

## What is Bauxite?

Bauxite is the primary raw material for aluminium, a metal that has become essential for modern industries, national security, technological development, and global decarbonisation efforts.

Mined bauxite ore is refined into alumina, and then smelted to extract aluminium metal, which can then be formed into a variety of semi-fabricated or complete products for use across a range of sectors including renewable energy generation, electric vehicles, energy transmission, packaging and consumer products.

Aluminium demand is forecast to grow by 30Mt, or 29% by 2030. A global focus on decarbonization, sustainability and technological innovation is expected to have a substantial impact on aluminium demand, with accelerated supply requirements driven by rapid growth in China, South East Asia and North America.

Chinese bauxite imports have increased at a compound annual growth rate of 25% for 20 years, with an additional 39Mtpa required by 2035. Due to ongoing drivers of bauxite supply risk, including resource nationalism, sovereign risk, resource depletion and environmental issues, new mines are required in low-sovereign risk nations to meet rising demand.

## Forward Looking Statements

This announcement contains forward-looking information about the Company and its operations. In certain cases, forward-looking information may be identified by such terms as "anticipates", "believes", "should", "could", "estimates", "target", "likely", "plan", "expects", "may", "intend", "shall", "will", or "would". These statements are based on information currently available to the Company and the Company provides no assurance that actual results will meet management's expectations. Forward-looking statements are subject to risk factors associated with the Company's business, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. It is believed that the expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable but they may be affected by a variety of variables and changes in underlying assumptions which could cause actual results or trends to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. There can be no assurance that actual outcomes will not differ materially from these statements.

## Competent Persons Statement

### *New Mineral Resource*

The information in this announcement that relates to the Wuudagu D, E and F Mineral Resource Estimate is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Rodney Brown, a Principal Consultant at SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd, who is a Member of Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Brown has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves". Mr Brown consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

### *Previously Reported Mineral Resource*

The information in this announcement that relates to previously reported Wuudagu B, C (including CNN) Mineral Resource Estimate is extracted from the ASX announcement dated 20 January 2026 ("**Original Announcement**") which is available on the Company's website [www.vbx.limited](http://www.vbx.limited) and the ASX website (ASX code: VBX). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects this information included in the Original Announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Original Announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings that are presented have not been materially modified.

## Compliance Statement

Production targets and forecast financial information referred to in this announcement are extracted from the Wuudagu Independent Technical Assessment Report dated May 2025 and included in the Company's Prospectus lodged with ASIC on 16 May 2025 which is available on the Company's website [www.vbx.limited](http://www.vbx.limited) and the ASX website (ASX code: VBX). The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the production targets, or the forecast financial information derived from the production targets, continue to apply and have not materially changed.

# JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 Report

## Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>In cases where ‘industry standard’ work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. ‘reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay’). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</i></li> </ul>	<p>All data used for resource estimation were derived from an aircore drilling program conducted by VBX in 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drilling samples were collected over 1 m intervals. For each interval, the entire sample, which typically weighed approximately 10 kg, was collected into a plastic bag attached to a rig-mounted cyclone. After geological logging, the bags were labelled, sealed and despatched to Nagrom (Plateaus E and F) and SGS (Plateau D) in Perth for laboratory testwork.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The drilling program was carried out by Wallis Drilling using an aircore drilling rig fitted with a 96 mm bladed bit and mounted on a 6 × 6 Toyota Landcruiser.</li> <li>▪ All holes were drilled vertically. Hole depths ranged from 6.0 m to 12.0 m, with an average depth of 8 m. The holes were usually terminated once a few metres of the underlying clay zone had been penetrated.</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The samples were taken over the full length of the 1 m sampling interval, with the entire sample collected into plastic bags fitted to the bottom of a rig-mounted cyclone. Sample recovery including any sample loss,</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>■ Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<p>through the cyclone overflow or collar pipe, was monitored by the VBX geologist who supervised the drilling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No relationships between grade and recovery have been identified.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>■ Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>■ The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Logging was carried out on every 1 m sample. Major and minor lithology, colour and hardness data were recorded on a field (rugged) tablet.</li> <li>■ All samples were logged.</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>■ If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>■ For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>■ Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>■ Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>■ Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No field preparation was performed, and the entire sample from each interval was collected, bagged, and despatched to Nagrom (Plateau E and F) and SGS (Plateau D) in Perth.</li> <li>■ Most samples were observed to be dry, with no significant quantities of water encountered during drilling.</li> <li>■ The samples were processed using conventional sample preparation procedures, which included oven drying, crushing, splitting and pulverising.</li> <li>■ Coarse crush duplicates, standards and laboratory repeats were collected at a nominal frequency of 1: 20 primary samples. The weight/particle size combinations are similar to those commonly used in the industry, and the QA data do not indicate a problem with sample precision.</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>■ For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The 2025 geochemical program was conducted by Nagrom and SGS, with both laboratories using techniques that are widely used within the industry. Fused-bead XRF was used for oxide determination, and thermo-gravimetric analysis was used for LOI determination.</li> <li>■ Laboratory performance was monitored using the results from the QA samples, which included coarse-crush duplicates, pulp repeats, standards and blanks.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The QA data indicate that accuracy and precision are within industry accepted limits.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The use of twinned holes.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The nature of the mineralisation and the resource estimation approach means that the resource estimates are not significantly influenced by individual drill hole intercepts. Several sets of drill hole pairs (typically collared several metres apart) have been collected from other plateaus in the project area. These typically display good grade and thickness correlation.</li> <li>▪ The primary laboratory data were provided in CSV, Excel and locked PDF formats. The electronic files were directly imported into a database by SRK for storage and assessment. No adjustments to the assay data were applied.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Location of data points</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Specification of the grid system used.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The spatial data were collected and previously reported using WGS84 Zone 52 and GDA94 datum. For the Mineral Resource described in this statement, the datasets were converted to GDA2020.</li> <li>▪ Drill hole collar positions were surveyed by VBX personnel using a Garmin GPSMap 64s unit. Because all holes were vertical and shallow, downhole surveying is not considered necessary.</li> <li>▪ The topographic surface model used for the resource modelling was prepared from LiDAR data collected in 2021.</li> <li>▪ The drill hole collar elevations were registered to the topographic surface prior to resource modelling.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Data spacing and distribution</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Wuudagu D resource model was prepared using 65 holes. The deposit is covered by a uniform 150 × 150 m drilling grid.</li> <li>▪ The Wuudagu E resource model was prepared using 28 holes on a nominal 150 × 150 m grid, with the spacing reduced or less regular in narrower parts of the deposit.</li> <li>▪ The Wuudagu F resource model was prepared using 68 holes drilled on a nominal 150 × 150 m grid, with the spacing reduced or less regular in narrower parts of the deposit.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ An average data spacing of 150 × 150 m is deemed sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for Indicated Mineral Resource estimates. Inferred Mineral Resource estimates were defined in places where the plateaus were not sufficient wide to enable regularly gridded drilling.</li> <li>■ The samples were collected on 1 m intervals. This is considered adequate for resource estimation and for the definition needed for the likely mining techniques for this style of mineralisation. Sample compositing was not performed.</li> </ul>
<i>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i></li> <li>■ <i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All the drill holes are vertical and located on a semi-regular grid, which means that the sampling is orthogonal to the sub-horizontal mineralised units.</li> <li>■ No orientation-based sampling biases have been identified or are expected for this style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>
<i>Sample security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The samples were collected directly off the rig into plastic sample bags on site. These were sealed and then packaged with other samples from the same hole in large bulka bags, which were sealed and secured for transport.</li> <li>■ The samples were stored in a secure area at the Mungalalu North Kimberley Airport prior to being collected for transport to Nagrom (Plateaus E and F) and SGS (Plateau D) in Perth.</li> <li>■ The samples from the 2025 program are currently at the Nagrom and SGS laboratories in Perth.</li> </ul>
<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The sampling was conducted in accordance with procedures developed by VBX. SRK reviewed the 2025 sampling practices and did not identify any significant issues. SRK considers that the work has been performed in an appropriate manner.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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<i>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Mineral Resource estimates declared in this statement are all contained within E80/4898-I, which is 100% owned by VBX. It is located on Wunambal Gaambera country near the community of Kalumburu in northern Western Australia.</li> <li>▪ The licence is subject to a 2% gross revenue royalty.</li> <li>▪ There are no known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>
<i>Exploration done by other parties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the Wuudagu Project area, BHP conducted exploration activities between 1967 and 1972, and Aldoga conducted exploration activities between 2004 and 2006.</li> </ul>
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Wuudagu deposits are lateritic bauxites occurring as mesa cappings of lateritic duricrust that formed by the weathering and residual enrichment of the Palaeoproterozoic rocks of the Carson Volcanics Formation.</li> <li>▪ The lateritic profile is typically several metres thick and generally comprises a thin layer of intermixed soil and laterite fragments, a friable – semi-friable bauxitic layer of pisolites and nodules in a clayey matrix, and a basal clay layer that represents a transition zone between the bauxite layer and the underlying fresh volcanics.</li> <li>▪ At Wuudagu, the main minerals in order of abundance are gibbsite, goethite, haematite, kaolin, with lesser amounts of quartz, anatase, and boehmite.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill hole Information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>– <i>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>– <i>dip and azimuth of the hole</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A listing of the material drill quantities made available for the resource estimation is included in this announcement.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>– hole length.</li> <li>• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	
<i>Data aggregation methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>■ Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>■ The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All relevant drill data have been used in the Mineral Resource estimates that are presented and described in this memorandum and in Table 1 Section 3. No Exploration Results are separately reported.</li> </ul>
<i>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>■ If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>■ If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The mineralisation occurs in sub-horizontal layers, and all drill holes are vertical. The mineralised zones are therefore approximately orthogonal to the drill holes and the reported drill hole intercepts can be considered true thicknesses.</li> </ul>
<i>Diagrams</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Appropriate plans and sections are included in the accompanying documentation.</li> </ul>
<i>Balanced reporting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Exploration Results have not been reported in this statement.</li> </ul>

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<i>Other substantive exploration data</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exploration Results have not been reported in this statement.</li> </ul>
<i>Further work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No further work is planned at this stage and limited potential is considered to exist for lateral and depth extensions to the defined resources.</li> </ul>

## Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in Section 1 and where relevant in Section 2, also apply to this section).

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<i>Database integrity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>■ Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The drill hole collar data were directly downloaded from the GPS unit. Geological logging data were copied directly from the field geologists' digital logs. The assay data were provided in electronic form and directly loaded into an estimation database. Validation checks were performed during loading and during extraction for subsequent processing.</li> </ul>
<i>Site visits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>■ If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In September 2016, the Competent Person (Rodney Brown, SRK) visited the project site to inspect the local geology, and to discuss aspects of data acquisition and deposit geology with site personnel.</li> </ul>
<i>Geological interpretation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</li> <li>■ Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>■ The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>■ The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>■ The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The bauxite profile comprises several stratigraphic layers that exhibit different physical and geochemical characteristics. Geochemical data (primarily Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and LOI were used to assign regolith codes to individual drill samples. The stratigraphic relationships and ordering were used to assign geological domain codes.</li> <li>■ Grade thresholds were used to assist with domain interpretation. These were not applied in a prescriptive manner, but instead the contacts were usually chosen based on relative grade changes in multiple constituents.</li> <li>■ Surfaces representing the contacts between contiguous units were prepared using the actual drill hole intercept locations as well as distance-weighted estimates of the depth below surface between the drill holes. The resultant surfaces honour the drill intercepts, while reflecting the broad morphology of the topography.</li> </ul>

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Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The areal extents of the defined Mineral Resource and the average thicknesses of the bauxite and overburden are summarised below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1263 328 2078 552"> <thead> <tr> <th>Plateau</th> <th>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</th> <th>Bauxite thickness (m)</th> <th>Overburden thickness (m)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>1.84</td> <td>4.77</td> <td>0.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>0.65</td> <td>4.39</td> <td>0.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>1.39</td> <td>4.04</td> <td>0.47</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Plateau	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Bauxite thickness (m)	Overburden thickness (m)	D	1.84	4.77	0.32	E	0.65	4.39	0.21	F	1.39	4.04	0.47
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Estimation and modelling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</i></li> <li>■ <i>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</i></li> <li>■ <i>The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (e.g. sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</i></li> <li>■ <i>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Mineral Resource estimates were prepared using conventional block modelling and geostatistical estimation techniques.</li> <li>■ A combined model was prepared for Plateaus D, E, and F. The same model framework was used for all deposits in the project area such that the models could be subsequently combined, if required.</li> <li>■ The resource modelling and estimation study was performed using Datamine Studio RM (v. 2.0.66.0), Supervisor (v. 8.15.1), and Leapfrog (v. 2025.1).</li> <li>■ A parent cell size of 25 × 25 × 1 m (XYZ) was considered appropriate given the drill spacing, grade continuity characteristics, and the expected end-user requirements of the model. This cell size is relatively small for some of the areas with wide drill spacing. However, the uncertainty that this may introduce is considered to be adequately accounted for in the Mineral Resource classification.</li> <li>■ Subcelling was applied, with a minimum subcell size of 5 × 5 × 1 m (XYZ) used to ensure that the interpreted domain volumes are accurately represented in the resource models.</li> <li>■ Prior to estimation, the model cells and the drill samples were unfolded, with the upper and/or lower surface of each unit used as the datum plane(s).</li> <li>■ The interpreted domain surfaces were used as hard boundary estimation constraints.</li> <li>■ Probability plots were used to assess for outlier values, and grade cutting was not considered necessary.</li> </ul>																

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Local grade estimates were generated for the following constituents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, LOI, MgO, MnO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ The parent cell grades were estimated using ordinary block kriging. Search orientations and weighting factors were derived from variographic studies. Octant searching and keyfield restrictions were invoked to control extrapolation and clustering. Extrapolation distances were limited to approximately half the nominal drill spacing. Estimation was performed using a three-pass search strategy.</li> <li>■ Similar estimation parameters were used for all constituents to ensure that the grade relationships observed in the sample datasets were reproduced in the model.</li> <li>■ Model validation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Visual comparisons between the input sample and estimated model grades for both the 3D models in section and accumulations over the bauxite zone thickness in plan.</li> <li>– Global and local (swath plots) statistical comparisons between sample and model data.</li> <li>– Checks to confirm that the grade relationships and oxide totals observed in the dataset were reproduced in the model.</li> <li>– An assessment of estimation performance measures, including the slope of regression and percentage of cells estimated in each search pass.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Moisture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The resource estimates are expressed on a dry tonnage basis. A description of density data is presented below. Indicative estimates of in situ moisture content are not included in the models.</li> </ul>
Cut-off parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Mineral Resource is reported using an upper grade threshold of 22.5% SiO<sub>2</sub> applied to individual parent cells within the bauxitic units. The cut-off grade was chosen to meet target-grade specifications defined by VBX and based on metallurgical and mine planning studies conducted by VBX as part of the pre-feasibility study.</li> </ul>

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<i>Mining factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The terrain is relatively flat. The deposits are near-surface and tabular, with large lateral extents and shallow depths. It is anticipated that the mining method will comprise the use of surface miners to remove and stockpile the overburden, and to then remove the bauxite. It is expected that blasting will not be required.</li> <li>■ Mining dilution assumptions have not been factored into the resource estimates. Although the reported resource quantities are derived from bauxitic units only, the resource model contains local estimates for the overlying overburden and underlying clay zone. It is intended that these estimates could be used to assist with dilution studies.</li> </ul>
<i>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VBX has conducted metallurgical test work and studies that demonstrate the amenability of the material to silica reduction by wet screening and scrubbing. These include laboratory-scale wet screening tests performed on over 400 exploration samples as part of VBX's 2016 program. In 2019, Nagrom Laboratories conducted wet screening and scrubbing and wet screening tests on 30 bulk samples collected from 12 pits excavated on nearby Plateau C.</li> <li>■ The beneficiation plant flowsheet prepared as part of the pre-feasibility study completed by Wave in 2025 indicates a calculated mass recovery of 59.5%, a total alumina grade of 45.4%, a total silica grade of 3.6%, an available alumina grade of 37.3%, and a reactive silica grade of 2.6%.</li> <li>■ Metallurgical test work to optimise the beneficiation operating parameters is currently underway as part of the definitive feasibility study.</li> <li>■ VBX has engaged independent consultants to complete product marketing and pricing studies, and is of the opinion that a marketable beneficiated product can be produced.</li> </ul>
<i>Environmental factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Wuudagu Project was referred to the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority and the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change Energy Environment and Water in December 2019. The level of assessment was set at a Public Environmental Review under an Accredited Assessment as a Controlled Action.</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ An Environmental Scoping Document was approved in June 2021, and detailed environmental surveys and studies have been conducted as part of the ongoing work program for the project approval process, including in relation to undersize fine material from the beneficiation process which is planned to be filtered and used to backfill the mined-out areas.</li> <li>■ S.43A and s.156 amendment submissions were made in December 2025. An Environmental Review Document is scheduled for submission in early 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Bulk density</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</i></li> <li>■ <i>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc.), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dry in situ bulk density tests were performed on 45 core sample fragments sourced from Plateaus A, B, C, and CN. The sample densities were determined using an Archimedean technique, which entailed oven drying, wax coating, and measuring the weight in air and weight in water.</li> <li>■ Sample weights were recorded for all VBX samples. These weights and the expected sample volumes calculated from the nominal hole diameter were used to estimate a notional density for each sample.</li> <li>■ Based on the results from the above datasets, the following dry in situ bulk densities were used for tonnage estimation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– overburden = 2.2</li> <li>– main bauxitic zone = 2.2</li> <li>– lower clay zone = 2.1.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ The same density values have been used for all deposits in the project area because no significant differences have been observed in their bauxite characteristics</li> </ul>
<p><i>Classification</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (i.e. relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).</i></li> <li>■ <i>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The resource classifications have been applied to the resource estimates based on a consideration of the confidence in the geological interpretation, the quality and quantity of the input data, the confidence in the estimation technique, and the likely economic viability of the material.</li> <li>■ Sample spacing was considered to be the main controlling factor on estimation confidence.</li> </ul>

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<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SRK is not aware of any external audits that may have been conducted on the Mineral Resource estimates.</li> </ul>
<i>Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i></li> <li>■ <i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Mineral Resource estimates have been prepared and classified in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC Code. The Mineral Resource quantities should be considered as global and regional estimates only.</li> <li>■ The models are considered suitable to support feasibility-level planning studies, but are not considered suitable for production planning or detailed studies that place significant reliance on the local estimates.</li> </ul>

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