



# NSL Consolidated

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## NSL DRIVES KURNOOL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTO MINERALS INDUSTRY

### HIGHLIGHTS

- NSL participates in Kurnool Investment Planning Session as part of GoAP Economic Development Working Group.
- Workshop covered both Australian Government facilitation of Australian investment and NSL's significant growth plans for the district.
- Site visit conducted to proposed 28,000 acre Orvakal Industrial Park and NSL operations.
- Government officials confirm grant of land for NSL pelletisation plant, bypass road and additional land for future expansion.

Perth-based iron ore miner, NSL Consolidated Limited (Company, ASX: **NSL, NSLO**), is pleased to further update the market regarding progress made by the Company in advancing the development of its iron ore business in India.

The Company has recently participated in an economic development working group hosted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP). The workshops were held in Kurnool City, and was attended by the Consul General to South India Mr Sean Kelly, NSL's Chief Operating Officer Mr Sean Freeman, and key members of both the GoAP and Kurnool Municipal Corporation.



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The GoAP outlined in detail a current snapshot of the District, and outlined the 15 year plan from 2016 to 2031. This included submissions from the Kurnool Municipal Corporation regarding the urbanisation of the

The Kurnool District itself has a population of more than 4 million people. During the workshop it was identified by the GoAP that minerals and agriculture have been selected as the key areas of possible investment sector growth.

The Consul General to South India Mr Sean Kelly represented the Australian Government in the workshops, and discussed modalities for investment and pathways for facilitating Australian company involvement in the District.

NSL were highlighted by both the GoAP and Australian Government as an "Anchor Company" for promoting the potential for future investment into the District.

NSL was given the opportunity to present the Company's Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) Plan for the State, and broad discussions were held around alignment of these platforms into possible growth areas for specific sectors. These key platforms are listed as follows

- Healthcare
- Education and Skill Development
- Agriculture and Water Management
- Sustainable Employment

NSL also briefed the group about the investment strategy for the Company, and the MoU recently executed with the GoAP. The basis of the MoU would position NSL to be producing in excess of 8 million tonnes per annum of iron ore in the newly formed State. In addition, the MoU includes the construction and operation of a centralised pellet plant, again reinforcing NSL's strategy of value addition in the Indian iron ore industry.

The MoU would also realise the generation of 1,800 jobs directly associated with the Company, and an additional 1,000 supporting jobs.

One key enabler to the execution of the MoU was the AP Government committing to the development of the Orvakal Mega Industrial Hub, located in the Kurnool District some 30km from NSL's existing operations. The 28,000 acre hub will include access to water, power, rail and road. The site is also proposed for one of AP's four greenfield airports outlined in the strategic infrastructure plan for the State.

The working group was briefed in detail about the proposed industrial park, including the following key points;

- Location of greenfield airport within the estate,
- Major road infrastructure, including outer and inner ring roads for the city,
- Review of potential sites for NSL's proposed pellet plant and associated value addition activities, and
- Proposed routing of new rail spur extension, water and power access.

Following the completion of the workshop sessions the group conducted an inspection of key points along the proposed Orvakal Industrial Park, including the proposed airport location, education centres and possible locations for NSL's expansion facilities.

The group then moved to a site inspection of NSL's Phase One operations, where a briefing was given regarding the construction and commissioning plan for the Phase Two plant



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During the site inspection NSL were able to receive confirmation from the GoAP for the provision of land to allow a bypass road to be constructed around the Phase 2 wet beneficiation plant, and also access to additional land immediately adjacent to the plant site for future expansions.

The workshops and field visits provide an exciting and progressive step for the conversion of the MoU into real, tangible actions, and maps out pathways that would position NSL to be producing in excess of 8 million tonnes per annum of iron ore in the newly formed State.

The Company looks forward to further updating the market accordingly on the status and progress of the Phase Two wet beneficiation plant.

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