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## Significant Capital Cost and Project Delivery Time Reductions at Sorby Hills

Boab Metals Limited (ASX: BML) ("**Boab**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to update the market on capital expenditure savings realised on the Early Works program and positive results of the Processing Plant tender for the Sorby Hills Lead-Silver Project located in Western Australia ("**Sorby Hills**", the "**Project**").

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Minimum A\$20M reduction in the Processing Plant Capital Cost**
  - Tender process for the relocation, rebuild and refurbishment of the DeGrussa Processing Plant at Sorby Hills is now complete.
  - The company is now working with a shortlist of contractors and anticipates executing a contract for the works during January 2026. Based on the tenders received, Boab is confident a minimum A\$20M cost saving can be realised when compared to building a new plant as designed in the FEED study.
  - Significantly, the construction timeline is expected to reduce by 6 months resulting in further capital cost reductions and earlier revenue.
  - The substantial existing infrastructure at the DeGrussa Processing Plant, combined with its extensive inventory of new spares (originally costing approximately \$8 million), meaningfully reduces project execution risk by eliminating the uncertainty normally associated with equipment procurement, lead times, and delivery.
- **A\$5M reduction in the Early Works Capital Cost**
  - Early Works continues to progress on site with capital expenditure to date tracking well below budget.
  - Based on contracts executed, the Company expects to deliver a A\$5M saving on the Early Works program, reflecting recent efficiencies in civil design, site establishment and bulk earthworks.
- **The Company has recently secured a binding commitment for a A\$236M debt facility<sup>1</sup> and is targeting a Final Investment Decision in coming weeks.**

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<sup>1</sup> ASX Release 27 November 2025

**Boab Managing Director and CEO, Simon Noon, stated:**

*"The combined A\$25M reduction in upfront capital costs as well as a shortened construction timeline, materially enhances the development economics of Sorby Hills. These savings come at a time when construction inflation continues to challenge new-build projects – further highlighting the value of the DeGrussa asset to the Project.*

*With a commitment for project financing now secured and the cost of the Project's major capital item now confirmed, the Company is well positioned for a Final Investment Decision at Sorby Hills in the coming weeks."*

**Sorby Hills Project**

Sorby Hills is located 50km from the regional centre of Kununurra in the East Kimberley of Western Australia and has access to existing sealed roads to transport concentrate 150km from the mine site to the facilities at Wyndham Port. On 6 June 2024, Boab released the results of a Front-End Engineering & Design Study ("**FEED Study**")<sup>1</sup> on the Project showing strong pre-tax economics including C1 operating costs of US\$0.36/lb payable Pb (incl. a net Silver credit of US\$0.37/lb payable Pb), NPV<sub>8</sub> of A\$411M, IRR of 37%, A\$778M free cash flow, and an average annualised EBITDA of A\$126M<sup>2</sup>.

**With operating costs covered by the revenue generated by a historically non-volatile lead price, the free cash flow is exposed to silver. Silver is currently trading at ~US\$58/oz, more than 100% higher than assumed in the FEED Study.**

Pre-production capital costs were estimated to be A\$264M including A\$136M for a new Processing Plant and A\$13M for Early Works.

**At least A\$25M of capital costs savings and a 6-month reduction in the construction timeline is anticipated based on contracts executed to date and the results of the recently completed Processing Plant tender.**

**DeGrussa Processing Plant**

Located in the Meekatharra region of Western Australia, the world-class DeGrussa Copper Mine was built and operated by Sandfire as their flagship project between 2011-2024. The Plant has been on active care and maintenance since operations ceased.

The DeGrussa Processing Plant includes a primary crusher, ore storage bin, ball mill, SAG mill, flotation circuit, concentrate and tailings thickeners and an extensive list of new spares - all fit-for-purpose for the proposed Sorby Hills process plant flowsheet and sized to achieve the targeted 100ktpa concentrate production rate.

An extensive list of new spares was included in the acquisition agreement with an original cost of around \$8 million.

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<sup>2</sup> ASX Release 6 June 2024



**Figure: The DeGrussa Processing Plant**



**Figure: Early Works Excavation**



This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Boab Metals Limited.

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**About Boab Metals Limited**

Boab Metals Limited ("**Boab**", ASX: **BML**) is a Western Australian (WA) based exploration and development company. The Company is focused on developing the Sorby Hills Project in WA. Sorby Hills is located 50km from Kununurra in the East Kimberley and has access to existing sealed roads to transport concentrate the 150km from site to the facilities at Wyndham Port. Boab owns a 75% interest in the Project with the remaining 25% interest held by Henan Yuguang Gold & Lead Co. Ltd. Boab holds an option to acquire Yuguang's interest in the Project upon reaching a Final Investment Decision.

**Compliance Statements**

The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the 'JORC Code') sets out minimum standards, recommendations and guidelines for Public Reporting in Australasia of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

Information included in these activities report relating to Mineral Resources has been extracted from the Mineral Resource Estimate dated 17 December 2021, available to view at [www.boabmetals.com.au](http://www.boabmetals.com.au). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Mineral Resource Estimate and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates, continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the Mineral Resource Estimate.

Information included in this announcement relating to Ore Reserves, has been extracted from the Sorby Hills Definitive Feasibility Study and dated 19 January 2023, Information included in in this announcement report relating to Production Targets and Financial Forecasts has been extracted from the Sorby Hills FEED Study and dated 6 June 2024. Announcements are available to view at [www.boabmetals.com.au](http://www.boabmetals.com.au). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Ore Reserve Statement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates, production targets and financial forecasts continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the Ore Reserves Statement.