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UPDATE ON MALAYSIAN OPERATIONS

Lynas Rare Earths Limited (ASX:LYC, OTC:LYSDY) (“Lynas”) provides an update on our Malaysian operations.

COVID-19

The Lynas Malaysia plant continues to operate at reduced rates in line with our commitment to the health and safety of our people and in compliance with the Malaysian Government’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). As the vigorous 3rd wave of COVID-19 in Malaysia persists, Lynas continues to maintain strict health and hygiene protocols, including COVID-19 testing for all staff and contractors prior to entry to the site,

The vaccination of team members is an important step to protect their health and safety and provides a pathway to participate in the Malaysian Government’s recovery plan which includes relaxation of certain constraints for those who have been vaccinated. Lynas Malaysia has participated in the Malaysian Government’s Public/Private COVID-19 Industry Immunisation Programme. To date, 98% of Lynas Malaysia staff have received their first vaccination dose and 94% have received their second dose.

OPERATING LICENCE

The regulator has extended the deadline for satisfaction of the licence condition related to the commencement of construction of the Permanent Disposal Facility (PDF) for WLP residue by 6 months to 2 March 2022. This recognises the constraints presented by current COVID-19 conditions. We continue to engage productively with the relevant government and regulatory authorities to progress the approvals for the PDF.

APPEAL

As announced on 29 July 2021, on 28 July 2021 the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur dismissed the judicial review proceedings commenced by the anti-Lynas activists seeking review of the processes followed by the Government of Malaysia in reaching the August 2019 decision to renew Lynas Malaysia’s fourth operating licence. Lynas has received a notice of appeal by the anti-Lynas activists. Lynas intends to defend the appeal. The Lynas Malaysia plant currently operates under the fifth operating licence granted in February 2020.

These proceedings are the fifth time that a court challenge has been lodged, and all of them have been dismissed. Lynas Malaysia has been the subject of four independent scientific reviews, including two reviews by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Malaysian Government’s 2018 Executive Review Committee. All of the reviews have found that Lynas Malaysia is low risk and compliant with the relevant laws and regulations. The 2015 IAEA Report stated that “...the fears demonstrated by those who oppose the continuation of the operations did not find any support on scientific evidence.”

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