

## BCI MINERALS SECURES PRIMARY APPROVALS FOR ITS OPTIMISED DREDGE STRATEGY

BCI Minerals Limited (ASX:BCI) (BCI or the Company) is pleased to announce it has secured all primary approvals from the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments to enable offshore placement of material generated from its dredging program at the Cape Preston West Port in accordance with BCI's optimised dredging methodology for the Mardie Salt Operation.

These approvals relate to dredging of the berth pocket and navigation channel, which will enable loading of deep-sea, ocean-going vessels with industrial salt from the Mardie Salt Operation.

On 22 December 2025, the WA Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Matthew Swinbourn MLC, provided approval under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)* for offshore placement of dredge material. This complements approvals for offshore placement granted by Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Murray Watt, who granted approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* on 28 November 2025 and the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 (Sea Dumping Act)* on 18 December 2025.

Securing these approvals enables BCI to finalise negotiations with our dredging contractor for execution of the optimised dredge strategy and to update three management plans for approval by the State regulator prior to commencement of dredging activities. Subject to receipt of these remaining approvals and finalisation of contractual arrangements BCI continues to expect commencement of dredging in April 2026.

BCI continues to target first salt on ship during the quarter ending 31 December 2026<sup>1</sup>, positioning the Company to become a significant, low-cost supplier of high-quality industrial salt to global markets.

BCI Managing Director, David Boshoff, said:

*"Navigating complex regulatory processes requires rigorous planning and collaboration, and we are grateful for the ongoing support and transparency shown by both Commonwealth and State regulators."*

*Securing these approvals is an important milestone that further de-risks the Mardie Salt Operation and keeps delivery on schedule and on budget, bringing us another step closer to supplying high-quality industrial salt to global markets."*

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This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of BCI Minerals Limited.

<sup>1</sup> Timing of FSOS is dependent on environmental conditions aligned with modelling predictions (evaporation, seepage, rainfall), environmental approvals and construction completion

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