

## WINCHELSEA MINING PROJECT

Winchelsea Mining Pty Ltd (Winchelsea) holds extensive prospective mineral tenements across the Groote Archipelago between Groote Eylandt and mainland Australia in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

A key focus for the company is to develop Winchelsea "Akwamburrkba" Island in the Groote Archipelago located on the western side of the Gulf of Carpentaria in the Northern Territory, Australia.

Winchelsea is a joint venture between the Anindilyakwa Advancement Aboriginal Corporation (AAAC) and AUS China International Mining Pty Ltd.

The core vision of the project is to raise enough revenue to permanently support the economic and social future of all Anindilyakwa speaking clans of the Groote Archipelago.

### Fast Facts

- Discovery of a manganese ore body similar to the world class Groote Eylandt deposit has been identified on Winchelsea Island.
- Detailed studies are underway to define the resource and develop the project, with first mining potentially Dec 2021.
- The Traditional Owners of the Groote Archipelago are referred to by their language name Anindilyakwa and are the majority owners of Winchelsea.
- Access to Winchelsea Island is by boat from Groote Eylandt which falls within the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) area.
- Estimated workforce of up to 50 technical, professional and operator staff with up to 100 direct and indirect support from clan-based enterprises.



## Manganese Exploration and Mining

Winchelsea holds an Exploration Licence (EL27521) to explore for manganese on Winchelsea Island which was granted on 21 December 2018 for a period of six years. The exploration license covers 20.39 km<sup>2</sup> with the remainder of the island being under another Winchelsea Exploration License application EL32022 (26.89km<sup>2</sup>).

The deposit on Winchelsea is similar in style to the orebodies currently successfully mined on Groote Eylandt. The mineralisation in this region shows nil or minimal overburden with the Mn mineralised intervals outcropping to the surface.

There have been no obvious “roadblocks” to mining (i.e. cultural, heritage, environmental, governmental, infrastructure, marketing etc) identified at this preliminary stage.

There is a 300m buffer from the coastline on any future mining activities. Extensive environmental surveys have been conducted by Winchelsea to date.

## Anindilyakwa Land Council

The Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) is a ‘future-forward’ Land Council, highly geared to enable the Anindilyakwa people to take full advantage of the opportunities and technology available in the 21st Century, while simultaneously preserving land, language and culture. This is the directive given by the 14 clans of the archipelago.

The ALC mission and vision is to:

- Protect, maintain and promote Anindilyakwa culture;
- Invest in the present to build a self-sufficient future; and
- Create pathways for youth to stand in both worlds.

The ALC through its “Royalty Development Unit” has assisted in creating Winchelsea Mining as an independent initiative and under its Commonwealth Government statutory NT Land Right Act (1976) functions, has entered into an exploration agreement with Winchelsea to comply with the NT Mining Act (1980) requirements.

## Anindilyakwa Culture



The Traditional Owners of the Groote Archipelago are referred to by their language name Anindilyakwa. The predominantly indigenous communities of Umbakumba, Milyakburra and Angurugu are home to a combined population of approximately 1,500 people. Like many Australian communities there are homes, schools, shops, clinics, police, recreation facilities, businesses, cultural centres and festivals. Some family groups choose to live outside of towns on ‘satellite’ communities to remain close to their traditional clan lands.

Cultural heritage surveys conducted on Winchelsea Island by the traditional owners have cleared the island for mining activities.



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