# Kumul Minerals Holdings Ltd

Energy is the Building Block for Economic Growth



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## Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited

### The National Minerals Company

- Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited (KMHL) is established by the Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited Authorisation Act 2015 of the Parliament of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.
- KMHL is an independent commercial enterprise owned by the Peoples of PNG with a mandate to participate in the minerals sector in PNG.
- KMHL is focused on investments in State Equity Option projects as well as direct and indirect investments in minerals assets.
- KMHL is active in pursuing opportunities across the minerals value chain:
  - Exploration and studies
  - Mine development
  - Mine operations and minerals processing
  - Mine rehabilitation and closure
  - Downstream processing

**VISION:** KMHL will be a responsible minerals company committed to create and enhance value in the entire chain of the minerals business.

#### MISSION: KMHL will seek to:

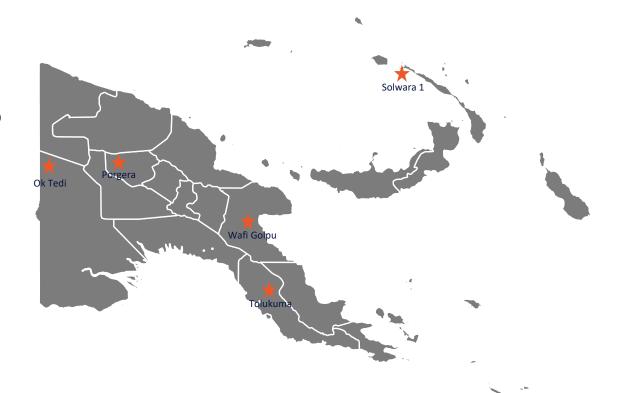
- Invest in high value assets in the complete chain of the mineral sector.
- Prudently manage and maximise shareholders' interests and returns in mineral assets.
- Develop and grow a dynamic, skilled and motivated team in the mineral industry.
- Grow the company to become a competitive player in the minerals sector.
- Be environmentally friendly and socially responsible corporate entity.



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### A strong mix of operating and development assets

- KMHL's role as the State nominee company for holding shares in Minerals Projects has resulted in the development of a strong portfolio.
- KMHL intends to leverage this portfolio to enter into new investments and partnerships across the PNG minerals sector.
- KMHL's primary assets are:
  - Ok Tedi Mining Limited 67%
  - New Porgera Limited 36%
  - Solwara 1 15%
  - Tolu Minerals Limited 3.2%
- KMHL is also engaged in negotiations to secure significant holdings in future assets:
  - Wafi-Golpu Joint Venture 20%\*



\*The State of PNG has announced its intention to exercise its right to acquire 30% of the Wafi-Golpu Project, with 20% retained by KMHL and 10% to be shared by the Morobe Province and landowners, subject to completion of the permitting process.



## Energy in the Mineral Resources Sector

Energy is one of the main operating costs for mining operations

- Energy costs vary widely among between mines and jurisdictions due to a variety of factors:
  - Process intensity hard rock requiring a lot of processing will use more energy.
  - Mining method large open-pit mines with long haul distances use lots of diesel whereas underground mines have different mixes (ventilation, dewatering, hoisting).
  - Site remoteness and on-site power remote and offgrid sites that run diesel gensets or isolated gas plants face higher energy unit costs. PNG is a clear example.
  - Energy price volatility and fuel mix spikes in prices push costs up quickly.
  - Electrification and efficiency switching to grid power, renewables, or introducing electric components (trolley assist, diesel-electric haul trucks, electric shovels) reduces the cost of fuel.





## Energy in the Mineral Resources Sector

Countries with developed energy infrastructure have competitive advantage

- Energy costs vary widely between countries also:
  - Australia 10%-30% of opex
  - USA 10%-30% of opex
  - Canada 8%-25% of opex
  - China 10-30% of opex
  - Papua New Guinea 15%-35% of opex
- For remote mines in PNG the average percentage of energy costs in opex can be much higher.
- PNG's low grid penetration, reliance on on-site diesel or bespoke power plants, and remote logistics increase energy's share of opex.
- Energy solutions are a major component of any new mine development, and increase the cost and risk to developers.
- Development of a robust energy infrastructure network in PNG would significantly improve the development outlook for the Mineral Resources Sector.





## Sector Development Pipeline

Large scale development in PNG requires large scale power generation

- New mining projects that have advanced studies indicate significant demand for additional power in PNG:
  - Wafi-Golpu Copper-Gold 111MW diesel power generation plant
  - Frieda River Copper-Gold 600MW hydroelectric power plant
  - Yandera Copper-Gold-Molybdenum 225MW plant TBD
  - Misima Gold 50MW mixed diesel and solar
- Additionally, downstream projects in earlier stages of development have substantial power needs:
  - Copper-Gold Smelter/Refinery
  - Nickel-Cobalt Smelter/Refinery
  - Gold Refinery





## Energy for Downstream Processing

### Preliminary results – financial assessment

#### **Nickel Smelter-Refinery-Financial Assessment**

- Key Focus Areas
  - Capital cost
  - Operating cost
  - Project profitability
  - Investment return strategies

#### **Initial Financial Insights**

- Estimated capital cost: US\$2.3 billion for a 500kt/a facility
- Profitability depends on:
  - Access to competitively priced energy
  - Reliable water supply
  - Efficient logistics and infrastructure

#### **Next Phase Priorities**

- Identify **complementary projects** to support the refinery:
  - Example: Hydroelectricity development & Special Economic Zones



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### Preliminary results – financial assessment

#### **Copper Smelter Refinery Financial Assessment Focus**

- Evaluation of:
  - Capital cost
  - Operating cost
  - Project profitability
- Exploration of measure to enhance investment returns

### **Key Financial Insights**

- Initial capital estimate: US\$750 million for a 200kt/a facility
- Profitability depends on:
  - Access to competitively priced energy
  - Reliable water supply

#### **Next Phase Priorities**

- Identify **complementary projects** to support the smelter
  - Example: Hydroelectricity development & Special Economic Zones
- Strengthen infrastructure and utility integration



## Importance of Energy in PNG

No economy can grow without the energy to develop and sustain it

- The minerals and energy sectors are tied to one another in the strongest way.
- Minerals projects stimulate energy development, and energy projects allow minerals projects to succeed.
- As the National Minerals Company, Kumul Minerals is committed to ensuring that all new developments also deliver benefits to the local and broader community of Papua New Guinea.
- This includes provision of energy and infrastructure to landowners and local grids.
- We encourage investment in and development of a robust and integrated national energy infrastructure, as it will be to the benefit of all.







