**Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary – Thunderbird Project Operations Phase 1. PROJECT DETAILS**

**Designated project proponent:** Sheffield Resources Limited (SFX)

**Description of the project:** The Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project (“**Thunderbird**” or the “**Project**”) envisages SFX as owner, operator and manager of Thunderbird, developing of the world’s largest mineral sands deposit discovered in the last 30 years with a dry mining and processing operation to become a globally important producer of premium grade zircon, premium grade ilmenite and associated co-products

**Estimated project value:** AUD 500 million+

**Project location:** Kimberley Region, WA

**Link to project information:** [www.sheffieldresources.com.au](http://www.sheffieldresources.com.au)

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**Other project proponents involved in the project:** If applicable, provide the other project proponents’ names

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**2. OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPLY GOODS AND SERVICES**

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| **Expected opportunities** | **Opportunities for  Australian entities** | **Opportunities for  non-Australian entities** |
| **Goods** | | |
| Mining related goods & maintenance materials | Yes | Yes |
| Processing materials | Yes | Yes |
| Gas supplies | Yes | No |
| Electricity generation & maintenance materials | Yes | No |
| Electrical goods | Yes | Yes |
| Water Supply goods | Yes | Yes |
| Reagents | Yes | Yes |
| IT & Communications supplies | Yes | Yes |
| Administration & Logistics supplies | Yes | Yes |
| **Services** | | |
| Maintenance services | Yes | No |
| Engineering consulting | Yes | No |
| Transport services | Yes | No |
| Administration services | Yes | No |

Note: The information is based on a preliminary assessment by the company

1. **STANDARDS PROPOSED FOR USE IN THE PROJECT**

Australian Standards shall apply and Australian suppliers engaged by the Company shall be capable of meeting Australian standards. International standards will apply where there are no applicable Australian Standards

1. **AIP ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT**

 Sheffield is a standing member of local chambers of commerce and mining industry associations.

Sheffield contributes to these forums by communicating key requirements for service providers to follow when considering contracting structures for the Project.

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* The Company is developing and continues to monitor local and Australia wide suppliers through its own databases. To date, suppliers have been invited to register their interest and this practice and opportunity will be continued going forward.
* Sheffield regularly hosts events within the local business community, targeting & inviting businesses able to supply services to the Project to engage with the Company and solicit feedback on potential business opportunities along with an explanation of pre-requisite requirements for local and Australian content.

**5. AIP ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY PROCUREMENT ENTITIES**

Sheffield will also require any appointed procurement entity to comply with the requirements of the approved AIP plan as part of the engagement. This includes:

* Briefing sessions for all suppliers, inviting Expressions of Interest and outlining tender timeframes;
* Ensuring all parties are provided with ample (and equal) time to respond to tenders and soliciting feedback on tender process;
* Ensuring requests for extensions of time during tenders considered upon request and are offered to all parties;
* Ensuring all parties comply with tender response criteria;
* Ensuring confidentiality in tender processes;
* Providing feedback to parties in the event that material deficiencies in a tender submission are readily identified upon submission.

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