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Genmin advancing development of Baniaka, resumes trading on ASX & completes \$23.4M fundraising

Highlights

- Genmin to recommence trading on the ASX today
- Placement and entitlement offer completed, and taken together raised approximately \$23.4 million before costs
- Strong Board and major shareholder leadership in the fundraising with Genmin directors contributing \$1.94 million and Tembo Capital subscribing for 100% of its entitlement (approximately \$8.3 million)
- Genmin is now debt free and has received cash of approximately \$13.2 million after brokerage costs, repayment of the Tembo Capital loans, and other creditor offsets
- Business continues to operate normally in Gabon with ongoing stability and a proactive new government actively promoting and streamlining timeframes for new economic development
- Solid platform put in place in 2023 for exciting next phase of growth, including:
 - Receipt of a large-scale, 20-year mining permit and certificate of environmental conformance (environmental approval) providing regulatory approval to build and operate Baniaka
 - Securing long-term access to major energy and transport infrastructure with the signing of a 20-year agreement for the supply of clean, renewable electricity, and a 15-year integrated rail and port agreement enabling the transport and export of iron ore to global markets
 - Expanding the portfolio of non-binding Memoranda of Understanding to four Chinese counterparties for potential total offtake of 19 million tonnes of Baniaka Green® iron ore products
- Genmin's full focus now shifts to finalising project build financing and then building Baniaka, with commencement of commercial production targeted for mid-2025
- Genmin is in discussions with several potential financing partners including two of its Chinese offtake counterparties
- Foster Stockbroking and MST Financial acted as joint lead managers for the fundraising

Emerging African iron ore producer, Genmin Limited (**Genmin** or the **Company**) (ASX: GEN) is pleased to confirm the results of the fundraising commenced on 7 February 2024, and to provide an update on operational activities including the recommencement today, of the Company's shares trading on the ASX.

Managing Director & CEO, Joe Ariti commented: "We are delighted our shares resumed trading on ASX today after a seven-month hiatus and also to have completed a \$23.4 million fundraising. Today, we have the mining approvals needed to build and operate Baniaka, we have cleared all loan debt, and we have cash to support our operations whilst we concentrate on delivering the next major milestone of project financing to build Baniaka".

He added: "We deeply appreciate the patience of our existing shareholders whilst our shares were not trading, and welcome the new investors to Genmin and thank them, and our existing shareholders alike for their strong support in the fundraising. I also extend my thanks to Tembo Capital for providing working capital support when needed

and my fellow board members and our team, who worked tirelessly to carefully navigate the external challenges we encountered during 2023”.

The now complete \$23.4 million fundraising comprised a Placement (which raised approximately \$13.2 million) and an Entitlement Offer (which raised approximately \$10.2 million), which were both strongly supported by Genmin’s Board, and major shareholder Tembo Capital, and other near or around 5% sophisticated and institutional shareholders. Approximately 233.7 million new shares and 117.4 million new options (\$0.20 exercise price, expiring 31 March 2026) were issued pursuant to the fundraising, increasing the number of shares and options on issue to 685.2 million and 117.9 million respectively.

Gabon

On 30 August 2023, a peaceful regime change occurred in Gabon. Genmin was encouraged by how quickly day-to-day activities returned to normal throughout Gabon, and the prompt and peaceful nature of the appointment of a transitional President, Prime Minister, government, and parliament reinforce the ongoing stability in the country, which remains in place today.

Baniaka

Genmin owns 100% of the pre-development Baniaka iron ore project (**Baniaka**) located in Gabon, west Central Africa (Figure 1). Baniaka has been awarded a large-scale, 20-year mining permit and certificate of environmental conformance, together providing regulatory approval for Genmin to build and operate the project, which is expected to be Gabon’s first iron ore mine.

Genmin proposes to develop Baniaka at an initial production rate of 5 million tonnes per annum (**Mtpa**), with commencement of commercial operations targeted for mid-2025. Procurement of project build financing is the next major milestone to be achieved, and Genmin is engaged in discussions with several potential financing partners, including two of its Chinese offtake counterparties.

In November 2022, Genmin completed a Preliminary Feasibility Study for Baniaka, which demonstrated the economic robustness of the initial ten year, 5Mtpa scalable open pit mining operation using a simple, proven wet iron ore processing flowsheet and leveraging existing clean, renewable hydroelectricity capacity and, rail and port infrastructure. With an after-tax net present value of AU\$600 million and an internal rate of return of 38% at an average iron ore price of US\$97 per tonne over life of mine, the financial metrics are compelling (refer ASX announcement dated 16 November 2022 titled *Positive Baniaka PFS*).

Baniaka is favourably situated adjacent to existing and operating renewable energy and bulk commodity transport infrastructure, to which long-term access for commercial operations was secured during 2023. A 20-year, long-term commercial agreement for the supply of clean, renewable hydroelectricity and a 15-year, integrated rail, and port agreement were both signed in February 2023 (refer ASX announcements dated 1 February 2023 and 21 February 2023 titled *Genmin signs long-term power agreement for Baniaka* and *Long-term, 15-year integrated rail and port agreement signed* respectively).

During 2023, the Company also successfully trademarked Baniaka Green® enabling it to build a market brand conveying the greener attributes of all iron ore products sourced from Baniaka and made significant progress on positioning Baniaka Green® in the Chinese market to support the green steel transition. Four Memoranda of Understanding (**MoU**) have now been signed by Genmin and remain in effect for potential total offtake of 19Mt of Baniaka Green® Fines, Lump and Pellet Feed products over initial terms of two or three years as set out in the following table.

Non-binding offtake MoUs with Chinese counterparties

MoU Counterparty	Term	Mtpa	Total (Mt)
Baowu Resources Co. Ltd	2 years	2.1	4.2
Jianlong Group	2 years	2.0	4.0
Hunan Iron & Steel	2 years	2.4	4.8
China Minmetals Corporation	3 years	2.0	6.0

Counterparties to the MoUs include three large, vertically integrated groups within the top 15 global steel producers. The Company is continuing to work with these counterparties to convert the MoUs to full form binding agreements.

Next steps

Against a backdrop of a new government actively promoting and streamlining time frames for new economic development in Gabon, Genmin now turns its full attention in 2024 to firstly finalising project build financing and then to commencing the development of Baniaka.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Genmin Limited.

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About Genmin

Genmin Limited (ASX: GEN) is an ASX-listed emerging African iron ore producer with a pipeline of projects in the Republic of Gabon, west Central Africa. The Company has 100% interests in three projects comprising one granted exploitation (mining) licence and six granted exploration licences covering approximately 5,064km².

Genmin’s flagship Baniaka and nearby Bakoumba iron ore projects are in south-east Gabon and provide an emerging iron ore hub near the Haut-Ogooué provincial capital city of Franceville. The hub is favourably situated adjacent to existing and operating bulk commodity transport and renewable energy infrastructure, to which Baniaka has secured long-term access for commercial operations.

Baniaka has defined JORC Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimates, and significant potential resource upside. It has received environmental approval (certificate of environmental conformance) and has been issued a large-

scale, 20-year mining permit. The mining permit in conjunction with the certificate of environmental conformance provides regulatory approval for Genmin to build and operate Baniaka, which is expected to be Gabon's first iron ore mine.

The Company proposes to develop Baniaka at an initial rate of 5Mtpa and to increase scale over time to at least 10Mtpa. Commencement of commercial production is targeted for mid-2025 with project build financing the next milestone to be achieved. Genmin is engaged in discussions with several potential financing partners.

Genmin has additional exploration tenure prospective for polymetallic mineralisation at its Bitam project in the north-west of Gabon located near the Woleu-Ntem provincial capital of Oyem.

Confirmation

The Production Targets for Baniaka were presented in an announcement released on 16 November 2022 "Positive Baniaka PFS" and is available to view at www.genmingroup.com/investors/asx-announcements. Genmin confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement for Baniaka and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimated Production Targets in the relevant market announcement for Baniaka continue to apply and have not materially changed.



Figure 1: Location map of Genmin's projects in Gabon