

## Experienced mining executive to lead Hawsons Iron Project team

### Key points

- **Experienced mining executive Andre du Preez joins Hawsons as Project Director**
- **Appointment made as Bankable Feasibility Study approaches activity peak**
- **Managing Director Bryan Granzien to increase focus on corporate affairs**

Hawsons Iron Ltd (**Hawsons** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Andre du Preez to lead the Hawsons Iron Project Team as Project Director responsible for the successful completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study, construction and operation of the mine.

Mr du Preez is a senior mining executive with 30 years' experience in the resources sector and a successful track record of evaluating and delivering major capital projects for top tier multinational companies across broad portfolios, business units, geographic locations and commodity groups.

Managing Director Bryan Granzien said the appointment of a Project Director had always been part of the strategic plan to provide additional skilled leadership as work on the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) intensified.

"Andre is coming on board at a critical point in the BFS cycle because we and our large team of global consultants are now approaching a peak in activity on the evaluation, analysis and design work underway on the various aspects of the project," he said.

"His appointment will also now enable me to focus more on corporate affairs, including our engagement with potential product off-takers, banks and financial institutions, and managing key relationships with a broadening range of stakeholders in NSW and South Australia."

As Project Director, Mr du Preez will take responsibility for leading the BFS and for its completion on time within budget. He will then lead development of the Hawsons Iron Project from detailed design through construction to commissioning and handover.

Mr Granzien said Mr du Preez, who has a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Project Management and a Bachelor of Science with a major in mining, possessed a rare and sought after combination of technical, management and leadership skills.

Mr du Preez operates his own consultancy, but previously worked for ASX-listed New Hope Corporation Limited from 2011 to 2020 – the last five years as Project Development Manager with responsibility for the coal miner's \$6 billion portfolio of resource projects.

Prior to that Mr du Preez worked as the Regional Development Manager for the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), having previously worked abroad for Anglo American, SASOL and Harmony Gold.

Mr du Preez will report to Mr Granzien and start in the role on Monday, 11 July 2022.

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**About Hawsons Iron Ltd**

Hawsons Iron Ltd (ASX: HIO) is an iron ore developer and producer listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The company is focused on developing its flagship Hawsons Iron Project near Broken Hill into a premium provider of high-quality iron ore products for the global steel industry.

**The Hawsons Iron Project** is situated 60km southwest of Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia in the emerging Braemar Iron Province. Prefeasibility Study (PFS) results for the Project, which was completed in 2017, showed that it is capable of producing the world's highest-grade iron product (70% Fe), making it the world's leading undeveloped high-quality iron ore concentrate and pellet feed project. Leading research firm Wood Mackenzie in Q2 FY 2019 rated the project one of the world's best high-grade iron ore development projects, excluding replacement or expansion projects owned by the established miners.

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