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Gulf announces Turkish manganese initiative

Gulf Minerals Corporation Limited (**ASX:GMC**) wishes to advise shareholders through GMC's fully owned subsidiary, International Manganese Limited (**IMG**), of an exploration initiative into the highly prospective Turkish manganese endowment.

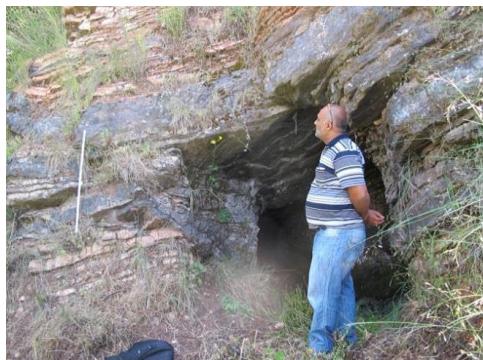
IMG has recently concluded a reconnaissance exploration program to Turkey to investigate the economic possibility of developing a high grade manganese mining operation to supplement the company's proposed Indonesian alloying business and thereby becoming a fully integrated global manganese ore and alloy enterprise covering both the European and Asian regions.

The company has identified 5 potential areas requiring further investigation with insitu manganese grades of 40% plus before upgrading through a simple beneficiation process.

Due to the unique geology and investor friendly mining laws, Turkey ranks as one of the world's most promising and dynamic mining destinations. The mineral potential stems from the geological setting straddling some 1,300 kms segment of the Tethyan Metallogenic Belt (TMB). The TMB is one of the world's major metallogenic belts hosting many volcanogenic massive sulphide, porphyry type, skarn, hydrothermal and magmatic deposits. Mineral endowment and economic potential of the TMB is comparable to the Andes and southwest Pacific metallogenic belts.

Over the past decade, Turkey has embarked on a comprehensive structural reform program in order to improve its investment climate. A new Foreign Direct Investment law was introduced in 2003, the corporate tax rate decreased to 20% down from 33%, and all bureaucratic hurdles were removed. Investors in the mining sector can benefit from many incentive instruments, ranging from VAT and customs duty exemption to tax reduction, social security premium and interest payment support. Mining investments are granted "specific priority investments" status making Turkey a stable and safe harbour for investment.

GMC's Exploration Director, Peter Williams, commented.... "Because Turkey is still relatively under explored, and its portion of the entire TMB is the least explored, this indicates the country may contain exciting prospects for discoveries of large scale economic deposits".



Turkish Market Overview

Driven by private consumption and supported by a stable macroeconomic policy framework, the Turkish economy has grown significantly since the country emerged from the 2001 financial crisis. Between 2002 and 2008, Turkey's GDP experienced an annual average growth of 5.8%, versus 1.8% in the EU. Due to global turmoil in 2009 Turkey's GDP declined to US\$614 bn, but rebounded in 2010, reaching US\$729 bn and making Turkey the 16th largest economy in the world.

Restructuring of the banking sector, monetary discipline based on independence of the Central Bank and a floating exchange rate regime, tight fiscal policy, public administration reform, and the EU accession process with reform packages enacted by the Parliament all contributed to the transformation of the country after the 2001 crisis.

Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) inflows to Turkey declined in 2009 from a high of US\$22 bn in 2007. FDI remained low in 2010 at US\$8.9 bn, although this was sufficient for Turkey to be ranked 15th globally.

Since the 2001 crisis the economy has been buoyant. It remains two notches below investment-grade credit rating with inflation in single figures and the economic outlook is promising. Public debt is below 50%. Turkey is knocking on the door of the BRICs club of emerging giants and today is perceived as "Europe's BRIC" or "the China of Europe". Some economists suggest that over the next decade, Turkey's growth will match or exceed that of any country except China and India.

Extract from PWC publication "Doing Business in Turkey" (refer www.pwc.com/tr)

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About Gulf Minerals Corporation Limited

Gulf Minerals Corporation Limited is an Australian registered company (ACN 059 954 317) listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: GMC) with its head office in Perth, Western Australia.

The company, through its fully owned subsidiary International Manganese Group (IMG) is developing an ASEAN focused manganese ore and alloy producer. The facilities based in the West Timor capital Kupang will take advantage of the low cost of ore, labour and power being the majority of operating costs. Production will be a premium quality 78% ferromanganese alloy resulting from the unique qualities of the Indonesian high-grade low impurities manganese ore.

Value adding ores is strongly encouraged by the Indonesian Government to enrich the country's mineral endowment thereby enhancing the economy and creating employment.

All initiatives to value adding have full support from all levels of government and IMG will benefit from the Government's Financial Incentives Programme which effectively will result in a 5 year tax holiday, together with other tax exemptions.

The company owns copper tenements in the Northern Territory of Australia with two joint ventures, one with Redbank Copper Limited (www.redbankcopper.com.au) and the other with the Canadian uranium group Laramide Resources Limited (www.laramide.com) for copper and uranium. Laramide's adjacent Westmoreland uranium deposit has a 51.9 million pound uranium resource (company statements).

It is proposed to undertake an Initial Public Offering later this year of the company's subsidiary International Manganese Group Limited on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Stock Exchange raising AUD\$25m. Gulf Minerals will retain a 40% holding in the listed IMG.



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Manganese Ore and Alloy Developer

Gulf Minerals Corporation Limited, through fully owned subsidiary International Manganese Group Limited, propose to develop an alloying smelter facility based in West Timor, Indonesia taking full advantage of low cost low impurity high grade manganese ore, beneficial labour cost, modest power cost and tax incentives.

Production will be a 78% ferromanganese alloy resulting from unique characteristics of the Indonesian ore blended with overseas ores to enhance iron content producing a cost effective premium quality alloy.

It is proposed to build 8 furnaces over a 4 year period with a total capital cost of \$36m funded by a Q1 2015 \$25m IPO on the Catalyst Board of the Singapore Stock Exchange and operational cash flow.

Each furnace has a capacity of 20,000 tonnes alloy production per year with power supplied by a third party on a user pay basis.

The first 2 furnaces will be built during 2015, coming on line January 2016, with a further 2 each year.

Production costs will be \$813/tonne alloy (global average \$999/tonne). The current market price for high carbon ferromanganese alloy is \$1060/tonne.

