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## PHASE 5 DRILLING PROGRAM COMPLETED AT MAKUUTU

- **Phase 5 infill drill program at Makuutu on Retention Licence (RL) 00007 completed with 128 holes drilled for 2,501 metres;**
- **Infill drilling expected to both increase confidence and scale of updated Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) expected Q1 2024;**
- **Samples progressively being delivered to Perth for analysis, with first results expected this quarter; and**
- **Makuutu’s basket contains 71% magnet and heavy rare earths content, and is one of the most advanced heavy rare earth projects globally available as a source for new supply chains emerging across Europe, the US, and Asia;**

The Board of Ionic Rare Earths Limited (“IonicRE” or “The Company”) (ASX: IXR) advises on progress at its 60 per cent owned Makuutu Heavy Rare Earths Project (“Makuutu” or “the Project”) in Uganda.

The Company is pleased to advise completion of the Phase 5 drill program progressing the development at the Makuutu Heavy Rare Earths Project through local Ugandan operating entity Rwenzori Rare Metals Limited (“RRM”).

IonicRE’s Managing Director Mr Tim Harrison said the Phase 5 drill program, now completed, is an important activity in advancing the next stages of development at Makuutu for a much larger Project.

“The infill drilling has progressed to plan and we await assays, expected over the remainder of 2023, to feed into a significant increase in confidence on the MRE associated with RL00007 which will support our next Mining Licence Application at Makuutu.”

“We await the results of the metallurgical test work on samples selected from the recent RAB drilling as part of this Phase 5 drill program which will enable revision to the Exploration target aimed for late this quarter, and also assist the Company plan future drilling across both EL00147 and EL00257.”

“Our focus on the delivery of the Makuutu Heavy Rare Earths Project in Uganda positions us to provide a secure, sustainable, and traceable supply of magnet rare earth oxides. Along with our Ionic Technologies Belfast recycling facility, Makuutu is key to us harnessing our technology to accelerate mining, refining, and recycling of magnets and heavy rare earths that are critical for the energy transition, advanced manufacturing, and defence”.

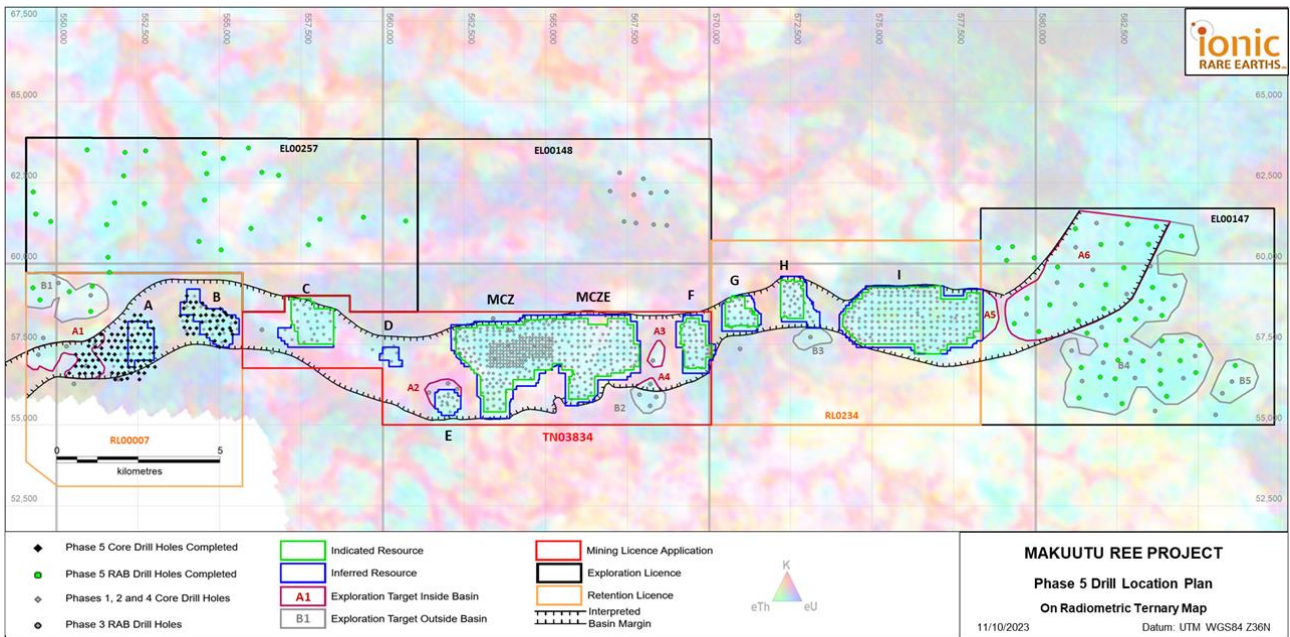


Figure 1: Makuutu Phase 5 drill plan, with completed RAB holes (shown in green) and recently completed core drilling (black) shown in RL00007.

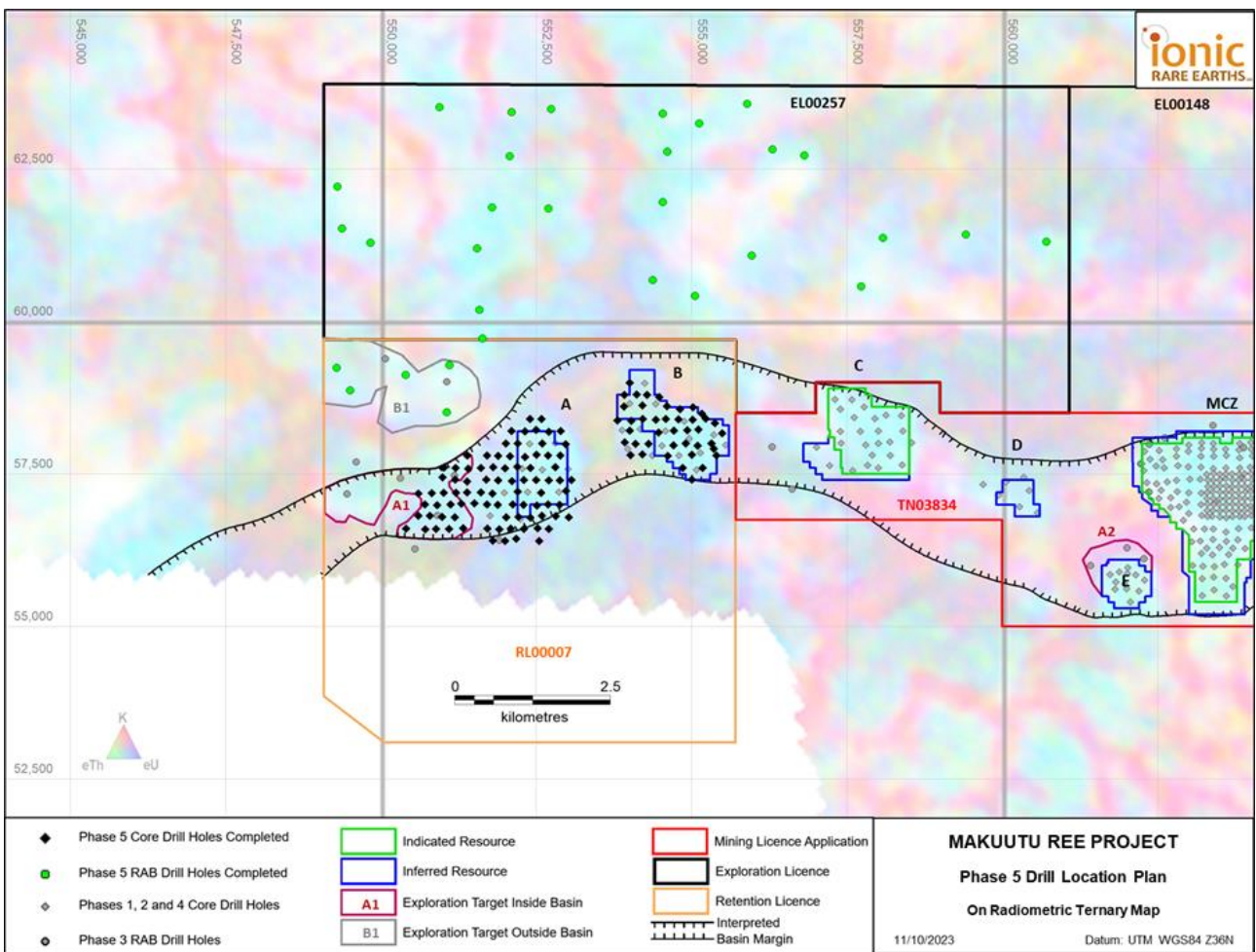


Figure 2: Phase 5 infill drilling completed on RL00007 within existing MRE areas A and B, plus extension areas.

**Table 1: Makuutu Rare Earth Project Resource Tabulation of REO Reporting Groups at 200ppm TREO-CeO<sub>2</sub> Cut-off Grade (ASX: 3 May 2022).**

| Resource Classification | Tonnes (millions) | TREO (ppm) | TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub> (ppm) | LREO (ppm) | HREO (ppm) | CREO (ppm) | Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (ppm) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Indicated               | 404               | 670        | 450                         | 500        | 170        | 230        | 30                                   |
| Inferred                | 127               | 540        | 360                         | 400        | 140        | 180        | 30                                   |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>532</b>        | <b>640</b> | <b>430</b>                  | <b>480</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>30</b>                            |

Notes; Tonnes are dry tonnes rounded to the nearest 1.0Mt.

All ppm rounded from original estimate to the nearest 10 ppm which may lead to differences in averages. TREO = Total Rare Earth Oxide

**Table 2: Mineral Resources by Area (ASX: 3 May 2022), RL00007 Resource Areas shaded blue.**

| Classification           | Indicated Resource |                   |            | Inferred Resource           |                   |            | Total Resource              |                   |            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                          | Area               | Tonnes (millions) | TREO (ppm) | TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub> (ppm) | Tonnes (millions) | TREO (ppm) | TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub> (ppm) | Tonnes (millions) | TREO (ppm) |
| <b>A</b>                 |                    |                   |            | 13                          | 580               | 390        | 13                          | 580               | 390        |
| <b>B</b>                 |                    |                   |            | 26                          | 410               | 290        | 26                          | 410               | 290        |
| <b>C</b>                 | 31                 | 580               | 400        | 3                           | 490               | 350        | 35                          | 570               | 400        |
| <b>D</b>                 |                    |                   |            | 6                           | 560               | 400        | 6                           | 560               | 400        |
| <b>E</b>                 |                    |                   |            | 18                          | 430               | 280        | 18                          | 430               | 280        |
| <b>Central Zone</b>      | 151                | 780               | 540        | 12                          | 670               | 460        | 163                         | 770               | 530        |
| <b>Central Zone East</b> | 59                 | 750               | 490        | 12                          | 650               | 430        | 72                          | 730               | 480        |
| <b>F</b>                 | 18                 | 630               | 420        | 7                           | 590               | 400        | 25                          | 620               | 410        |
| <b>G</b>                 | 9                  | 750               | 500        | 5                           | 710               | 450        | 14                          | 730               | 480        |
| <b>H</b>                 | 6                  | 800               | 550        | 7                           | 680               | 480        | 13                          | 740               | 510        |
| <b>I</b>                 | 129                | 540               | 350        | 19                          | 530               | 350        | 148                         | 540               | 350        |
| <b>Total Resource</b>    | <b>404</b>         | <b>670</b>        | <b>450</b> | <b>127</b>                  | <b>540</b>        | <b>360</b> | <b>532</b>                  | <b>640</b>        | <b>430</b> |

Rounding has been applied to 1Mt and 10ppm which may influence averaging calculations.

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## About Ionic Rare Earths Ltd

Ionic Rare Earths Limited (ASX: IXR or IonicRE) is set to become a miner, refiner and recycler of sustainable and traceable magnet and heavy rare earths needed to develop net-zero carbon technologies.

The Makuutu Rare Earths Project in Uganda, 60% owned by IonicRE, is well-supported by existing tier-one infrastructure and is on track to become a long-life, low Capex, scalable and sustainable supplier of high-value magnet and heavy rare earths oxides (REO). In March 2023, IonicRE announced a positive stage 1 Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the first of six (6) tenements to progress to a Mining Licence Application (MLA) which is pending in Uganda. The Makuutu Stage 1 DFS defined a 35-year life initial project producing a 71% rich magnet and heavy rare earth carbonate (MREC) product basket and the potential for significant potential and scale up through additional tenements.

Ionic Technologies International Limited (“Ionic Technologies”), a 100% owned UK subsidiary acquired in 2022, has developed processes for the separation and recovery of rare earth elements (REE) from mining ore concentrates and recycled permanent magnets. Ionic Technologies is focusing on the commercialisation of the technology to achieve near complete extraction from end of life / spent magnets and waste (swarf) to high value, separated and traceable magnet rare earth products with grades exceeding 99.9% rare earth oxide (REO). In June 2023, Ionic Technologies announced initial production of high purity magnet REOs from its newly commissioned Demonstration Plant. This technology and operating Demonstration Plant provides first mover advantage in the industrial elemental extraction of REEs from recycling, enabling near term magnet REO production capability to support demand for early-stage alternative supply chains. In September 2023, Ionic Technologies announced with the support of the UK government, collaboration partnerships to build a domestic UK supply chain, from recycled REOs to metals, alloys and magnets and supplying UK based electric vehicles (EV) manufacturing, with potential to replicate across other key markets.

As part of an integrated strategy to create downstream supply chain value, IonicRE is also evaluating the development of its own magnet and heavy rare earth refinery, or hub, to separate the unique and high value magnet and heavy rare earths dominant Makuutu basket into the full spectrum of REOs plus scandium.

This integrated strategy completes the circular economy of sustainable and traceable magnet and heavy rare earth products needed to supply applications critical to EVs, offshore wind turbines, communication, and key defence initiatives.

IonicRE is a Participant of the UN Global Compact and adheres to its principles-based approach to responsible business.

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