ASX: AR1
25 November 2026

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

ACQUISITION OF HAMMER METALS COMPLETE

Scheme implemented, bringing the Kalman copper deposit into AR's Queensland portfolio

Highlights

- Austral Resources' acquisition of 100% of Hammer Metals Limited (ASX: HMX) by way of a Court-approved scheme of arrangement has been implemented today following the satisfaction of all conditions.
- The Merged Group combines Hammer Metals' Kalman copper deposit, located approximately 60km from Rocklands, with AR's Rocklands copper-gold concentrator and Mt Kelly oxide heap-leach and SX-EW facility.

Executing on strategy

Austral Resources Australia Ltd (**ASX: AR1**) (**AR** or the **Company**) is pleased to confirm that its acquisition of Hammer Metals Limited (ASX: HMX) (**Hammer Metals**) by way of a Court-approved Scheme of Arrangement (Scheme) has today been implemented.

AR Chairman, David Newling, commented:

"Today we welcome Hammer Metals shareholders to AR. Bringing the Kalman copper deposit together with our Rocklands and Mt Kelly processing infrastructure gives us a natural source of additional feed approximately 60 kilometres from Rocklands, and additional scale from which to pursue our growth strategy in Queensland.

This transaction demonstrates the disciplined execution of our growth strategy, combining complementary assets and infrastructure in a way that we believe can support greater operational flexibility, future development opportunities and long-term value creation. The addition of Kalman further strengthens the platform we are building in Queensland and supports our long-term ambition to establish a larger, scaled Queensland copper business.

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We thank the Hammer Metals Board and shareholders for their support of the Scheme, and we look forward to updating the market as we bring Kalman and other deposits into the fold."

Scheme consideration

All Hammer Metals shares subject to the Scheme have now been transferred to AR. Eligible Hammer Metals shareholders have been issued the Scheme Consideration of 1.2903 New AR Shares for every one Hammer Metals share held on the Record Date, being 7:00pm (Sydney time) on Wednesday, 18 November 2026.

New AR Shares are expected to commence trading on ASX on a normal settlement basis from Thursday, 26 November 2026.

AR has also issued to the Scheme Sale Agent the New AR Shares that would otherwise have been issued to Ineligible Foreign Holders and Non-electing Small Shareholders. The Scheme Sale Agent will sell those New AR Shares through the Scheme Sale Facility, and the net proceeds of sale will be remitted to those shareholders in accordance with the process outlined in Hammer Metals' Scheme Booklet dated 2 October 2026.

Delisting of Hammer Metals

Hammer Metals has applied for removal from the official list of ASX and termination of the official quotation of its shares. Hammer Metals shares have been suspended from trading on ASX since close of trading on Monday, 16 November 2026, the date on which the Scheme became Effective. Removal of Hammer Metals from the official list of ASX is expected to take effect on Thursday, 26 November 2026.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Chairman.

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At the core of Austral Resources Australia Ltd

Austral Resources is building Australia's next mid-tier copper powerhouse, shaped by our pure-play Queensland copper focus and dual-processing platform – a combination that gives us a rare position in the market. Backed by established infrastructure and disciplined, long-term growth, our foundation is resilient; and as a reliable partner to our stakeholders, our measured delivery is driven by experience and accountability.

Commercially, AR is an ASX (ASX:AR1) listed copper producer operating in Queensland, Australia. We operate dual processing facilities: Western Operations (Mt Kelly) a copper oxide heap leach and solvent extraction electrowinning (SX-EW) plant with a nameplate capacity of 30,000tpa of copper cathode; and Eastern Operations (Rocklands) a copper sulphide concentrator with a nameplate capacity of 3Mtpa. We own a significant copper inventory with a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate standing at 64 Mt @ 0.73% Cu (468,414t of contained copper), alongside 2,101km^2 of highly prospective exploration tenure in the heart of north west Queensland, a world class copper and base metals province.

JORC cross references

Detailed information that relates to Ore Reserves and Mineral Resource Estimates is provided in Austral Resources Prospectus, Section 7, Independent Technical Assessment Report. This document is available on the AR website: www.australres.com and on the ASX released as "Prospectus" on 1 November 2021, "Maiden Mineral Resource at Enterprise" on 9 August 2022, "Lady Colleen Grade Increases by 200%" on 28 October 2022, "Significant Increase of McLeod Hill Copper Mineral Resource" on 20 May 2024, "Acquisition of Rocklands to Transform Austral" on 3 July 2025 and "Austral Resources Prospectus" on 4 September 2025. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and exploration results as reported in this release and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates and forecast financial information derived from the production target continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original announcements.

The Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) is comprised of 64 Mt @ 0.73% Cu (468,414t of contained copper) (comprising of 52.8Mt @ 0.74% Cu at the Lady Annie Project – 8.8Mt at 0.75% Cu Measured MRE, 33.0Mt at 0.76% Cu Indicated MRE and 11.0Mt at 0.69% Cu Inferred MRE and 11.26Mt at 0.69% Cu at the Rocklands Project – 9.12Mt at 0.72% Cu Indicated MRE and 2.14Mt at 0.55% Cu Inferred MRE).

Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements, including production guidance, cost and cash flow expectations, development timetables and the expected completion of the Hammer Metals acquisition. These statements reflect the Company's current expectations and assumptions and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the Company's control, including copper prices, reagent supply, operating performance, regulatory approvals, and court and shareholder approvals. Actual results may differ materially. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and, except as required by law or the ASX Listing Rules, the Company does not undertake to update them.