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TIOMIN RESOURCES INC. UPDATE ON THE KWALE TITANIUM PROJECT.

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The mineral samples collected in the drilling program currently being completed on the Kwale titanium project will be used in an optimization program in designing the operating parameters for the next phase of the pilot plant operation. The samples collected will be tested in conjunction with various sources of process water. These results will help define the best operating parameters of Tiomin's pilot plant and contribute in identifying the optimal materials handling system for tailings. Several commercial tailings handling technologies will be tested on a large scale during the next pilot plant campaign scheduled to commence in late June. The conclusions reached in this test program will then be integrated in an updated feasibility study and may result in achieving lower capital and lower operating costs than previously estimated.

Tiomin anticipates having signed long term sales contracts for a significant portion of its anticipated output of 330,000 tpa of ilmenite, 77,000 tpa of rutile and 37,000 tpa of zircon, and having finalized plans for the construction of the mining complex, including provisions for the shiploading facility, prior to year end.

The Kwale Mining Lease is now expected to be issued on May 4th, being the 90th day following the publication of the third advertisement of the publication of the mining lease approval in the Government of Kenya Gazette as required by the Mining Code.

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