

# Goondicum Continues Successful Project Commissioning and Production Ramp-Up Ahead of Full Commercial Operations

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## And Cash Flow Generation Commencing in H1 CY2019

TORONTO, Jan. 14, 2019 - [Melior Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: "MLR") ("Melior" or the "Company") today updated the market about progress at its Goondicum Ilmenite Project, slated to be one of the world's first new commercial mineral producers in 2019.

Goondicum FY2019 Ilmenite Production

Goondicum FY2019 Apatite Production

First sale of apatite

Ilmenite stocks building up

## December 2018 Progress

Commissioning and production ramp-up at Goondicum remains ahead of plan. Ilmenite production of 3,420 tonnes for December was almost 3 times budget. Apatite production of 189 tonnes was below expectations. However, this is improving as the commissioning focus shifts to the apatite circuit.

The first sale of apatite was completed in December.

No Lost Time Incidents were recorded during December and the project has been LTI free since the start of construction. The project had a scheduled six day shut down over the Christmas period.

Ilmenite haulage to the port is planned to begin in January and the first ilmenite shipment remains scheduled for Q1 CY2019.

Mark McCauley, Melior's CEO, said, "We are delighted that project commissioning continues to exceed budget and we are well on track for full commercialization by the end of Q2 CY2019. We look forward to achieving a key milestone with our first shipment later in this first quarter. Ilmenite prices continue to be robust and we anticipate strong metrics for the Company and shareholders as we achieve full production later this year. We remain committed to maximizing the potential at Goondicum and using its cash flow to consider other worthy, share price accretive opportunities."

Tables accompanying this announcement are available at

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\* The FY 2019 Budget was prepared and approved in April 2018

#### Project Photos

Photos accompanying this announcement are available at

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#### About Melior

Melior is the owner and operator of the Goondicum ilmenite and apatite mine located in Queensland Australia. Further details on Melior and the Goondicum mine can be found at [www.meliorresources.com](http://www.meliorresources.com) and regulatory filings are available on SEDAR. Melior is incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) and has a registered office in Vancouver, British Columbia. Melior is classified as a Tier 1 Mining Issuer under the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

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