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## ASX Release

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# ASM launches underwritten Share Purchase Plan

Australian Strategic Materials Limited (**ASM** or **the Company**) (**ASX:ASM**) is pleased to announce an underwritten Share Purchase Plan (**SPP**) to offer new fully paid ordinary shares in ASM (**New Shares**) to raise approximately A\$3.0 million (before costs), with the ability for ASM to accept SPP applications in excess of the underwritten amount.<sup>1</sup> Funds to be raised under the SPP offer are proposed to go primarily toward supporting key strategic activities including progressing the Company's US metallisation expansion plans, the ramp-up and building of further capability at the Company's Korean Metals Plant, and the Dubbo Project Rare Earths Options Assessment.

The SPP is underwritten to A\$3.0 million by Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited (**Canaccord**) which is acting as Lead Manager and Underwriter to the offer.<sup>2</sup> The New Shares (as defined below) will be issued at a 20% discount to the volume-weighted average market price (as defined in the ASX Listing Rules) for fully paid ordinary shares in ASM (**Shares**) calculated over the last five days on which sales in Shares are recorded prior to the date on which the New Shares pursuant to the SPP are to be issued (**Issue Price**). The SPP will only be offered to Eligible Shareholders (as defined below) without incurring brokerage or other transaction costs.

Funds raised pursuant to the SPP, together with existing cash (and any potential funds which may be raised pursuant to the potential placement referred to below), are proposed to be applied as follows:

- advance due diligence and seek funding initiatives to propel the establishment of a new metals facility in the United States;
- support of the ramp-up of and building of heavy rare earth metallisation capability at our Korean Metals Plant;
- continued support of the Rare Earth Options Assessment for the Dubbo Project;
- corporate costs (such as costs of the SPP and of the potential placement); and
- general working capital.

### ASM Managing Director, Ms Rowena Smith, commented:

"We are pleased to announce the launch of the underwritten SPP. These funds are pivotal in advancing our strategic initiatives, including progressing plans for the potential establishment of a metals facility in the United States, supporting the ramp-up and building of capability at our Korean Metals Plant, and the continued

<sup>1</sup> Any oversubscriptions will not be underwritten.

<sup>2</sup> The underwriting is subject to terms and conditions, such as conditions precedent and termination events. The underwriting only relates to the targeted raise of up to A\$3 million (before costs) of the SPP, not to any oversubscriptions pursuant to the SPP.

assessment of a phased implementation of the Dubbo Project. These investments are crucial for our growth and long-term success aspirations.

“This capital injection comes at a critical time, as global markets increasingly seek resilient and diversified rare earth supply chains in response to shifting geopolitical dynamics. In particular, our US expansion plans are aligned with the strong policy momentum in the United States to develop domestic capabilities in critical minerals and advanced manufacturing. These initiatives directly support the US government’s strategic imperative to reduce reliance on foreign supply chains and bolster national security.”

Following the conclusion of the SPP, Canaccord and the Company may, if they agree to proceed, undertake a top-up placement of Shares to raise up to approximately an additional \$2.0 million (or potentially a different amount) at the same issue price as the SPP (**Placement**).<sup>3</sup> ASM’s Chairman, Mr Ian Gandel (who holds 19.16% voting power in ASM) (and/or his nominee(s)) may subscribe for Shares pursuant to the Placement, subject to ASM shareholder approval, which subscription shall not exceed statutory limits under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). No agreements have been entered into for investors to subscribe for the Placement (including any related to that ASM Chairman participation), and no forecast is made of whether any funds will be raised pursuant to those potential capital raisings.

### Details of the SPP

The Company will offer Eligible Shareholders (as defined below) who are registered ASM shareholders as at 5:00pm (AWST) on Friday, 13 June 2025 (**Record Date**) the opportunity to apply for New Shares under the SPP.

Under the SPP, Eligible Shareholders (being those whose registered address is in Australia or New Zealand as at the Record Date and who otherwise qualify as eligible shareholders under the terms of the Offer Booklet for the SPP) (**Eligible Shareholders**) will be given the opportunity to apply for up to A\$30,000 worth of New Shares in the Company at the Issue Price per New Share without incurring brokerage or transaction costs. The Company reserves the right to accept oversubscriptions and/or scale back applications, as will be detailed in the Offer Booklet for the SPP.

Eligible Shareholders will be able to apply to participate in the SPP by choosing one of the following levels of participation:

	Application Monies
Parcel A	A\$30,000
Parcel B	A\$25,000
Parcel C	A\$20,000
Parcel D	A\$15,000
Parcel E	A\$10,000
Parcel F	A\$5,000
Parcel G	A\$2,000

Payment of application monies must be received by 5:00pm (AWST) on the closing date for the SPP (which is anticipated to be **Thursday, 17 July 2025**).

<sup>3</sup> The Placement is not proposed to be underwritten.

The Company intends to raise approximately A\$3 million from the SPP. However, if total demand for the SPP exceeds A\$3 million, the Directors may in their absolute discretion, undertake a scale back to the extent and in the manner they see fit or close the SPP early. Alternatively, the Company may elect to accept oversubscriptions in excess of A\$3 million, subject to the maximum permitted under the ASX Listing Rules. The Company may also alter the offer period for the SPP.

Shares to be issued under the SPP will (from their time of issue) rank equally with existing Shares.

An indicative timetable for the SPP is set out below. Other than the Record Date and announcement of the SPP, the Company may change these dates and times at its discretion (subject to applicable laws and the ASX Listing Rules).

Details	Date
<b>Record Date</b> The date on which the Company determines Eligible Shareholders	5:00 pm (AWST) on Friday, 13 June 2025
<b>Announcement of SPP</b>	Monday, 16 June 2025
<b>Opening Date</b> The date on which the Offer opens	10:00 am (AWST) on Thursday, 19 June 2025
<b>Closing Date</b> The date on which the Offer closes Application Monies must be received by 5.00pm (AWST)	5:00 pm (AWST) on Thursday, 17 July 2025
<b>Announcement of SPP results</b>	On or around Tuesday, 22 July 2025
<b>Issue Date</b> The date New Shares are intended to be issued	Thursday, 24 July 2025
<b>Quotation of New Shares on ASX</b>	Friday, 25 July 2025

Full details of the SPP will be set out in the Offer Booklet and personalised application form which will be made available to Eligible Shareholders on or about Thursday, 19 June 2025. The Offer Booklet will contain instructions on how to participate in the SPP. The SPP is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Offer Booklet.

**To avoid current postal delays, all Eligible Shareholders are encouraged to update their communication preferences to receive documentation from the Company electronically via email by visiting <https://investor.automic.com.au> or by contacting the Company's share registry Automic Registries directly by telephone on 1300 293 325 (within Australia) or +61 2 8072 1454 (outside Australia).**

## **Additional information**

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