

The Boards of Kogi Iron Limited (ASX: KFE, 'Kogi' or 'the Company') and KCM Mining Limited (KCM) are pleased to provide this update to all stakeholders, shareholders, interested parties and potential new investors in our advanced Nigerian cast steel project.

### "Stop Press – COVID19"

Equity markets have struggled in recent weeks as they react to the news that coronavirus, COVID19, has moved beyond the borders of China, into Europe, Iran and other parts of the world. The market has recently fallen 10% on the ASX S&P 200 Index.

Due to this nervousness, Kogi Iron's shares have come under recent selling pressure and our upcoming equity capital raising has been questioned by some. I'm pleased to say that the unique investment opportunity of our Agbaja Cast Steel Project in Nigeria is being favourably viewed by potential new cornerstone investors and our fundraising will proceed when Equity Markets stabilise.

David Turvey – Managing Director



### 2. Irimi - Okpaka Water Bore.

Ongoing site works included pump drawdown tests and water quality tests, prior to filling of header tanks (Note: interested parties in the background shade).



## The AGBAJA CAST STEEL PROJECT

### "A Project of National Significance"

The Company has been busy during January and February and is pleased to provide this update of the latest activities on our advanced Agbaja Cast Steel Project in Nigeria, west Africa (Project).

### Agbaja Plateau Community Development Plan

The KCM Mining team has been coordinating and implementing activities on our Community Development Agreement (CDA). We continue to receive positive feedback from the Community and the KCM team members can be proud of their achievements.

#### 1. Repair and Maintenance of KCM's Sample Shed.

Local community members and local contractors were engaged in repair and maintenance of KCM's sample storage facility at Agbaja (refer adjacent photo).

Our work on preservation of previous drilling samples provided a useful example to the Community on their importance to KCM Mining, despite the interests of the local children saying "why are they storing dirt".

Additional Community programs are planned in 2020 under our Community Development Agreement, with an ongoing commitment to local education, health & safety, infrastructure and environment.

KCM Mining has received quotes from local civil works contractors for planned excavation of a trial mining pit ~30m x 30m x 5m deep to produce stockpiles of overburden and iron ore for characterisation tests, water studies, building material and agriculture studies.

The community will be briefed and involved in this Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) exercise to show and perpetuate the positive benefits of mining based on sustainable principles.

#### KFE Capital Summary

Ordinary Shares: 774,061,174  
Listed Options: 142,328,948  
Performance Rights: 26m  
Share price: \$0.05  
Market capitalisation: \$39m

#### Board of Directors

Mr Greg Boulton AM – *Non-Executive Chairman*  
Mr David Turvey – *Managing Director*  
Mr Don Carroll – *Non-Executive Director*  
Mr Peter Huljich – *Non-Executive Director*

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## Government of Nigeria - Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (MMSD)

The Honourable Minister - Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite, Ministry for Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria held half day seminars in London 21st January and Indaba Conference Cape Town 5th February on the status and progress of the mining industry in Nigeria.

On request of the Minister, Kogi Iron/KCM contributed to panel discussions and presented an update on the Agbaja Steel Project. Positive feedback was received on our commitment and professionalism in evaluation and progressing towards development of the Project.



**Honourable Minister MMSD - Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite (centre), Mr Edet Sunday Akpan – Permanent Secretary MMSD (LHS photo, dark suit), Ms. Claire Ireland – Australia’s High Commissioner to Nigeria (rear LHS photo)**

Private side meetings with the Minister related to Government support and facilitation of the Agbaja Project and possible working relationships with the current MMSD - World Bank MinDiver Project.



**Honourable Minister MMSD, Nigeria and Mr. David Turvey – Managing Director, Kogi Iron Limited.**

David Turvey commented:

*“The Company has established strong dialogue and working relationships with the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria. This bodes well for ongoing Government support in progressing our Agbaja Project as the first iron ore and integrated steel producer in Nigeria”.*

## MMSD – World Bank MinDiver Project (MinDiver)

During Indaba Cape Town 2020, The Honourable Minister - Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite called a briefing meeting to discuss working relationships and a proposed application by the Company for Project related capacity building and ESG funding by the current MMSD - World Bank MinDiver Project.



**Honourable Minister MMSD - Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite (centre), Mr Christopher Sheldon – Energy & Extractives Practice Manager, World Bank Group (LHS photo) and Mr Edet S. Akpan – Permanent Secretary MMSD (RHS photo)**

Based on the importance of the Agbaja Steel Project to the economy of Nigeria, it was agreed that the MinDiver Committee consider the Company’s proposed application relative to their mandate and commitments and the current Community Development Agreement.

On request of the Minister MMSD, the Company’s Managing Director was interviewed by the media officer for the MMSD – World Bank MinDiver Project. This interview is planned to be published in an upcoming ~bi-monthly MinDiver Newsletter and, if so, will be distributed to all stakeholders and interested parties – stay tuned.

In subsequent discussions at the Indaba Conference, senior officers of the World Bank Group reinforced the importance of sustainability principles to the development of the Agbaja Iron Ore and Steel Project.

Significant opportunities were seen for local and regional Communities, for growth of the Nigerian economy, and for transparent global scrutiny to enable support of new large-scale industrial projects in emerging countries. Opportunities for near-term and long-term local employment and local business included water management, building products (bricks, tiles and cement additives) and enhanced agricultural productivity.

## Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS)

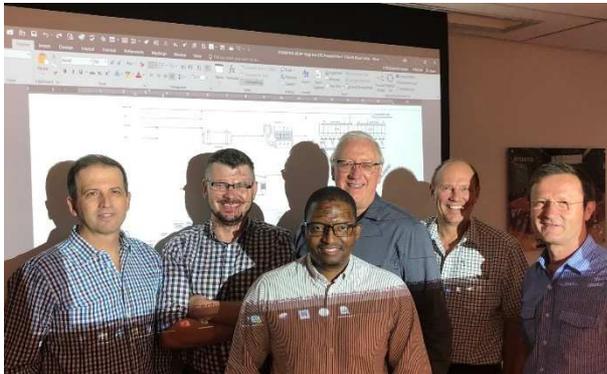
Meetings were held with international accredited consultant groups on key areas of the Feasibility Study. Discussion focussed on tightening and staging the scopes

of work and deliverables, completion schedules, costs and decision trees.

- Mintek, Tenova (study manager) and SGS Bateman on Steel Process Optimisation Tests and Plant Design Engineering Study.

A meeting in Johannesburg 6<sup>th</sup> February focussed on the key importance of pilot scale refining tests for dephosphorisation of steel, to be conducted in Sweden. The critical path timeline for steel test work was identified for direct reduced iron (DRI) tests in the USA using Agbaja iron ore concentrates and local coal (reductant), as confirmation of previous tests at Torex, Russia.

Tenova has prepared a revised proposal for review by the Company (pending), finalisation and implementation subject to funding.



**Tenova and Mintek “pyro-gurus” seemingly happy with David Turvey – KFE’s Managing Director (blindingly front lit by the proposed Agbaja steel process flow sheet)**

The revised Tenova proposal will include estimates of process wastes and waste management systems. This information will be provided and used by the independent Environmental Consultant (Lantosman) for completion of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the proposed Agbaja Steel Project and to progress the approvals process.

- Fastmarkets UK were met in London to discuss and agree on options for staged scopes of work for market studies involving a) global business structures for steel billet producers and exporters, b) domestic Nigerian and regional west Africa steel markets, c) potential and key target customers for steel billet in Nigeria and parameters for conditional market offtake contracts.
- Infrastructure & Power Options were discussed at meetings with various international engineering groups involved in recent or current power plant construction and delivery projects in Africa – a very active business space.

Both MMSD and World Bank referred power groups with relevant expertise to contact the Company.

## Fundraising

The Company is proceeding with raising ~US\$8 million funds (~A\$12M) for use on all aspects of the Feasibility Study, corporate activities as well as working capital to take the project towards financial close.

The Managing Director held meetings late in January – early February with pre-briefed and interested “high net worth investors and specialist resource funds” during a targeted fundraising roadshow in Europe, London and North America. Preparation for staged fundraising has progressed with interested parties despite market volatility due to COVID19, with completion in due course.

In the interim, the Company has adequate funds to progress important “on-ground works” aligned to Government and World Bank MinDiver relationships, especially on Environmental, Social and Governance matters and our current Community Development Agreement.

Our ESG credentials, though often viewed as intangible, are seen of highest importance by the Board in order to promote the global merits of the Agbaja Steel Project and support robust project financing structures.

In conjunction with the roadshow, the Managing Director presented the Company’s Agbaja Steel Project at the 121 Investment Conference, Cape Town 3-4<sup>th</sup> February. Several interested investor groups were identified and provided with follow-up information to support possible future stages of fundraising.

The 121 Conference organisers conducted an interview with the Company’s Managing Director that has recently been released via YouTube video and subsequently placed on the Company website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeSvjiUJr4k>

Side meetings with potential new investors were held at the Indaba Conference 3-5 February, including African Development Banks, International and African engineering and industrial companies, and steel industry fabricators in Nigeria (potential customers and partners).

## Planned Future Activities

- Completion of staged fundraising ~US\$8M.
- Finalise scope and implement steel optimisation test work and plant design engineering via Tenova RSA.
- Visit Nigeria ~13-19<sup>th</sup> March for meetings in Lagos, Abuja and a site visit to Agbaja/Lokoja to meet the Community and the Olu (paramount ruler).
- Progress relationships and agreements with MMSD and World Bank’s MinDiver Project.
- Plan and initiate small-scale trial mining as part of the Community Development Agreement relative to Mining Lease conditions.

- Initiate staged market studies and conditional offtake agreements.
- Attend and present at Africa Down Under Conference, Perth 2-4 September 2020.
- Attend and present at Nigeria Mining Week, Abuja on 26-28 October 2020 with Chairman / Directors.

**What you may not know about “our recent past Chairman and newly appointed Non-Executive Director”, Mr Don Carroll**

For and on behalf of the Board  
David Turvey  
Managing Director

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1. Is the longest-term member of the Board and “seer of past knowledge, comings-goings & doings”?
2. He has corporate experience and contacts via the Big Australian (BHP not Clive)
3. He is an advisor to EMR Capital (Mr Copper – Owen Hegarty) and sundry financiers
4. Spent 6 years living in Hong Kong, 3 years in Japan and 2 years in India
5. Founding director of the Cathy Freeman Foundation, dedicated to ‘closing the gap’ in indigenous education
6. He prefers a Chablis to a Chardonnay

**Chairman of Kogi Iron Limited, Greg Boulton commented:**

*“It’s pleasing that our Agbaja Cast Steel Project is receiving due recognition and support by the Nigerian Government and is on the radar of international finance groups.*

*“Momentum for the Company is building based on our recent capital raisings, corporate activities and clear priority for an ESG approach to business.*

*Ongoing shareholder support is essential during this difficult time with coronavirus COVID19. We are pleased with the level of interest by potential new “cornerstone shareholders” and remain confident of funding at fair value to complete our Feasibility Studies.*

*We look forward to updating all stakeholders with details of progress during this exciting time for the Company”.*