

## Andromeda Metals Limited ASX: ADN ASX Announcement

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## Australian Government awards R&D "Advance Finding" for GWP

- Advance Finding awarded by AusIndustry over research and development activities
- Enables Andromeda to claim refundable tax offsets or cash rebates for 43.5%<sup>1</sup> of eligible expenditure over a three-year period for certain activities associated with the development of the Great White Project

Andromeda Metals Limited (ASX: **ADN**) (**Andromeda**, the **Company**) is pleased to announce that the Australian Government's AusIndustry has awarded the Company an Advance and Overseas Finding Certificate (**Advance Finding**).

The Advance Finding covers certain activities related to scaling up of product and process development under Stage 1A+ of the Great White Project (**GWP**, the **Project**), covering Great White CRM<sup>™</sup>, Great White KCM<sup>™</sup>90, Great White HRM<sup>™</sup>, in addition to feedstock for HPA trials.

An Advance Finding is binding on the Australian Commissioner of Taxation for up to 3 income years from the start of the income year in which your application was lodged, providing companies with certainty that planned activities are eligible under Australia's R&D Tax Incentive programme.

Andromeda's Advance Finding is binding for the income tax years commencing financial year 2024 (FY24) and the two subsequent years, over current and forecast research and development expenditure to be incurred during Stage 1A+ of GWP's anticipated development.

This entitles Andromeda to claim a refundable tax offset<sup>1</sup>, or cash rebate, at the rate of 43.5% of costs incurred for eligible expenditure in relation to the following categories under Stage1A+ of GWP's anticipated development:

- Streaky Bay Pilot Plant expenditure
- Expenditure related to the Project team, exploration and evaluation, and site administration
- Stage 1A+ design works and processing operating costs
- Mining operating costs during testing period
- Depreciation on plant and mine development during testing period

with eligible expenditure of up to approximately \$26m, based on those eligible activities included in the Advance Finding<sup>2</sup>.

**Sarah Clarke, Acting CEO** said: "We thank the Australian Government for the support this decision brings. Having the Government refund almost half of the eligible expenditure is a great outcome for Andromeda's shareholders, further supporting the development of the Great White Project.

"Our thanks also go to Andromeda's technical and finance teams who have done a fantastic job, working studiously over many months on procuring this R&D Advance Finding."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to the applicable research & development incentive and income tax rules. Should aggregated turnover exceed \$20 million during any financial year, rather than refundable the amounts claimed will be applied as carried-forward tax losses at the relevant non-refundable R&D tax offset rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eligible expenditure must be incurred in order to claim.



This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Andromeda Metals Limited.

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