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# ASX Announcement

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## Binding HMC Offtake Agreement for the Donald Project

Astron Limited (ASX:ATR) is pleased to announce that it has executed a binding five-year take-or-pay offtake agreement with Xiamen Xiangyu Logistics Group Corporation (**XXLG**) covering 100% of the Donald Project's heavy mineral concentrate (**HMC**) product, at approximately 250,000 tonnes per annum, for a duration of 5 years.

Astron has the right to take and sell 100% of the Donald Project's HMC product. The price and product specification terms under the XXLG agreement are identical to those under Astron's HMC purchase arrangement with the Donald the joint venture, providing a back-to-back sales structure and limiting Astron's exposure to pricing and specification mismatch.

The pricing terms under the XXLG agreement aligns with assumptions under the Donald Project's Phase 1 bankable feasibility study and uses a market-based pricing mechanism based on the contained TiO2 and ZrO2 units.

The agreement satisfies the HMC offtake requirement under the recently announced project senior debt package.

The agreement is binding, subject to certain conditions including Donald's final investment decision (**FID**) occurring by 31 December 2026.

XXLG, a subsidiary of the listed Xiamen Xiangyu Co. Ltd (SHA: 600057), is an integrated supply chain and logistics provider based in Xiamen, China. Over the past 5 years, XXLG has expanded its mineral sands market activities and established strong relationships with mineral separation plants (**MSP**s) and downstream customers.

The agreement has an annual minimum supply quantity of 160,000 tonnes of HMC, expected to contain approximately 70,000 tonnes of titanium dioxide units and 30,000 tonnes of zirconium dioxide units. The minimum quantity represents ~70% of average HMC production over the first five years, and XXLG must take all additional HMC scheduled for delivery by Astron. The initial term is five years, with an option for extension for a further two years.

The offtake agreement has the following additional features:

- Astron can elect to receive a US$5 million prepayment within three months of commencement of operations, to be deducted against future product deliveries over the first 2 years of operations.
- Astron has the right to buy-back up to 30% of the volume for internal processing at Astron's MSP at Yingkou in northern China or a third-party processor ex-China as specified by Astron.

Astron managing director Tiger Brown said:

"Execution of the offtake agreement is a significant milestone for the Donald Project. Xiamen Xiangyu Logistics Group is a valuable partner for the Project's mineral sands products, with an extensive, established mineral sands sales network in China and into Asia.

The opportunity to re-purchase up to 30% of the annual supply gives Astron the opportunity to realise additional value through processing the HMC at its Yingkou plant for direct sale to end-users, such as zirconium chemical markets, where demand is forecast to grow significantly "

Mr Fu Guangyu from XXLG said:

"The offtake agreement with Astron is an important strategic move in our positioning across the global titanium and zirconium industry chain. The Donald project is a high-quality, high-grade heavy mineral sands new resource, which aligns closely with Xiangyu's strategic direction of securing stable, high-quality raw materials for the global titanium

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and zirconium sector. We greatly value our cooperation with Astron and will work closely together to fully unlock the project's value, laying a solid raw material supply foundation for the downstream titanium and zirconium industries in China and globally."

A summary of the offtake agreement is set out in the schedule to this announcement.

**About Astron**

Astron Limited (**ASX: ATR**) is an Australian-based company listed on the ASX. With over 35 years of operating history, Astron has been involved in mineral sands processing, downstream product development, and the marketing and sales of zirconium and titanium related products. Astron's prime focus is the development of its large, long-life Donald Rare Earth and Mineral Sands Project in regional Victoria, Australia. In addition to its Australian assets, the Company also conducts a mineral sands trading operation.

This announcement is authorised for release by the Managing Director of Astron Limited.

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**Schedule**

Summary of the Offtake Agreement between Astron (or its nominee) and Xiamen Xiangyu Logistics Group Corporation (**XXLG** or the **Buyer**)

- **Parties**: Astron (or its nominee, which may be a new subsidiary of Astron) and Xiamen Xiangyu Logistics Group Corporation (XXLG or the Buyer).
- **Term**: 5 years, with the option of the Buyer to extend for a further 2 years.
- **Quantity**: Annual minimum supply quantity is 160,000 tonnes of HMC or 70,000 tonnes of $TiO_2$ and 30,000 tonnes of $ZrO_2$ (Minimum Supply). The Buyer has an obligation to take all the products produced by the Donald Project in the Contract Year when deliveries are scheduled by the Seller.
- **Take or pay**: take-or-pay provisions for the minimum contracted volume.
- **Price**: uses a market-based pricing mechanism, based on contained $TiO_2$ and $ZrO_2$ in concentrate.
- **Incoterms**: Free on board (**FOB**)
- **Payment terms & Logistics**: customary payment terms and product logistics.
- **Pre-payment**: US$5 million; payable at Astron's election within 3 months of commencement of operations, and to be deducted against future product over 2 years.
- **Buy-back Rights**: Astron may elect to buy-back up to 30% of the Annual Supply Volume for processing at Astron's MSP or at a third party facility ex-China as specified by Astron.
- **Marketing Rights of Final Products**: Astron agrees to grant the Buyer the exclusive right to market Donald's final products within the PRC. Astron retains the rights to sell its products outside of the PRC.
- **Termination**: by mutual agreement, for default, insolvency, or if FID has not occurred by 31 December 2026
- **Governing law and disputes**: Subject to the law of Singapore, with any unresolved disputes to be subject to arbitration in Singapore.