

Greenland Minerals Ltd

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Greenland Minerals confident Kvanefjeld project can help meet long-term demand for rare earths

Greenland Minerals Ltd (ASX:GGG) is confident its Kvanefjeld project in Greenland is well-placed to take advantage of the long-term robust outlook for rare earth elements (REEs).

Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on demand, prices for the full suite of rare earth elements have held their own during 2020 and the outlook is highly encouraging.

ADAMAS Intelligence has forecast that global annual demand for magnet rare earth oxides such as neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium and terbium will increase by 150% through to 2030.

Upward pressure on prices

Meeting this demand will require current global production to double and when this is considered together with increasing production costs in China, the company believes there will be considerable upward pressure on prices over time.

This outlook creates an optimal development window for the Kvanefjeld Rare Earths Project given its advanced status, favourable production profile across all key magnet REEs, and competitive cost structure.

Well-placed to meet demand

The company considers Kvanefjeld is one of the world's most important emerging rare earth projects and will position Greenland to become a globally significant supplier of materials that are key to an energy efficient and environmentally sustainable future.

REEs make the world's strongest permanent magnets and this continues to be a major growth area owing to the essential requirement of high-powered magnets in electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy sources such as wind turbines.

Notably, ADAMAS has forecast a strong recovery for EV sales in 2021 and 2022 which fell in the first half of 2020 and Kvanefjeld is well-placed to be developed to meet this growing rare earth demand.

Low-cost mine life

At a planned processing rate of 3 million tonnes per year, Kvanefjeld will be a globally significant producer of light REE magnet metals neodymium and praseodymium as well as a producer of strategically significant heavy REEs terbium and dysprosium.

The project has an initial mine life of 37 years based on a 108 million tonne ore reserve (JORC 2012), however, this represents only 10% of the broader resource based.

Price: 0.265

Market Cap: \$317.31 m

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information

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At current prices, rare earths are forecast to contribute over 90% of project revenues, however, the by-product revenue generated through the by production of uranium, zinc and fluor spar (metspar) and low cost of by-product recovery ensures that unit REE production costs remain very low.

By-product benefits

Based on projected forecast pricing, by-products will generate almost US\$60 million in annual revenue for the project, the equivalent of a credit against the cost of producing REEs of approximately US\$1.90/kilograms of RE or 40% of the cost of producing a RE intermediate product in Greenland.

The annual cost of removing around 475 tonnes per annum of uranium will be less than US\$5 million with uranium sales expected to add in excess of US\$45 million annually to project revenue.

Kvanefjeld will also annually produce around 6,000 tonnes of zinc in concentrate which will generate approximately US\$6 million or 1% of annual revenue.

The zinc concentrate will contain about 50% zinc which is comparable to other zinc concentrates traded internationally.

Kvanefjeld will also produce around 12,500 tonnes per annum of metallurgical grade fluor spar (Metspar) which is used in the production of steel, cement and ceramics.

At a price of approximately US\$300 per tonne, the production of fluor spar will add approximately US\$4 million per year to project revenue.

The recovery of by-products also has the effect of removing environmentally adverse elements from the project's tailings streams - reducing the overall environmental impact.

Progressing toward mining licence

The company has been working through the permitting phase for the Kvanefjeld Rare Earths Project.

Permitting in Greenland requires three main impact assessments and supporting studies to be prepared and accepted for public consultation, including the EIA, Social impact assessment (SIA), and Maritime Safety study.

The SIA and Maritime Safety Study have been accepted for public consultation.

Following EIA reviews in 2019, Greenland's Environmental Agency for Mineral Resource Activities (EAMRA) produced a short list of 'Type 1' issues associated with the tailings management methods.

The company commissioned several additional independent technical studies to address issues.

EAMRA has advised the company that they are on track to complete the review process by mid-September 2020.

Once EAMRA is satisfied, the Ministry for Mineral Resources and Labour will be notified, who manage the remainder of the licensing process.

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