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Specialist off-take adviser appointed as Australian Mines advances towards development of its Sconi Project

- **UK-based Medea Natural Resources to advise on cobalt and nickel sulphate off-take discussions related to Australian Mines' Sconi Project**
- **Sconi Bankable Feasibility Study remains on track to allow final investment decision in mid-2018**

Australian Mines Limited ("**Australian Mines**" or "the Company") (AUZ: ASX) is pleased to announce it has appointed specialist natural resources advisory firm, Medea Natural Resources Limited ("Medea") to advise on the off-take and project financing negotiations for the Company's 100%-owned Sconi Cobalt-Nickel-Scandium Project in northern Queensland.

Under the terms of the agreement, Medea will coordinate with the various potential off-take partners currently in discussions with Australian Mines to finalise and submit their proposed off-take and project financing package to the Company in the first quarter of 2018.

Australian Mines is continuing work on the ground to deliver the Bankable Feasibility Study during the second quarter of 2018, including ramping-up its trial mining campaign to provide feed for the demonstration-size processing plant, which is nearing construction completion in Perth, Western Australia. The demonstration-size plant will produce commercial-grade samples of cobalt sulphate, nickel sulphate and scandium oxide, with these samples to be distributed to the aforementioned potential off-take partners and financiers. Following completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study, Australian Mines will then make a decision on final investment.

Australian Mines Managing Director Benjamin Bell commented, "As the world moves rapidly towards a low-emissions future, investor interest in strategic battery metal explorers and producers continues to build in direct response to future demand projections for these commodities.



“The key drivers for this are major global automotive manufacturers investing heavily in their electric vehicle range and governments seeking to incorporate battery storage facilities with the further adoption of renewable electricity generation capacity.”

“Given the scale and advanced nature of the Sconi Project – which is capable of delivering a reliable supply of the key battery metals of cobalt and nickel, from one of the most stable mining jurisdictions in the world – Australian Mines is uniquely positioned to capitalise on significant interest from international companies that operate in the automotive and energy sectors, and deliver further upside for its shareholders in the process.”

“While we have been pleased with the progress of project funding and off-take negotiations to-date, we believe our recent engagement with Medea will greatly assist with the delivery of financing options for the construction of the Sconi processing plant, which will facilitate achievement of first full-scale production from the Project in the shortest possible timeframe.”

Medea Natural Resources Ltd is the corporate advisory subsidiary of Medea Capital Partners Ltd, an FCA-regulated natural resources firm with offices in London and Singapore. Medea specializes in providing corporate and strategic advice to companies developing projects, with a particular emphasis on feasibility study financing, project financing and offtake negotiations. Further information on Medea can be found at: www.medea-nr.com

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