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BROCKMAN MINING LTD: MINERS AND WHINERS ! WHICH ONE ARE YOU ?

It was not that long ago that there used to be a well-known idiomatic statement that went along the lines that one should think very carefully before investing in things that grow in, or under, a plot of land, or in things that require, digging in the dirt in order to find the ‘honey’.

The above statement might sound reasonable, at first blush, but tell that to the farmers of California, such as Mr James Boswell II (1923-2009), known, during his lifetime, as ‘*The King of California*’.

For five decades, Jim, as Mr James Boswell was popularly known when he was riding high, lorded over California’s Central Valley, tripling his family’s property holdings as well as revolutionising arid landscapes by converting large tracts of land, not previously thought useful for irrigated agriculture.

With regard to digging in the dirt in the hope of one, finding valuable minerals and/or suchlike, one is reminded of the California gold rush between 1848 and 1864.

It was Mr James Marshall who first found gold in the well of a water wheel at the site of Sutter’s Mill, along the American River Settlement, set up by Mr John Sutter in the Sacramento River Valley.

On learning of Mr James Marshall’s good fortune, hundreds of thousands Americans rushed to the California Territory in search of gold.

So much for history.

Today, Brockman Mining Ltd (布萊克萬礦業有限公司), a publicly listed company, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd (Stock Code: 159), is said to be engaged in mining businesses in Western Australia.

Specifically, it is written in the Chairman’s Statement, found at Page Three of the 2022 Annual Report, a 108-page communiqué to shareholders that was published and disseminated in the **Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)** of the **People’s Republic of**

China (PRC), that the name of the game, as far as Chairman Kwai Sze Hoi (桂四海) is concerned, is iron ore.

Chairman Kwai Sze Hoi had this to say about the Company that he, today, supposedly heads:

‘In the past year, the Company has moved towards the ambitious goal of achieving iron ore production at the Marillana Project, which was an exciting, momentous step. As Mineral Resources Limited (“MinRes”) and Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (“Hancock”) have established a joint venture during the year, they will jointly invest in the development and construction of the Stanley Point Berth-3 at South West Creek, Port Hedland and the rail and port infrastructure. The logistics and transportation bottleneck that has been thwarting and hindering the development of the Marillana Project will be fundamentally resolved, thereby unlocking the significant value contained at the mine. At the same time, the joint operation with MinRes on Ophthalmia will also benefit greatly from it.

‘Currently, Brockman and MinRes, through their joint venture management committee and project manager, are constantly expediting all necessary works at the Marillana Project and within the infrastructure corridor to ensure that the project will be completed as planned and scheduled.

‘At last, I would like to thank our Brockman family for their continued efforts and hard work, and fellow shareholders for their unwavering trust and support for the Company. Such work ethic and support have proven to be pivotal for the Company’s success.’

At Pages Four, Six, Eight, Nine and 13 of 2022 Annual Report of Brockman Mining Ltd, under the heading, ‘**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**’, one was informed of the following:

‘OVERVIEW

‘During the year, the Group continued to focus on the development of its iron ore tenements in Western Australia which are progressing steadily towards construction and production. Loss for the year before income tax from continuing operations was HK\$31.9 million, compared to the previous year HK\$28.3 million. The increase in the loss before tax was largely due to HK\$14.0 million in the Group’s share of the Joint Operation expenditure (2021: HK\$5.4 million additional finance costs arising from the treatment of the loans advanced by Polaris to the Group in the previous years).

The Group recorded a loss after tax from continuing operations of approximately HK\$20.8 million (2021: HK\$14.2 million). The increase in the loss after tax was due to HK\$14.0 million in the Group’s share of the Joint Operation expenditure (2021: HK\$0.1 million) and partially the recognition of an income tax credit of HK\$11.1 million (2021: HK\$14.1

million). This income tax credit was the result of the recognition of a deferred tax asset in respect of certain of the Group's Australian tax losses.

'The operating loss of HK\$40.3 million (2021: HK\$22.8 million) was higher by 77%, due to an increase in exploration and evaluation expenditure expensed which includes Group's share of Joint Operation expenditure.

'IRON ORE OPERATIONS – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

'This segment of the business comprises the 50% owned Marillana Iron Ore Project ("Marillana"), the Ophthalmia Iron Ore Project ("Ophthalmia") and other regional exploration projects.

'The loss before income tax and share of losses of the joint venture for the year for this segment attributable to the Group was HK\$12.6 million (2021: HK\$15.1 million). Total expenditure associated with mineral exploration for the year ended 30 June 2022 amounted to HK\$17.7 million (2021: HK\$5.5 million)...

'Marillana Development Joint Operation

'Formation and Scope

'On 26 July 2018 ... [CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE](#)

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