



Orion Minerals

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Orion Minerals concludes an agreement to further strengthen its BEE partnership

Introduction of Safika Resources as a key BEE partner in Prieska Resources

- ▶ **Safika Resources to become a key member of Orion's BEE partner company Prieska Resources.**
- ▶ **Safika Resources is a successful BEE mining and exploration company operating in South Africa's Northern Cape since 2006.**
- ▶ **Safika's addition further strengthens the existing BEE partnerships within Prieska Resources.**
- ▶ **Demonstrates Orion's commitment to further broadening its BEE and beneficiary base.**

Orion Minerals Limited (**ASX/JSE: ORN**) (**Orion** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has further strengthened its black economic empowerment (**BEE**) partnership in Prieska Resources, by welcoming Safika Resources on board as a key partner.

Further to the announcement of a ground-breaking BEE transaction on 14 April 2019, Orion and the founding members of Prieska Resources, its BEE company, have concluded an MOU to include Safika Resources in its BEE shareholding.

Prieska Resources will ultimately hold a 20% stake in the Prieska Copper-Zinc Project, while Prieska Resources' shareholding will initially be made up of Safika Resources, Black Star and the Kolobe Nala Investment Company as follows:

BEE Partner	Ownership of the Prieska Resources	Principals
Safika Resources (Safika)	44.72%	Saki Macozoma Moss Ngoasheng Justin Pitt
Black Star Minerals (Pty) Ltd (Black Star)	17.31%	Jowell Tobias Sharon Matthews Johanna Tobias
Kolobe Nala Investment Company (Pty) Ltd (KNI)	37.97%	Billy Mawasha

Black Star, who led the initiative to broaden the BEE participation and together with Orion formed the alliance with Safika Resources, has the right (subject to the meeting of specified milestones being delivered) to increase its holding in Prieska Resources so that the final holding would be as follows:

BEE Partner	Ownership of the Prieska Resources	Principals
Safika	39.75%	Saki Macozoma Moss Ngoasheng Justin Pitt
Black Star	27.25%	Jowell Tobias Sharon Matthews Johanna Tobias
KNI	33.00%	Billy Mawasha

About Safika Resources

Safika Resources is predominantly invested in manganese through its investment in and management of Ntsimbintle Holdings, which owns an effective 37% stake in Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining. Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining, in partnership with Australia's Jupiter Mines (ASX/JSE: JMS), mines Tshipi Borwa, an open-pit manganese mine situated in South Africa's Northern Cape Province.

Tshipi Borwa, came into production in 2012 and currently produces in excess of three million tonnes of manganese per year achieving South Africa's largest manganese ore exports in 2018. Ntsimbintle Holdings also holds a 9% stake in Hotazel Manganese Mine and an extensive portfolio of prospecting rights and strategic partnership investments.

In addition to its extensive operational experience, Safika and its subsidiaries have exemplary community relations and through its support of community structures has touched the lives of thousands. Safika has demonstrated real transformation by honouring communities hosting their mining operations.

Orion's Managing Director and CEO, Errol Smart, commented:

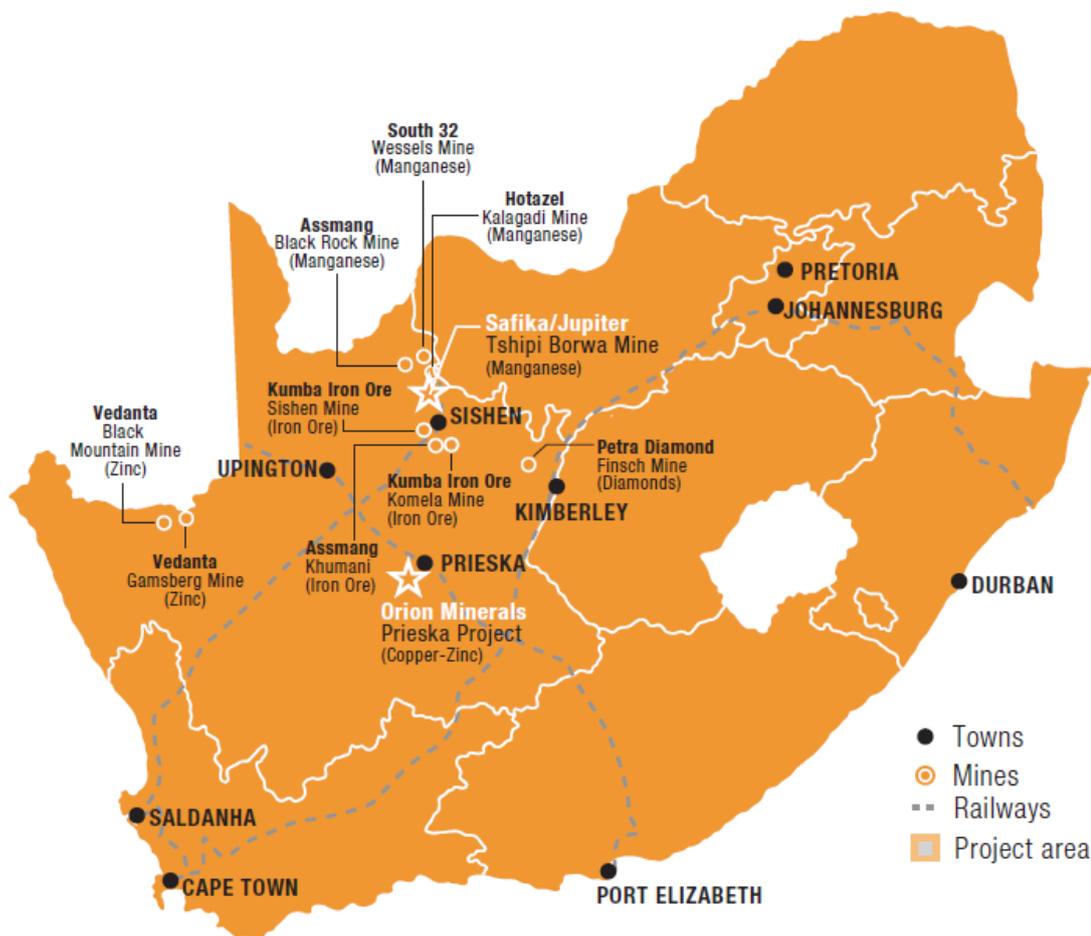
"We are delighted to welcome Safika as a partner in our Northern Cape mining ventures. To us, Safika represents an ideal business partner in the Northern Cape. As a majority black owned business that founded an extremely successful mining operation by taking it from a grassroots beginnings by securing undeveloped Prospecting Rights, to now holding one of the largest interests in, and management of, one of South Africa's most successful mining ventures and one of the world's top manganese producers, is a tremendous badge of success. Safika's success demonstrates the potential for successful exploration and mining in the Northern Cape.

What has impressed us most is Safika's ethical approach to business and its extremely strong commitment to the community and stakeholders, which matches our own aspirations as we move to developing Prieska as a Tier 1 base metal producer and unlocking value from our large exploration holdings."

Safika Chairman, Saki Macozoma, commented:

"This transaction with Orion sees us further entrench our position with fellow Northern Cape shareholders to diversify into Copper and Zinc in the near term. We look forward to replicating our success in manganese achieved in the Tshipi é Ntle, Tshipi Borwa mine that broke ground in Q4 2011 and was the largest manganese ore exporter from South Africa in 2018. The development of the Prieska mine should be another material boost to the Northern Cape economy."

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