

2Q 2015 OPERATIONS REVIEW

MDL's primary asset is a 50% interest in the TiZir joint venture ('TiZir'), which owns the Grande Côte mineral sands operation ('GCO') in Senegal, West Africa and the TiZir Titanium & Iron ilmenite upgrading facility ('TTI') in Tyssedal, Norway. ERAMET of France is MDL's 50% joint venture partner in TiZir.

KEY POINTS

- Mining operations continued to ramp-up at GCO
- Heavy Mineral Concentrate and finished goods production increased on a quarter by quarter basis
- June 2015 represented the best month for finished goods production with approximately 40kt of ilmenite and 5kt of zircon produced
- Unplanned shutdown of pre-reduction kiln at TTI resulted in a loss of 9kt of expected slag production during the quarter
- Processing of first batch of 100% GCO ilmenite completed successfully at TTI
- Furnace reline and capacity expansion project ongoing prior to planned shutdown – current expectations are that the project will be completed on time and within budget
- Products meeting specifications – zircon products in particular are attracting positive customer feedback
- Titanium market remains soft due to downstream weakness in the pigment market, but pricing was stable during the quarter
- Zircon market continues to be stable

GCO

Operations continued to ramp-up during the quarter with key focus areas being plant availability and tailings management. The floating wet concentrator plant ('WCP') is the focus of current attention with the plant not yet able to handle the volume of ore that the dredge can provide. A range of discrete commissioning projects on both the dredge and WCP have been identified and are currently being implemented. The projects are generally straightforward and minor in terms of capital but will require some time to complete due to timing of equipment deliveries and associated engineering works.

Consistent with the focus on improving the performance of various WCP circuits, the dredge feed rate was deliberately limited during the quarter to 5,500tph. The dredge and WCP operated at an average of 55% of nameplate capacity (based on ore mined) in 2Q compared with 61% in 1Q 2015. Excluding downtime associated with commissioning issues, the throughput rate achieved remained unchanged at 78% of capacity (based on tonnes per operating hour capacity) or 5,447tph.

The ramp-up of the Mineral Separation Plant continued to meet expectations with both the Wet Plant and the Ilmenite Circuit of the Dry Plant continuing to operate at design feed rates. Ilmenite and zircon production increased to an average of 32.5kt and 3.8kt per month respectively. June represented the best month of finished goods production to date with approximately 40kt of ilmenite and 5kt of zircon produced during the month.

During the quarter, GCO appointed Daniel Marini as its new Chief Executive Officer. He brings many years of large-scale mine management experience to GCO having previously held the position of Director of Mines at Société Le Nickel's (ERAMET Group) operations in New Caledonia. To provide technical support to the operations during the finalisation of commissioning, two experienced mineral sands experts from Australia have also been contracted.

GCO production volumes

100% basis		2Q 2014	3Q 2014	4Q 2014	1Q 2015	2Q 2015
Mining:						
Ore mined	(kt)	2,609	4,717	6,776	8,039	7,522
Heavy mineral concentrate produced	(t)	37,240	57,526	89,333	131,649	136,648
Finished goods production						
Ilmenite	(t)	11,463	47,702	41,425	89,789	97,789
Zircon	(t)	-	3,762	5,278	9,118	11,357
Rutile & Leucoxene	(t)	-	190	473	1,635	1,247

GCO sales volumes

100% basis		3Q 2014	4Q 2014	1Q 2015	2Q 2015
Sales volume					
Ilmenite (including sales to TT1)	(t)	28,074	46,850	71,857	64,051
Zircon	(t)	1,205	5,848	6,502	12,196
Rutile & Leucoxene	(t)	-	162	22	1,406

Sales of zircon increased for the third successive quarter as production continued its ramp-up; however, ilmenite sales decreased as a result of timing of product shipments to offtake customers. As stated previously, GCO has successfully negotiated sales contracts with external customers for the majority of its 2015 budgeted ilmenite production.

Whilst GCO recorded its first month of positive EBITDA in March 2015, timing of shipments and constrained production (outlined above) have resulted in the operations not reaching this level on a consistent basis. Pressure continues to be exerted on revenues as commodity prices remain soft.



Grande Côte Operations Wet Concentrator Plant and Mineral Separation Plant

TTI

Titanium slag production of 37.1kt for the quarter was lower than both 1Q 2015 and 2Q 2014 due to an unplanned maintenance shutdown. During April, the pre-reduction kiln was shut down to remove accretion of iron waste in the kiln. The shutdown reduced the availability of pre-reduced feedstock for the furnace and thus expected production of approximately 9kt of titanium slag and 5kt of high purity pig iron was lost prior to resumption of production at normal capacities.

During the period, a process run of 100% GCO ilmenite was successfully completed, confirming previous trials and results.

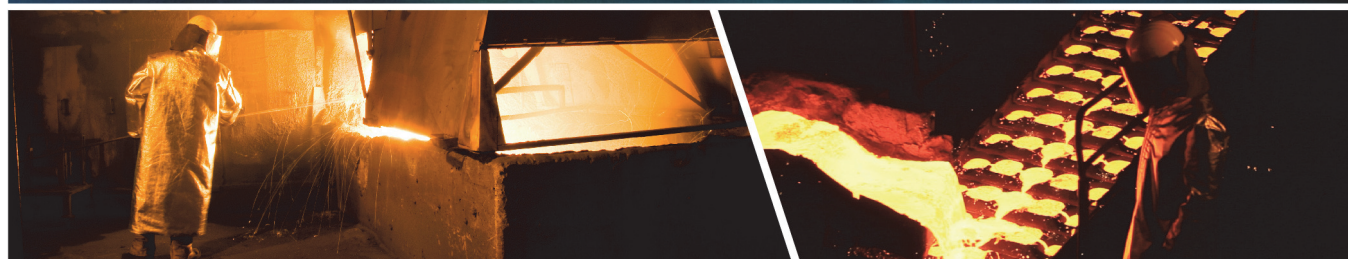
Sales of 38.8kt for the quarter reflected production levels. Consistent with tight economic conditions, customers continued to delay shipments throughout the quarter. While strong competition and lower demand levels continue to prevail throughout the titanium market, pricing remained stable during the quarter.

High purity pig iron production volumes for 2Q 2015 were slightly lower than 1Q 2015, whilst sales volumes were slightly higher. Pricing remained firm due to enduring political instability in Ukraine which is contributing to tighter supply.

Cost optimisation initiatives implemented throughout 2014 continued to be successful in reducing operational costs and maintaining the competitiveness of TTI products.

TTI physical volumes

100% basis		2Q 2014	3Q 2014	4Q 2014	1Q 2015	2Q 2015	1H 2014	1H 2015
Titanium Slag								
Produced	(kt)	48.4	45.8	47.5	43.8	37.1	90.4	80.9
Sold	(kt)	48.1	43.9	47.8	30.2	38.8	86.5	69.0
High Purity Pig Iron								
Produced	(kt)	27.4	25.7	26.4	24.0	20.2	50.9	44.2
Sold	(kt)	28.3	27.0	20.5	19.8	23.5	58.2	43.3



TIZir Titanium & Iron ilmenite upgrading facility, Tyssedal, Norway

TTI FURNACE RELINE AND CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECT

Work on the furnace reline and capacity expansion project at TTI is well advanced as the planned shutdown in mid-September approaches. Primary contractors have been engaged and a majority of capital equipment and supplies to complete the project have been contracted and have begun arriving on site. Current expectations are that the project will be completed within budget and on time.

MARKETS

Conditions in the titanium dioxide pigment industry remained weak throughout the quarter, reflecting soft demand and strong competition. The seasonal surge in demand that generally accompanies the northern hemisphere summer was not as strong as in previous years and the anticipated pigment price rises did not materialise. Despite these conditions, prices in the high grade titanium feedstock market remained relatively stable. Sulphate feedstock prices remain under pressure, as structural overcapacity persists within China.

Given the quality of GCO zircon, its major customer markets tend to be North America and Europe where demand is geared towards premium quality zircon for high value zirconium products and opacifiers for ceramic tiles. This market has been relatively stable during the quarter.

CORPORATE

In April, the Company participated in World Titanium Resources Limited's (ASX: WTR) 1 for 3 pro-rata non-renounceable entitlement offer. The Company accepted its full entitlement of 23,046,042 shares in WTR for a cash payment of approximately A\$807,000. After completion of the issue, the Company's investment now represents 20% of the total issued capital of WTR.

MDL's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 8 May at 10.30am. All resolutions raised at the meeting were passed on a show of hands.

On 12 June 2015, MDL announced the appointments of Robert Sennitt as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Greg Bell as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective from 1 June 2015. During the quarter, Michaela Evans' role was expanded to Company Secretary & General Manager – Corporate Affairs.

At 30 June 2015:

- issued shares were 103,676,341
- cash was US\$22.5 million
- zero debt

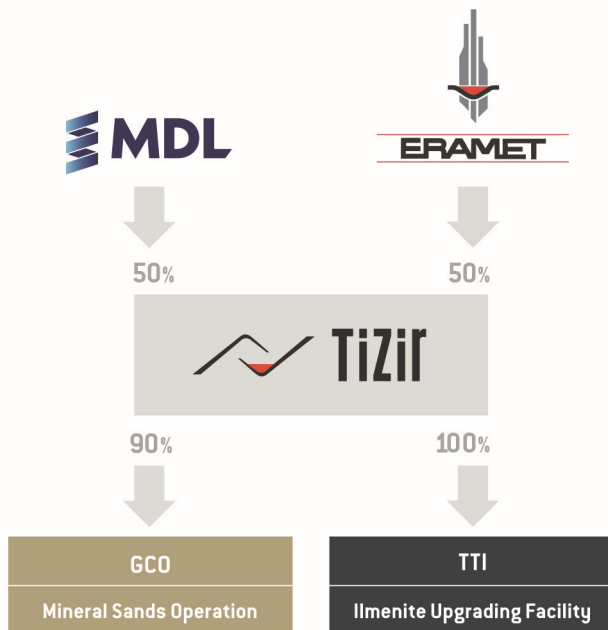
ABOUT MDL

Mineral Deposits Limited (ASX: MDL) is an Australian based mining company in the business of mining, integrating and transforming mineral sands resources.

MDL owns 50% of the TiZir joint venture in partnership with ERAMET of France. The TiZir joint venture comprises two integrated, operating assets – the Grande Côte mineral sands operation ('GCO') in Senegal, West Africa and the TiZir Titanium & Iron ilmenite upgrading facility ('TTI') in Tyssedal, Norway.

GCO is anticipated to produce on average approximately 85ktpa of zircon and 575ktpa of ilmenite (and small amounts of rutile and leucoxene) when in full production over an expected mine life of at least 25 years.

The TTI ilmenite upgrading facility smelts ilmenite to produce upwards of 200kt of high quality titanium products, which are primarily sold to pigment producers, and around 100kt of high purity pig iron, a valuable co-product that is sold to ductile iron foundries.



Forward-looking statements

Certain information contained in this report, including any information on MDL’s plans or future financial or operating performance and other statements that express management’s expectations or estimates of future performance, constitute forward-looking statements.

Such statements are based on a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management at the time, are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties. MDL cautions that such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual financial results, performance or achievements of MDL to be materially different from the Company’s estimated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements. These factors include the inherent risks involved in mining and mineral processing operations, exploration and development of mineral properties, changes in economic conditions, changes in the worldwide price of zircon, ilmenite and other key inputs, changes in the regulatory environment and other government actions, changes in mine plans and other factors, such as business and operational risk management, many of which are beyond the control of MDL.

Except as required by applicable regulations or by law, MDL does not undertake any obligation to publicly update, review or release any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect new information, future events or circumstances after the date of this report.

Nothing in this report should be construed as either an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy or sell MDL securities.

Contact details

Level 17 530 Collins Street
 Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia
 T +61 3 9618 2500
 F +61 3 9621 1460
 E mdlmail@mineraldeposits.com.au
 W mineraldeposits.com.au

For further information please contact:

Rob Sennitt
 Chief Executive Officer
 T +61 3 9618 2500
 E rob.sennitt@mineraldeposits.com.au

Greg Bell
 Chief Financial Officer
 T +61 3 9618 2500
 E greg.bell@mineraldeposits.com.au