

## **KALBAR COMPLETES FINGERBOARDS FUNDING**

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Kalbar Limited's operating subsidiary, Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd, ("Company") proponent of the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project, announced on 17 March 2020 that it had signed a joint venture partnership securing \$144 million in project financing for the proposed mine at Glenaladale with a long-term, UK based metals and mining investor as strategic partner.

Kalbar now advises that the Conditions Precedent of the Agreement have been met and funding of the joint venture has commenced by the strategic partner, whose name can now be made public as Appian Capital Advisory LLP ("Appian"). Appian is the investment advisor to long-term value focused private equity funds that invest solely in mining and mining related companies, with global experience across South America, North America, Australia and Africa and a successful track record of supporting companies to achieve their development targets, with a global operating portfolio overseeing around 3,000 personnel.

Appian's A\$144 million commitment will take Kalbar's Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project to a final investment decision and, if approved, into construction and commissioning. At final investment decision Appian is expected to hold ~18% in the Company and therefore the Fingerboards Project, rising to 41-54% on Project Completion with the final Company and project ownership interest figure based on the need for contingent funding by the Company from Appian. Appian made its investment through its Appian Natural Resources Fund II LP. Appian has a belief in strong safety, social and environmental performance as a key to creating long term value. Appian is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment, a World Bank partner in Africa, and committed to global best practice as defined by the International Council on Metals and Mining. The company will also look to support Kalbar's community programs through its philanthropic vehicle, the Appian Way Charitable Foundation, which recently oversaw a \$600,000 contribution to aid the response to COVID-19 in Brazil.

Kalbar Chair, Dr Farrell said: "Kalbar looks forward to working in partnership with Appian to turn Kalbar's vision for the Fingerboards Project into reality; unlocking the economic benefits of the Fingerboards resource by the development of a globally significant, long-term, zircon

and rare earth dominant mineral sands project for the benefit of the East Gippsland Region which has been heavily impacted by drought, bushfires and COVID-19. The Fingerboards Project will create ~200 jobs during Fingerboards' construction, as well as 200 ongoing operational jobs and will support local businesses, suppliers and services as well as paying taxes and royalties to the Victorian government as well as earning significant export income for the country."

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