

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

## FINANCING UPDATE

*MDL's primary asset is a 50% interest in the TiZir joint venture ('TiZir'), which owns the Grande Côte mineral sands operation ('GCO') in Senegal, West Africa and the TiZir Titanium & Iron ilmenite upgrading facility ('TTI') in Tyssedal, Norway. ERAMET of France is MDL's 50% joint venture partner in TiZir.*

As foreshadowed (ASX Release: 4 March 2016), Mineral Deposits Limited ('MDL') has sold its interest in World Titanium Resources Limited realising approximately A\$6.45 million.

As announced (ASX Releases: 11 December 2015, 21 January 2016), a number of amendments to the TiZir Bond Agreement were approved at a meeting of Bondholders in December 2015. One of the conditions in reaching an agreement with Bondholders was that MDL and ERAMET establish a US\$60 million committed facility in favour of TiZir (US\$30 million from each of ERAMET and MDL) for the payment of interest and principal under the bond issue. The entire US\$60 million facility is to be underwritten by ERAMET.

In respect of the interest payment due to Bondholders at the end of March, MDL and ERAMET have advanced US\$12.4 million (US\$6.2 million each) to TiZir to enable this payment to be made. ERAMET has funded MDL's contribution on similar terms to those announced previously (ASX Release: 6 January 2016).

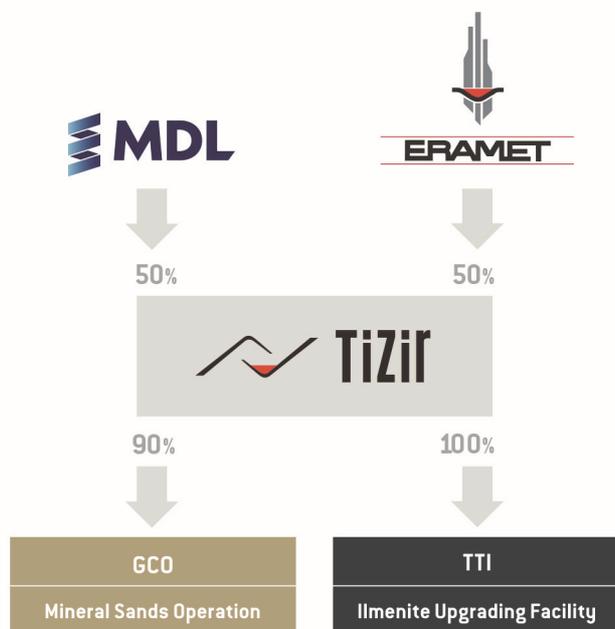
**ABOUT MDL**

Mineral Deposits Limited (ASX: MDL) is an Australian based mining company in the business of mining, integrating and transforming mineral sands resources.

MDL owns 50% of the TiZir joint venture in partnership with ERAMET of France. The TiZir joint venture comprises two integrated, operating assets – the Grande Côte mineral sands operation ('GCO') in Senegal, West Africa and the TiZir Titanium & Iron ilmenite upgrading facility ('TTI') in Tyssedal, Norway.

GCO is a large-scale, cost competitive mineral sands operation located in Senegal that is fully integrated from mine-to-ship, using owned or controlled infrastructure. GCO commenced mining activities in March 2014 and, over an expected mine life of at least 25 years, will primarily produce high quality zircon and ilmenite. A majority of GCO's ilmenite is sold to TTI. GCO also produces small amounts of rutile and leucoxene.

TTI upgrades GCO ilmenite to produce high-quality titanium feedstocks which are primarily sold to pigment producers and a high-purity pig iron, a valuable co-product, which is sold to ductile iron foundries. TTI benefits from excellent logistics with respect to cheap and clean power access, year-round shipping capacity and customer proximity.



**Forward looking statements**

Certain information contained in this report, including any information on MDL's plans or future financial or operating performance and other statements that express management's expectations or estimates of future performance, constitute forward-looking statements.

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