

Champion Iron announces that it will not proceed with the proposed Re-domiciliation to Canada

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MONTRÉAL, March 19, 2020 - [Champion Iron Ltd.](#) (TSX: CIA) (ASX: CIA) (the "Company" or "Champion") announces that the Board has determined that the Company will not proceed with the previously announced proposal to redomicile from Australia to Canada by way of a scheme of arrangement under Part 5.1 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the liquidation of the Company (the "Re-domicile" or the "Re-domiciliation"), due to the current market volatility and global uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 virus.

As a result of such current market volatility and global uncertainty, the Company may not be able to realize some of the anticipated benefits of the Re-domicile. Accordingly, the Board does not consider that the Re-domicile is in the best interests of the shareholders of Champion at this time. The Company has decided to terminate the scheme of arrangement and will withdraw the application to seek orders from the Federal Court of Australia approving the scheme of arrangement.

The Board may consider implementing a re-domicile from Australia to Canada at a later point in time depending on market conditions.

The decision to terminate the Re-domicile will not have any impact on the Company's assets, operations or staff which remain predominantly based in the province of Quebec, Canada. The Company's strategy will not be affected by today's announcement and its shares remain listed in Canada on TSX and in Australia on ASX.

About Champion Iron Limited

On April 11, 2016, the Company, through its subsidiary Quebec Iron Ore Inc., acquired the Bloom Lake assets from bankruptcy protection. Following the release of a feasibility study on February 16, 2017, the Company recommissioned Bloom Lake in February 2018, which completed its first shipment on April 1, 2018. In June 2019, the Company released a feasibility study for the Phase II expansion which envisions doubling the mine's overall capacity from 7.4 Mtpa to 15 Mtpa. On August 16, 2019, the Company finalized the terms of an agreement with Ressources Québec Inc. whereby the Company acquired Ressources Québec's 36.8% equity interest in Quebec Iron Ore Inc. and now owns 100% of Quebec Iron Ore Inc., which owns the Bloom Lake mine.

Located on the south end of the Labrador Trough, approximately 13 km north of Fermont, Quebec, and adjacent to established iron ore producers, the Bloom Lake mine is an open-pit truck and shovel operation with a concentrator. From the site, iron concentrate is transported by rail, initially on the Bloom Lake railway, to a ship loading port in Sept-Îles, Quebec.

This Press Release has been authorized for release to the market by the Board of the Company.

Summary information

The following disclaimer applies to this announcement and any information contained in it. The information in this announcement is of general background and does not purport to be complete. It should be read in conjunction with Champion Australia's periodic and continuous disclosure announcements lodged with the ASX, disseminated and filed in Canada, as required, and the Scheme Booklet.

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