

HANCOCK ACHIEVES CONTROL OF ATLAS IRON LIMITED

Redstone Corporation Pty Ltd (**Redstone**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (**Hancock**), is pleased to announce that its relevant interests in Atlas Iron Limited (**Atlas**) have now reached **56%**, providing Hancock with effective control of the company.

As a result, Redstone's all-cash offer for the acquisition of shares in Atlas will automatically be extended by a period of 14 days, making **17 August 2018** (at 5pm Perth time) the new scheduled closing date of the offer.

In announcing that the effective control of Atlas had been secured under the offer, Hancock's CEO Mr Garry Korte reiterated that the offer is a compelling proposition for Atlas shareholders and urged all remaining shareholders to accept prior to the scheduled closing date:

"We are delighted that our offer has been endorsed by acceptances from the majority of Atlas shareholders - this response underlines our repeated statements that our offer represents a compelling opportunity for shareholders to realise value from their Atlas shares, which was also endorsed through the Atlas Board's unanimous recommendation and the supporting opinion of the Independent Expert that the offer is both fair and reasonable."

Mr Korte also re-iterated Hancock's intentions set out in the Bidder's Statement:

"We look forward to working with the Atlas team, and with the contractors and other stakeholders, once we commence our strategic review of the Atlas business following the completion of our offer".

As detailed in the Target's Statement issued by Atlas, the Atlas Directors have unanimously recommended that Atlas shareholders accept the offer.

*"Your Directors believe that the Hancock Offer is an excellent opportunity for Atlas Shareholders to realise the value of their investment in Atlas. In addition, the Independent Expert has concluded that the Hancock Offer is fair and reasonable to Atlas Shareholders. As such, the Directors unanimously recommend that Atlas Shareholders **ACCEPT** the Hancock Offer in the absence of a superior proposal. Subject to that same qualification, each Director intends to accept the Hancock Offer in respect of any Atlas Shares held or controlled by them."*

To ensure that their acceptances are received prior to the revised offer closing date of 17 August, shareholders should immediately return their acceptances. Redstone has established a support line for any Atlas shareholder requiring assistance, which can be contacted on 1300 853 598.

Contact

Atlas shareholders are encouraged to use the following information line if they have any questions on the offer or require assistance to accept the offer:

For Australian callers: 1300 853 598

For international callers: +61 1300 853 598

Details of the Offer

Redstone is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hancock. Its all-cash offer is for the acquisition of all of the ordinary shares in Atlas in which it does not already have a relevant interest, at a price of **\$0.042** per share.

The Hancock Group

Hancock is a privately held Australian company that has a long and important association with the Pilbara region of West Australia and with the iron ore sector.

The Hancock Group holds a 50% interest in the 45mtpa Hope Downs Project (in a joint venture with Rio Tinto) and a 70% interest in the Roy Hill Project, a substantial integrated iron ore mine, railway and port project, which recently ramped up its production and shipments of iron ore to a rate of 55 million tonnes per annum. Hancock also has various iron ore exploration prospects in the Pilbara, including its Mulga Downs project.

Redstone is an Australian proprietary company limited by shares and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hancock. Redstone was incorporated in West Australia on 19 April 2018 for the principal purpose of making the offer and acquiring and holding Atlas shares.

Ends.