



**CENTREX**

**ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **ARDMORE OPERATIONS & STAGE 1.5 EXPANSION UPDATE**

Centrex Limited (ASX: CXM) ('Centrex' or 'the Company') provides the following update for the Ardmore Rock Phosphate Mine ('Ardmore'), 100% owned by its wholly owned subsidiary, Agriflex Pty Ltd ('Agriflex').

### **BENEFICIATED PHOSPHATE CONCENTRATE SUCCESSFULLY LOADED ABOARD VESSEL FOR SHIPPING**

Centrex is pleased to announce that 7,199t of beneficiated phosphate concentrate was successfully loaded aboard vessel (as per draft survey) in preparation for shipping to an existing customer. The product was loaded aboard vessel on 18-19 May and is scheduled to depart Townsville Port during the morning of 20 May. The Company's next anticipated shipment is scheduled for early June, which is expected to be approximately 15,000t.

### **NEW DRYING AND DRAINING PADS**

Centrex is pleased to report the successful installation of the wet concentrate overflow storage pad and the Northern drying pads (illustrated in Images 1, 2 & 3 below). This work forms part of the Company's Stage 1.5 Expansion initiatives to enhance the company's drying capacity and also to improve drying efficiency,<sup>1</sup> allowing greater quantities of beneficiated phosphate concentrate to be processed, dried and sold.

### **ARRIVAL OF NEW CYCLONE BANKS**

On 17 May, additional cyclone banks arrived at Mt. Isa., which are to be installed as part of the Ardmore processing plant. As previously announced,<sup>2</sup> the Company anticipates the installation and commissioning of these additional cyclone banks during Q2 CY2024.

Upon successful commissioning, these additional cyclone banks are expected to enhance plant separation and efficiency, which will enable higher hourly throughput rates. These higher hourly throughput rates, in combination with night shift processing which commenced on 23 April,<sup>3</sup> is expected to result in a sharp lift in beneficiated phosphate concentrate production throughout the remainder of CY2024. This increased production is expected to lift revenues, enhance operational efficiencies, and reduce operating costs on a per tonne, FOB Townsville basis.

<sup>1</sup> See ASX announcement on 12 March 2024, "Ardmore Phosphate Mine Stage 1.5 Expansion Update".

<sup>2</sup> See ASX announcement on 9 May 2024, "Ardmore Operations & Stage 1.5 Expansion Update".

<sup>3</sup> See ASX announcement on 24 April 2024, "Quarterly Activities Report – March 2024".



**Image 1:** Wet concentrate overflow storage pad. Used for >12% moisture for free draining of water.  
**Status:** 17<sup>th</sup> May, Complete.



**Image 2:** Northern drying pads. Used for <12% moisture for final solar drying.  
**Status:** 19<sup>th</sup> May, Complete



**Image 3: 17<sup>th</sup> May, Overview**

#### MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

Robert Mencil, CEO and Managing Director of Centrex Ltd, commented:

*“Centrex continues to realise concrete milestones for its Stage 1.5 Expansion at Ardmore, positioning the Company to become a major supplier of beneficiated phosphate concentrate. Capital remains allocated in a prudent manner, ensuring the expansion remains on budget and on schedule as previously outlined.<sup>4</sup> During December 2024, upon the conclusion of the Stage 1.5 Expansion, Ardmore will unlock a production run-rate of 625ktpa, transforming it into a highly cashflow positive asset for the Company. The advantage of the greater operational efficiencies provided by the Company’s Stage 1.5 expansion will become increasingly evident as production experiences a substantial increase over Q3 and Q4 CY2024, thanks to the substantial efforts of our team.”*

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<sup>4</sup> See Table 2: Revised Stage 1.5 2024 Capital Expenditure, from ASX announcement on 12 March 2024, “Ardmore Phosphate Mine Stage 1.5 Expansion Update”.

This ASX announcement has been approved and authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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Centrex Limited is looking to secure Australasia's sustainable agriculture future through the exploration and development of its wholly owned Ardmore Phosphate Project and Oxley Potash Project. The products from both projects are necessary ingredients for global food production and human nutrition. The Centrex Limited fertiliser projects are located near to established energy and transport infrastructure that are necessary for access to established agricultural markets. The Company is also continuing its copper-gold-base metal exploration projects near Goulburn in the Lachlan Fold Belt in New South Wales.

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