

Vital Metals' September 2026 Quarterly Activities Report

Highlights:

- All assay results from the 2026 diamond drill program were received and reported during the quarter. They confirm and extend rare earth and niobium mineralisation at Tardiff, including beyond the current 192.7Mt Mineral Resource envelope (refer ASX announcement 29 July 2026).
- The results are being incorporated into an updated Mineral Resource Estimate to support the Tardiff Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS), which remains targeted for completion in the first quarter of 2027.
- Mr David Herlihy was appointed as an independent Non-Executive Director, and Chair Mr Alexius Chan assumed the role of interim Chief Executive Officer.

Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) ("Vital" or "the Company") provides the following report on its activities for the quarter ended 30 September 2026 at its Nechalacho Rare Earths and Niobium Project, located 100km southeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Tardiff Drilling Results

During the quarter the Company received and reported all assay results from its 2026 diamond drill program. The program completed 17 holes for 1,824m at Tardiff and three exploration holes for 279m at the R-Zone and S-Zone targets (refer ASX announcement 29 July 2026).

The results confirm grade continuity through the deposit and extend mineralisation beyond the current Mineral Resource envelope. Mineralisation remains open in multiple directions. Best results include:

- 102.0m at 1.47% TREO from 4.0m in L26-692
- 47.0m at 1.66% TREO from 37.0m in L26-689
- 52.0m at 1.35% TREO from 55.0m in L26-703, including 6.0m at 3.86% TREO from 100.0m

NdPr represents approximately 22% to 27% of contained TREO across the key intersections.

Anomalous gallium was also returned across the eastern and western zones, including an



average of 182ppm Ga_2O_3 across the 102.0m intercept in L26-692. The Company will undertake mineral department studies and metallurgical test work to assess these values.

The results are being incorporated into an updated 3D geological model and Mineral Resource Estimate. The update will assess potential resource growth and the conversion of selected Inferred material to the Indicated category, subject to Competent Person determination.

CORPORATE

Board and management

Mr David Herlihy was appointed as an independent Non-Executive Director on 17 July 2026 (refer ASX announcement 17 July 2026).

Chair Mr Alexius Chan assumed the role of interim Chief Executive Officer on 20 August 2026 when Ms Lisa Riley ceased to hold the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director. The Company will update the market on the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer in due course (refer ASX announcement 20 August 2026).

Mr Andrew Nesbitt resigned as a Non-Executive Director on 18 September 2026 (refer ASX announcement 18 September 2026).

Cash position & Expenditure

At the end of the September 2026 quarter, the Company held a cash position of \$2.4m.

The Company made payments of A\$202k to related parties and their associates during the quarter. These payments relate to existing remuneration agreements for the Directors. Of this amount, A\$202k is included in operating cashflows and A\$Nil is included in exploration expenditure.

Vital also spent A\$616k on exploration and evaluation expenditure and mine under development costs. Details of activities carried out during the quarter are set out in this report. There were no mining production or development activities during the quarter.

Arbitration

Cheetah Resources Pty Ltd and Nechalacho Resources Corp. (together, "Cheetah") has delivered its responding evidence in the Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. ("Avalon") arbitration. Avalon alleges that Cheetah breached the Co-Ownership Agreement and that, as a result, core samples were rendered unusable in the August 2025 wildfire at Nechalacho. Avalon is seeking damages of at least CAD\$16.8 million.

The matter is scheduled to be arbitrated in November 2026. Cheetah considers the claim to be without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself (refer ASX announcement 25 September 2026).



TENEMENT SCHEDULE

Location	Project	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest acquired or disposed	Interest at end of quarter
Canada	Nechalacho * NT-3178, NT-3179, NT-3265 – NT-3267, NT-5534, NT-5535, NT-5561	100%	0%	100%
Canada	Nechalacho M11875 to M11877	100%	0%	100%

* Vital owns 100% of the mineral rights of the Nechalacho Project above the 150m RL elevation level. The licences are held 50% by Nechalacho Resources Corp and 50% by Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.

This announcement has been approved by the Board of Vital Metals Limited.

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About Vital Metals

Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) is developing the large Nechalacho Rare Earth Project in Canada's Northwest Territories. Nechalacho has the potential to underpin a significant rare earths supply chain for North America with responsibly sourced critical minerals for the green economy transformation.

ASX Listing Rule Information

This announcement contains information relating to Mineral Resource Estimates in respect of the Nechalacho Project extracted from ASX market announcements reported previously and published on the ASX platform on 20 January 2025. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement. The Mineral Resource Estimate of 192.7Mt @ 1.3% TREO comprises 144.1 Mt @ 1.31% TREO Inferred, 41.0Mt @ 1.29% TREO Indicated and 7.6Mt @ 1.48% TREO Measured.

This announcement contains information relating to exploration results extracted from an ASX market announcement reported previously and published on the ASX platform on 29 July 2026. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially



affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the exploration results in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Forward Looking Statements

This release includes forward looking statements. Often, but not always, forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “may”, “will”, “expect”, “intend”, “plan”, “estimate”, “anticipate”, “continue”, and “guidance”, or other similar words and may include, without limitation statements regarding plans, strategies and objectives of management, anticipated production or construction commencement dates and expected costs or production output.

Forward looking statements inherently involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the company’s actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements. Relevant factors may include, but are not limited to, changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange fluctuations and general economic conditions, increased costs and demand for production inputs, the speculative nature of exploration and project development, including the risks of obtaining necessary licences and permits and diminishing quantities or grades of resources or reserves, political and social risks, changes to the regulatory framework within which the company operates or may in the future operate, environmental conditions including extreme weather conditions, recruitment and retention of personnel, industrial relations issues and litigation.

Forward looking statements are based on the company and its management’s good faith assumptions relating to the financial, market, regulatory and other relevant environments that will exist and affect the company’s business and operations in the future. The company does not give any assurance that the assumptions on which forward looking statements are based will prove to be correct, or that the company’s business or operations will not be affected in any material manner by these or other factors not foreseen or foreseeable by the company or management or beyond the company’s control.

Although the company attempts to identify factors that would cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those disclosed in forward looking statements, there may be other factors that could cause actual results, performance, achievements or events not to be anticipated, estimated or intended, and many events are beyond the reasonable control of the company. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward looking statements.

Forward looking statements in this release are given as at the date of issue only. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law or any relevant stock exchange listing rules, in providing this information the company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any of the forward-looking statements or to advise of any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

VITAL METALS LIMITED

ABN

32 112 032 596

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production/inventory	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(309)	(309)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(367)	(367)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	24	24
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(2)	(2)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	42	42
1.8	Other (Camp remediation costs)	(51)	(51)
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(663)	(663)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(25)	(25)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(616)	(616)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (Return of rental bond)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(641)	(641)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	(32)	(32)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (repayment of lease liabilities)	(20)	(20)
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(52)	(52)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,755	3,755
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(663)	(663)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(641)	(641)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(52)	(52)
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	(3)	(3)
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,396	2,396

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	2,396	3,755
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	2,396	3,755

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	202
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.

7. Financing facilities <i>Note: the term “facility” includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i> <i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A’000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A’000
7.1 Loan facilities	924	924
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3 Other	-	-
7.4 Total financing facilities	924	924
7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		-
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
Nechalacho Resources Corp has received an unsecured loan of C\$1.26m from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (“CanNor”), with no interest payable. The repayment period is in equal quarterly payment over 10 years commenced on 1 April 2023. Amount is principal after repayments to date.		

8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(663)
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(616)
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(1,279)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	2,396
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	2,396
8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	1.87
<p><i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i></p>	
8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
<p>Operating outflows are expected to increase in the December 2026 quarter as a result of legal costs associated with the Avalon arbitration, which is scheduled to be heard in November 2026.</p>	
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
<p>The Company is looking at several non-dilutive sources of cash including the sale of remaining ore stockpiles. In addition, the Company expects to receive proceeds from an insurance claim currently in progress within the next quarter. While there can be no assurance as to timing or amount, the Company considers the claim to have a reasonable prospect of successful recovery.</p> <p>The Company has demonstrated a record of securing funds when required and is confident that it will be able to continue to do so.</p>	

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer:

Yes. The Company believes that it will be able to continue its current operations and business objectives for the reasons outlined in items 1 and 2 above.

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

29 October 2026

Date:

The Board

Authorised by:
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.