

Horizonte Minerals Plc: Mine Construction Licence Application Submitted to Environmental Agency

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM--(Marketwired - Oct. 19, 2017) - Horizonte Minerals Plc (TSX:HZM)(AIM:HZM) ('Horizonte Company'), the nickel development company focussed in Brazil, is pleased to announce that it has completed and filed Construction Licence ('Installation Licence' or 'LI') for its Araguaia nickel project ('Araguaia' or 'the Project'), Brazil's next project. The LI was submitted to SEMAS, the Pará State authority responsible for environmental licensing, for the construction of the Project, including mine, associated infrastructure and pyro-metallurgical processing plant.

Highlights

- Extensive work programmes were completed to produce the LI suite of documents; including full environmental management plans across all principal disciplines;
- This enabled Horizonte to develop social and environmental mitigation and monitoring plans for all phases of Araguaia, including: construction, operation and closure;
- Horizonte have formally gazetted the filing of the LI and vegetation suppression permit in the Brazilian Diário Oficial da União and,
- Upon approval of the LI together with approval of the Mine Plan from the Brazilian mining authority, Horizonte will have all necessary permits in place to commence construction.

Horizonte CEO, Jeremy Martin, commented:

"The submission of the Mine Construction Licence ('LI') marks a major milestone for the Araguaia nickel project, as it moves us closer towards the construction decision. The work required to collect the data and develop the suite of documents that make up the LI has been finalised as part of Araguaia's ongoing Feasibility Study, which is on track for completion in Q1 2018. This has been a major piece of work, involving a number of consulting groups across a variety of disciplines led by our inhouse team."

"The Araguaia project has the potential to create approximately 500 new jobs in the operational phase in a rural area where the average family income ranges between US\$2 - US\$4 per day. As a result, the Pará Government considers Araguaia to be a key economic driver for the southern part of the State. Additionally, we continue to receive positive community support for the project evidenced through our ongoing community engagement programmes."

Mine Construction Licence

The completed LI was filed at SEMAS, and published in the Brazilian official gazette (Diário Oficial da União) by Horizonte's subsidiary, Araguaia Níquel Mineração Ltda. Approval of the LI from SEMAS, together with the approval of the Mine Plan from the Brazilian mining authority, will permit Horizonte to commence construction at Araguaia.

Social and environmental mitigation and monitoring plans, together with licence condition reports, were elaborated by an independent environmental consultancy group, Environmental Resource Management ('ERM'), in conjunction with experienced local consultants on fauna and flora programmes. Both Horizonte and ERM representatives presented the LI to SEMAS in a meeting held in Belém, the capital of Pará State.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of EU Regulation 596/2014.

For further information visit www.horizonteminerals.com.

About Horizonte Minerals:

[Horizonte Minerals Plc](#) is an AIM and TSX-listed ('HZM') nickel development company focused in Brazil, which wholly owns the advanced Araguaia nickel laterite project located to the south of the Carajás mineral district of northern Brazil. The Company is currently developing Araguaia as the next major nickel mine in Brazil, with targeted production by 2020.

The Project has good infrastructure in place including rail, road, water and power.

Horizonte has a strong shareholder structure including; [Teck Resources Ltd.](#) 17.9%, Richard Griffiths 14.5%, Lombard Management (Europe) Limited 12.9%, JP Morgan 8.4%, Canaccord Genuity Group 6.5%, Glencore 6.4% and City Financial 5.5%.

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Except for statements of historical fact relating to the Company, certain information contained in this press release constitutes "forward-looking information" under Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the potential of the Company's current or future property mineral projects; the success of exploration and mining activities; cost and timing of future exploration, production and development; the estimation of mineral resources and reserves and the ability of the Company to achieve its goals in respect of growing its mineral resources; and the realization of mineral resource and reserve estimates. Generally, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved".

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