

White Rock Minerals Ltd Enters into Strategic Relationship with Sandfire Resources NL

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Ballarat, July 10, 2018 - [White Rock Minerals Limited](#) (ASX:WRM) (White Rock) is pleased to announce a cornerstone investment and strategic relationship with [Sandfire Resources NL](#) (ASX:SFR) (Sandfire). The parties have entered into a subscription agreement to formalise this strategic relationship in relation to White Rock's globally significant high-grade zinc VMS Red Mountain Project in Alaska (Red Mountain Project).

This agreement enables the Company to benefit from Sandfire's significant technical expertise to develop the Red Mountain Project as well as further strategic support as the Company moves to unlock the potential from its large strategic land holding.

MD & CEO Matt Gill said "White Rock welcomes Sandfire as a strategic partner and cornerstone investor that shares White Rock's vision for the exploration and development of the Red Mountain Project. Securing a high-quality partner with world leading expertise in the exploration and development of base metals projects is a strong endorsement to the quality and potential of White Rock's globally significant high-grade zinc VMS Red Mountain Project. White Rock looks forward to collaborating with Sandfire Resources as part of this new strategic relationship."

The strategic relationship comprises the following elements:

- A\$2.5 million equity placement - a placement of 208,333,334 fully paid ordinary shares in White Rock at A\$0.012 (1.2 cents) per share and the issue of 104,166,667 unlisted options to subscribe for White Rock shares to raise A\$2.5 million. The issue price of the shares represents a 41% premium over the one-month volume-weighted-average price of White Rock shares (0.85 cents) up to and including 9 July 2018. The options have an exercise price of A\$0.02 (2 cents) and expire 3 years from the date of the agreement. Following completion of the share placement, Sandfire will own approximately 14.2% of White Rock. The proceeds will be used to advance exploration activities at the Red Mountain Project and for general working capital purposes. No shareholder approval is required for the placement.

- Technical Collaboration - the formation of a technical committee for the purposes of jointly collaborating in connection with the Red Mountain Project including identifying best options for advancement of the Project.

- Option for Earn-in and Joint Venture over Red Mountain Project - Sandfire will have the right and exclusive option to enter into an earn-in joint venture agreement in relation to the Red Mountain Project, which option may be exercised prior to 31 December 2018. If the option is exercised, the parties will negotiate, agree the form of and enter into an earn-in and joint venture agreement reflecting the following principles:

- o Stage 1: Sandfire to fund a total of A\$20 million over four years to earn 51%, with a minimum expenditure by Sandfire of A\$6 million in Year One.

- o Stage 2: Sandfire to fund a further A\$10 million and deliver a pre-feasibility study over an additional two years to earn 70%, which may be extended by Sandfire for a further year in certain circumstances.

- o Stage 3: White Rock may elect to contribute to the joint venture. If White Rock elects not to contribute, Sandfire can solely fund Stage 3 to earn 80% by completion of a definitive feasibility study.

- o Stage 4: White Rock may elect to contribute to the joint venture. If White Rock elects not to contribute, Sandfire will earn 90% and White Rock's 10% interest will be earned from project cash flow.

- o Project Management: White Rock is entitled to continue managing the project for at least the first year of the earn-in and to be paid a management fee. Ongoing management responsibility of the project will be subject to annual review and after the first year will be at Sandfire's election.

- Anti-dilution Protection - an anti-dilution right enabling Sandfire to maintain its interest in White Rock, subject to obtaining an appropriate ASX waiver.

- Board Nomination Right - a board nomination right enabling Sandfire to nominate a non-executive director

to White Rock's Board should Sandfire's shareholding interest in White Rock reach 15%.

About Sandfire Resources NL:- Sandfire is a leading mid-tier Australian mining company focused on discovering, developing and operating high quality resource assets capable of delivering substantial returns for its shareholders. Sandfire is a leading Australian copper producer which operates the high-grade DeGrussa Copper-Gold Mine, 900 km north of Perth in Western Australia. Sandfire has a growing portfolio of exploration interests and joint ventures in highly prospective mineral provinces around Australia and overseas.

About White Rock Minerals Ltd

White Rock Minerals Ltd (ASX:WRM) is an Australian listed minerals exploration and development company with projects located in northern NSW (gold and silver) and central Alaska (zinc, silver, lead and gold). The White Rock vision is to explore and develop both precious and base metal projects.

White Rock's cornerstone asset is the Mt Carrington epithermal gold-silver project in northern NSW. The Mt Carrington project has great leverage to the Australian gold and silver prices with a positive scoping study providing a path towards feasibility studies and development in the near term.

White Rock is also exploring the Red Mountain project in Alaska. Red Mountain is a globally significant advanced VMS project with high grade zinc and silver in two deposits. White Rock is exploring for additional high grade deposits that will enhance the projects leverage to an upturn in the fortunes of zinc and silver.

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