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# Rutile Discovery at Mkanda

## High Grade Drill Results

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### Highlights

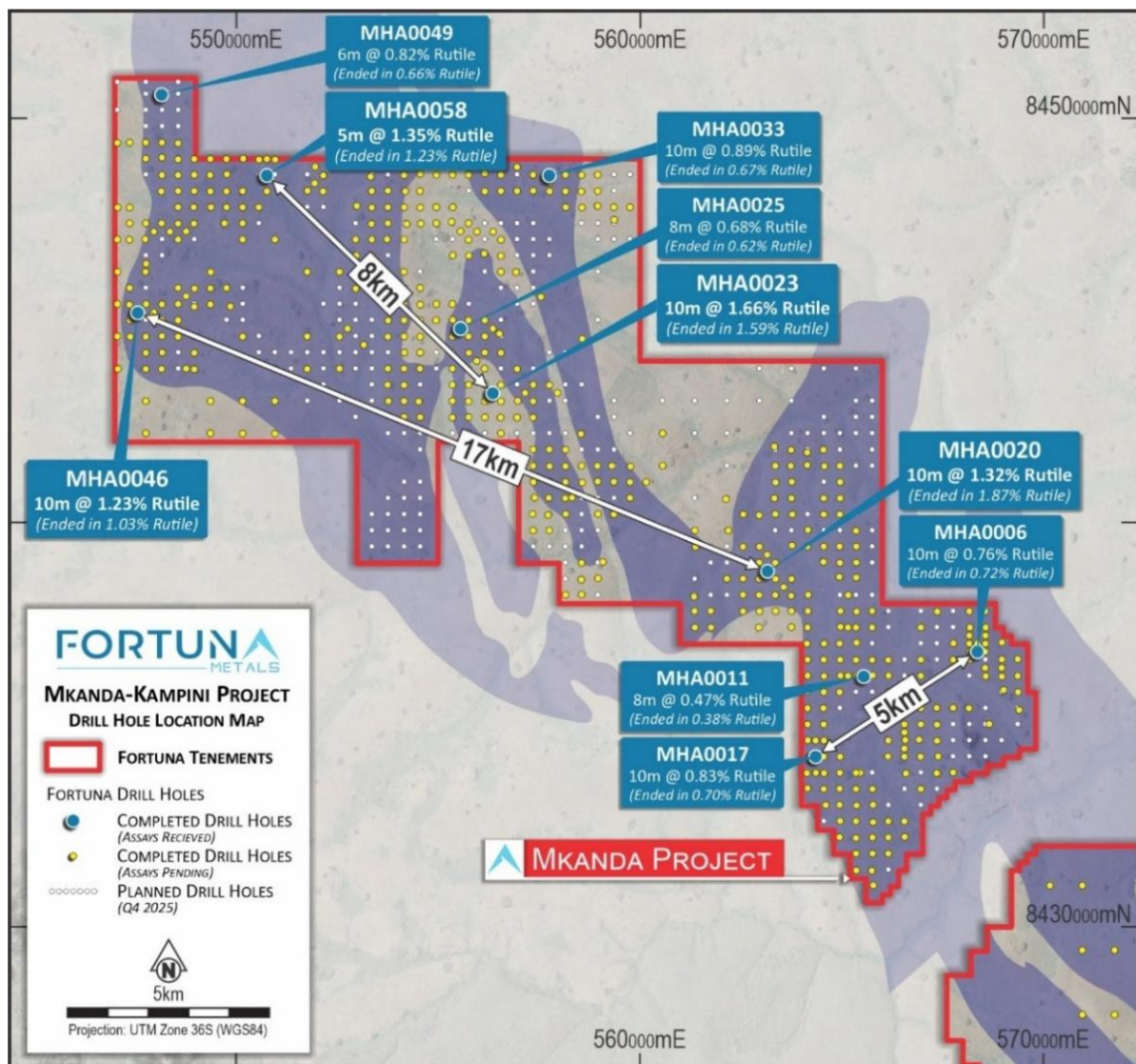
- **Significant rutile discovery confirmed by high grade drill results over a large area at the Mkanda project, with a peak assay of 2.21% rutile, Table 1. Results include;**
    - **10m @ 1.66% rutile, ended in 1.59% rutile mineralisation (MHA0023)**
    - **10m @ 1.32% rutile, ended in 1.87% rutile mineralisation (MHA0020)**
    - **10m @ 1.23% rutile, ended in 1.03% rutile mineralisation (MHA0046)**
    - **5m @ 1.35% rutile, ended in 1.23% rutile mineralisation (MHA0058)**
  - **Exceptional drill results from first selected batch of 10 hand auger holes demonstrate high grade mineralisation from surface to 10m, with all holes ending in mineralisation and remaining open at depth, with a peak bottom of hole assay of 1.87% from 8-10m (MHA0020), Figure 1, Table 1**
  - **High grade results demonstrate potential for large areas of the Mkanda project to host rutile mineralisation with 544 drillholes completed at Mkanda to an average depth of 8m, Figure 2**
  - **Assay results expected consistently throughout Q1, 2026 to further establish rutile and graphite mineralisation**
  - **Graphite analysis is being undertaken in parallel as part of the dual mineral commodity focus, potential attractive value add for the overall project economics**
  - **Setting up an in-country laboratory in Lilongwe to begin commissioning in early 2026 which will accelerate turn around times of assays**
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Fortuna CEO, Mr Tom Langley, commented *"These exceptional high grade rutile results mark a defining moment of a potential world class rutile discovery just south of Sovereign Metals Kasiya deposit. The high grade and widespread results are exactly what we were hoping for, highlighting the significant potential for rutile mineralisation to occur over large areas of the Mkanda project from surface which currently also remains open at depth.*

*"We are looking forward to starting Aircore and push tube drilling as soon as possible in early 2026. This will allow us to determine rutile mineralisation continuity to the saprock boundary at plus ~20m. This would be in line with the Kasiya deposit which averages ~20-30m depth to saprock and significantly increases the resource potential and overall project economics."*

*"We continue to progress our exploration drilling at a rapid pace having now completed 544 drill holes at Mkanda and will continue to drill up until year's end. We look forward to updating the market with a consistent flow of these drilling results throughout Q1, 2026."*

**Fortuna Metals Limited (ASX: FUN) (Fortuna or the Company)** is pleased to announce the first results of hand auger drilling confirming insitu rutile grades of up to 2.21% rutile and continuous drill intervals of 1.66% rutile over 10m and 1.32% rutile over 10m at the Mkanda rutile and graphite Project (**Project**) in Malawi, Africa.

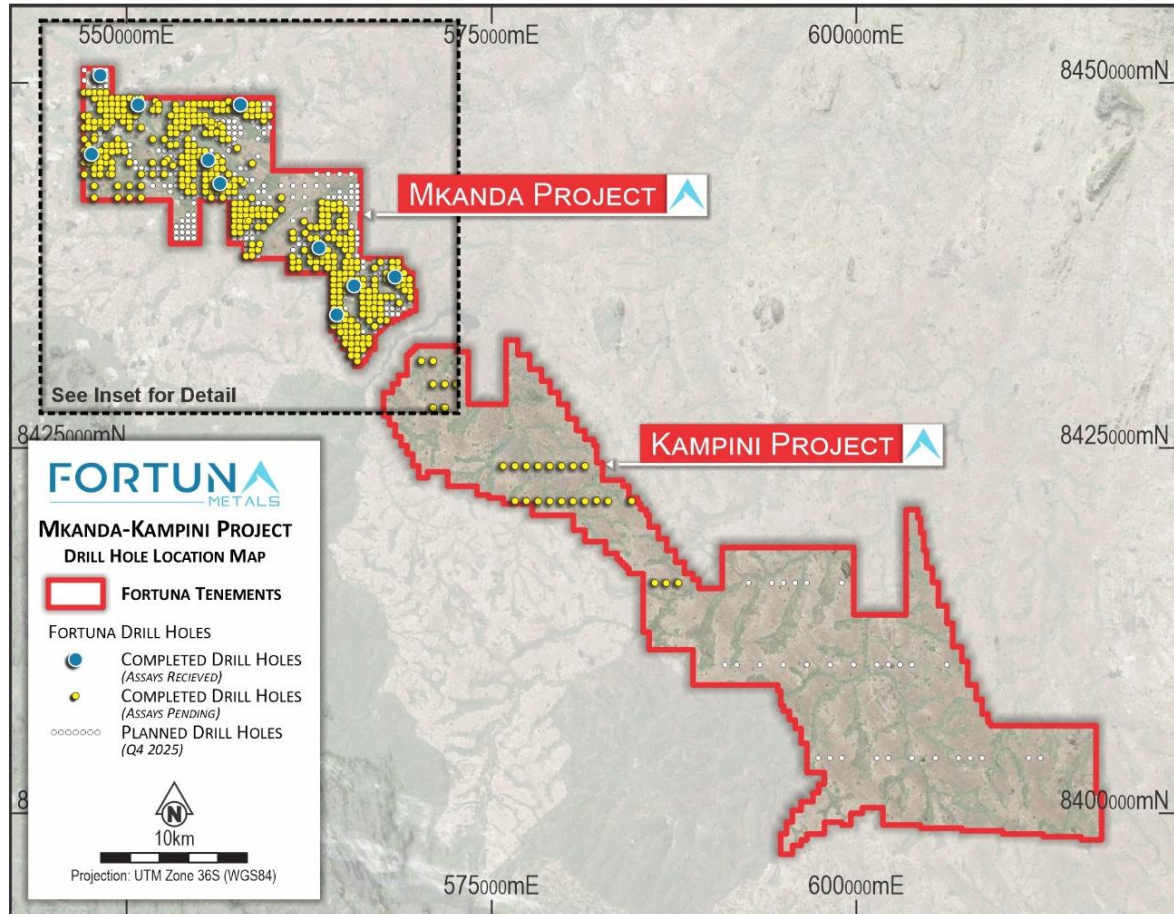


**Figure 1. Rutile results across Mkanda project showing high grade over wide areas.**

The drilling results demonstrate high grade rutile continues from surface to end of hole, with 4 drill holes ending in mineralisation above 1.0% rutile, and 9 of the 10 drill holes ending in mineralisation above 0.5% rutile. These 10 drill holes were selected for priority assay as a first pass to highlight the wide spread nature of the rutile mineralisation at Mkanda, Figures 1 and 2.

The Company has now completed 544 drill holes on a notional 800 and 400m spacing across 180km<sup>2</sup>

of the Mkanda project. The purpose of the drill spacing is to define the highest grade rutile mineralisation ahead of further infill and step out drilling in 2026. The results of this drilling will be received throughout Q1, 2026.



**Table 1: Drill Results from Mkanda Project (no cut-off applied)**

| Hole ID | From (m) | To (m) | Insitu rutile intercept | Ended in Rutile % |
|---------|----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| MHA0023 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 1.66% rutile      | 1.59%             |
| MHA0020 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 1.32% rutile      | 1.87%             |
| MHA0046 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 1.23% rutile      | 1.03%             |
| MHA0058 | 0        | 5      | 5m @ 1.35% rutile       | 1.23%             |
| MHA0033 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 0.89% rutile      | 0.67%             |
| MHA0017 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 0.83% rutile      | 0.70%             |
| MHA0006 | 0        | 10     | 10m @ 0.76% rutile      | 0.72%             |
| MHA0011 | 0        | 8      | 8m @ 0.47% rutile       | 0.38%             |
| MHA0025 | 0        | 8      | 8m @ 0.68% rutile       | 0.62%             |
| MHA0049 | 0        | 6      | 6m @ 0.82% rutile       | 0.66%             |

## Project Background

The Mkanda and Kampini Projects extend over an area of 658km<sup>2</sup> and are located in Malawi, immediately to the south of Sovereign Metals Limited's (ASX:SVM) world class Kasiya rutile project. Kasiya is the largest rutile and the second largest flake graphite deposit in the world.<sup>1</sup>

Drilling programs at Mkanda and Kampini are continuing with a total of 544 drill holes with an average depth of 8m having been completed at Mkanda. The drilling is designed as a first pass reconnaissance to investigate large areas across the project for potential rutile and graphite mineralisation. The hand auger drilling to date is averaging 8m with drillholes terminated as sample quality declines once in the water table. Drilling next dry season will use an Aircore drill rig from approximately April/May 2026 to infill the highest grade areas as defined by the hand auger results. The use of Aircore drilling is critical to be able to drill past the perched water table and deeper down to the saprock boundary. The saprock boundary has been defined at Kasiya to be about 20 – 30m depth. The Aircore drilling will be key to demonstrating the resource potential at these greater depths and vastly improve the project economics.

The first results from hand auger drilling have now been received and further results are anticipated to be consistently reported throughout Q1 2026 from the remainder of the hand auger drilling completed in 2025.

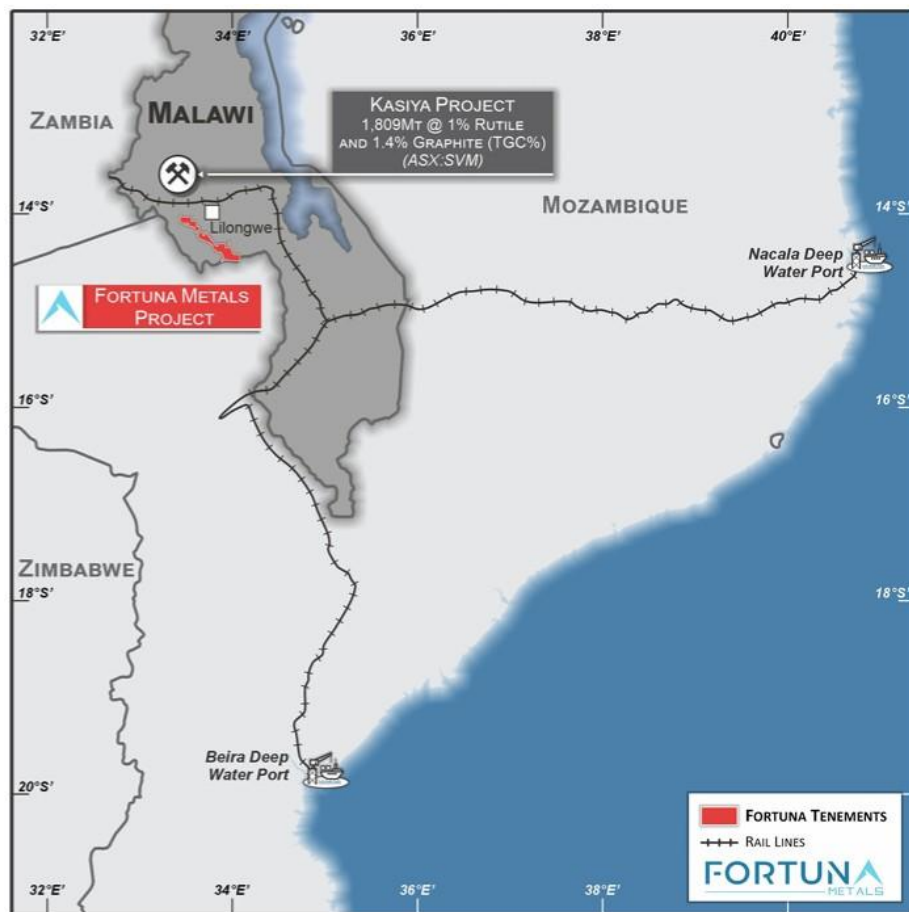


Figure 3. Locations of the Projects in Malawi, Africa.

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The second phase of drilling currently underway at Mkanda consists of a dual strategy of further wide spaced reconnaissance drilling on an 800m grid and infill drilling on a tighter 400m spacing based on visual results and geological logging.

A 400m by 400m drill spacing is expected to meet the required drill density for inferred resource estimation, with Sovereign Metals using a 400m by 400m drill spacing for their inferred resource at Kasiya.<sup>2</sup>

Fortuna's projects cover the majority of the 70km strike extent of the same Lilongwe Plain weathered gneiss that hosts the rutile and graphite at Kasiya. The high grade rutile deposit at Kasiya is best described as a residual placer or eluvial heavy mineral deposit. The enrichment of rutile into economic mineralisation is a result of weathering of the primary host rock and concentration, in-place of heavy minerals, as opposed to the high energy transport and concentration of heavy minerals in a traditional placer. The enrichment stage came as tropical weathering during the Tertiary depleted the top ~5 to 10m of physically and chemically mobile minerals. This caused significant volume loss and concurrent concentration of heavy minerals including rutile.

The projects have excellent infrastructure availability, with the central region being approximately 20km from the capital city of Lilongwe, 25km from rail access (11km at the most northern boundary) to the Nacala rail corridor connecting to the Nacal deep water port in Mozambique, 15km from high-capacity power lines and with plentiful fresh water for potential future processing options.

Graphite analysis is being undertaken in parallel as part of the dual mineral commodity focus given the coarse flake graphite known to occur in the region. Kasiya hosts the world's second largest coarse flake graphite deposit<sup>2</sup> and is a potential attractive value add for the overall project economics. All 63 drill holes as part of phase one are being sent to Intertek in Zambia for graphite analysis with results expected in Q1, 2026.

The Company is setting up a low cost in-country laboratory for the initial steps of preparing the sample for heavy mineral separation (HMS). Two Gemini wet shaking tables have arrived at the Company's facilities which will accelerate turn around times of assays and support quicker decision making to guide drilling efforts in 2026, Figure 4. The samples that undergo in-country sample preparation will be sent to an external laboratory for analysis.



**Figure 4. Senior Geologist Leon de Waal inspecting one of the two new Gemini wet shaking tables used for gravity separation during sample processing.**

### **Rutile – Critical Mineral**

Titanium in robotics is revolutionising the field of next-gen machines due to its unique properties of lightweight strength and high durability. As robotics and humanoids become more advanced, the demand for materials like titanium grows significantly. Titanium excels in meeting the dual requirements of lightweight construction and robust performance, making it an essential component for robotic technology advancements.<sup>3</sup>

Titanium alloys allow for complex, lightweight construction techniques that reduce energy consumption while maintaining operational effectiveness. Robotic technology advancements driven by these materials also contribute significantly to industrial automation, including precision tasks like medical equipment handling and high-tech manufacturing.<sup>3</sup>

Commercial titanium dioxide products; natural rutile ( $\text{TiO}_2$  93-97%), leucoxene ( $\text{TiO}_2$  70-93%) and ilmenite ( $\text{TiO}_2$  48-64%) are the principal feedstocks for pigment production, titanium metal, welding electrodes and advanced manufacturing.

Natural rutile is a highly sought after, high grade titanium feed source currently selling for approximately US\$1,100 - 1,700 per tonne. The outlook for titanium metal is estimated to increase significantly from US\$30B in 2025 to US\$54B by 2034 – CAGR 6.5%.<sup>4</sup>

Natural rutile is the highest quality and best source of titanium feedstock for manufacturing titanium metals and  $\text{TiO}_2$  pigment. Traditional deposits are becoming exhausted with legacy producers in decline, with an anticipated tight supply and industrial demand growth expected to drive strong future prices.

### **References**

<sup>1</sup> Sovereign Metals Limited (ASX: SVM), Optimised PFS Results, 22 January 2025. The Kasiya deposit

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comprises 1,200Mt @ 1.0% TiO<sub>2</sub> and 1.5% TGC and 609Mt @ 0.9% TiO<sub>2</sub> and 1.1% TGC at a 0.7% cut-off as at 5 April 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Sovereign Metals Limited (ASX:SVM), Maiden JORC Resource Confirms Kasiya as one of the World's Largest Rutile Deposits, ASX Release, 9 June 2021

<sup>3</sup> Retrieved from <https://titanium-vstreet.com/blog/titanium-in-robotics-lightweight-strength-for-next-gen-machines>

<sup>4</sup> Precedence Research - Titanium Market Size, Share, and Trends 2024 to 2034. (19 May 2025). Retrieved from <https://www.precedenceresearch.com/titanium-market>

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## APPENDIX 1: Table of all hand auger assays received.

| Hole ID | Easting | Northing | Sample ID                            | From (m) | To (m) | Insitu rutile intercept | Rutile Calc % |
|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|
| MHA0006 | 568403  | 8436802  | MA0001                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 0.76% rutile      | 0.91          |
|         |         |          | MA0002                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.83          |
|         |         |          | MA0003                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.66          |
|         |         |          | MA0004                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 0.70          |
|         |         |          | MA0005                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 0.72          |
| MHA0011 | 565590  | 8436188  | MA0006                               | 0        | 2      | 8m @ 0.47% rutile       | 0.48          |
|         |         |          | MA0007                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.53          |
|         |         |          | MA0008                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.51          |
|         |         |          | MA0009                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 0.38          |
| MHA0017 | 564397  | 8434205  | MA0010                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 0.83% rutile      | 1.06          |
|         |         |          | MA0011                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.87          |
|         |         |          | MA0012                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.68          |
|         |         |          | MA0013                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 0.86          |
|         |         |          | MA0014                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 0.70          |
| MHA0020 | 563201  | 8438800  | MA0015                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 1.32% rutile      | 1.66          |
|         |         |          | MA0016                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.77          |
|         |         |          | MA0017                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.97          |
|         |         |          | MA0018                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 1.32          |
|         |         |          | MA0019                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 1.87          |
| MHA0023 | 556400  | 8443200  | MA0021                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 1.66% rutile      | 2.21          |
|         |         |          | MA0022                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 1.57          |
|         |         |          | MA0023                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 1.68          |
|         |         |          | MA0024                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 1.24          |
|         |         |          | MA0025                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 1.59          |
| MHA0025 | 555601  | 8444804  | MA0026                               | 0        | 2      | 8m @ 0.68% rutile       | 0.90          |
|         |         |          | MA0027                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.67          |
|         |         |          | MA0028                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.52          |
|         |         |          | MA0029                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 0.62          |
| MHA0033 | 557798  | 8448593  | MA0030                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 0.89% rutile      | 1.58          |
|         |         |          | MA0031                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.76          |
|         |         |          | MA0032                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.72          |
|         |         |          | MA0033                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 0.75          |
|         |         |          | MA0034                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 0.67          |
| MHA0046 | 547601  | 8445198  | MA0035                               | 0        | 2      | 10m @ 1.23% rutile      | 1.59          |
|         |         |          | MA0036                               | 2        | 4      |                         | 1.11          |
|         |         |          | MA0037                               | 4        | 6      |                         | 1.04          |
|         |         |          | MA0038                               | 6        | 8      |                         | 1.41          |
|         |         |          | MA0039                               | 8        | 10     |                         | 1.03          |
| MHA0049 | 548192  | 8450595  | MA0040                               | 0        | 2      | 6m @ 0.82% rutile       | 0.95          |
|         |         |          | MA0041<br><i>Duplicate of MA0040</i> | 0        | 2      |                         | 0.96          |

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| Hole ID | Easting | Northing | Sample ID | From (m) | To (m) | Insitu rutile intercept | Rutile Calc % |
|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|
| MHA0058 | 550800  | 8448598  | MA0042    | 2        | 4      |                         | 0.71          |
|         |         |          | MA0043    | 4        | 6      |                         | 0.66          |
|         |         |          | MA0044    | 0        | 2      | 5m @ 1.35% rutile       | 1.64          |
|         |         |          | MA0045    | 2        | 4      |                         | 1.19          |
|         |         |          | MA0046    | 4        | 5      |                         | 1.23          |

**Notes:**

- Samples located using handheld GPS and are reported in WGS84\_36S.
- All drilling was vertical.
- No cut-off is applied.

**Appendix 2. JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1**

**Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections)

| Criteria            | JORC Code explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Sampling techniques | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>• Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>• Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>• In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul> | <p>Dormer cased drilling rig and hand auger samples are taken in 1m intervals and composited over 2m at ~1.5kg for analysis. Small portions of the 1m samples were panned on site to test for visible rutile and other heavy minerals.</p> <p>Visual identification of the mineralisation was completed in the field by the Competent Person utilising hand lens and portable microscope when applicable.</p> <p>Samples are freighted to Scientific Services in Cape Town, South Africa. A duplicate split has been composited onsite and will be sent for graphite analysis at external laboratory.</p> |

| Criteria                                       | JORC Code explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Drilling techniques                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Hand-held auger drilled vertically to the water table or until consolidated samples were no longer possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Drill sample recovery                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Sample was retrieved in total from Dormer SOS and SP type hand auger.</p> <p>The nature of the residual material drilled by hand auger ensures the hole stays open and there is no contamination.</p> <p>The whole sample is retained and is considered representative.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Logging                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Samples from the Dormer hand auger have been geologically logged as hard copy and into a field computer using a set of logging codes designed by Fortuna Metals.</p> <p>Logging is generally qualitative.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul> | <p>The drill samples were passed through a standard Jones 50:50 riffle splitter for generation of a 1.50kg sample for rutile processing. The remaining sample was retained for graphite analysis and potential future processing. All samples were recorded as dry.</p> <p>Use of the Jones splitter is deemed appropriate given the generally dry nature of the samples. The splitter was cleaned after each sample.</p> <p>Duplicate samples are taken every 40 sample.</p> <p>The sample size is considered appropriate for the material sampled.</p> |

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| Quality of assay data and laboratory tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul> | <p>Scientific Services laboratory in Cape Town, South Africa completed sample preparation and analysis of the hand auger samples.</p> <p>The following workflow for the samples was undertaken by Scientific Services to generate quantitative rutile results;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry sample in oven for 1 hour at 105 degrees Celsius</li> <li>Soak in water and lightly agitate</li> <li>Wet screen at 5mm, 600µm and 45µm to remove oversize and slimes material</li> <li>Dry +5mm, +600µm and +45µm fractions in oven for 1 hour at 105 degrees Celsius</li> <li>Heavy liquid separation (HLS) using TBE on the 45µm -600µm material to generate a heavy mineral concentrate (HMC) as the sink fraction</li> <li>Dry all fractions in oven for 1 hour at 105 degrees Celsius</li> <li>Multi stage magnetic separation to produce a non-magnetic and magnetic fraction</li> <li>TiO<sub>2</sub> is analysed by XRF at Scientific Services</li> </ul> <p>Weights are recorded at each stage.</p> <p>Internal standards are used. The overall quality of QAQC is considered to be good.</p> <p>Both standards and duplicates are submitted blind to the laboratory. A duplicate sample is generated during the sample splitting stage at every 40<sup>th</sup> sample to monitor laboratory precision. A standard sample is submitted during the sample processing stage at a rate of 1:40, to monitor laboratory analysis accuracy.</p> <p>The non magnetic fraction was submitted for XRF analysis and minerals determined as follows:</p> <p>Rutile percentages: ((Non-magnetic grams x TiO<sub>2</sub>) / 95%) / dry sample mass.</p> <p>Any non-routine assay work is completed by reputable laboratories established in Perth and South Africa using industry standard technologies, quality assurance measures and equipment. These include Scientific Services and ALS.</p> |
| Verification of sampling and assaying      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Significant rutile results were verified by at least two company geologists.</p> <p>All data was collected initially on paper logging sheets and codified to the Company's templates. This data was hand entered to spreadsheets and validated by Company geologists.</p> <p>No assay adjustment has occurred.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Location of data points                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>                                               | <p>All sample sites were recorded by a handheld GPS.</p> <p>All sample location data is in UTM WGS84 (Zone 36S).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Data spacing and distribution                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>                                 | <p>All work reported is for reconnaissance and designed purely to determine target zones for follow-up exploration activities.</p> <p>Sampling distribution is designed to isolate trends of the highest residual rutile, relating to underlying rock types with higher TiO<sub>2</sub> grades inherited during their original deposition.</p> <p>Sample compositing is done to retain a duplicate sample for graphite analysis and storage for external analysis QAQC.</p> |
| Orientation of data in relation to geological structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul> | <p>Drilling is completed in a vertical orientation with hand auger and oriented by eye.</p> <p>Drilling effectively cross-profiles the weathering horizon in residual target areas and the horizontal layering in alluvial settings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sample security                                         | The measures taken to ensure sample security.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>All samples guarded all the time. Samples removed from site and stored in secure facilities.</p> <p>Samples sent to Scientific Services by courier with secure containment and sign-off at both ends.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Audits or reviews                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>No audits or reviews of drilling sampling techniques or data by external parties at this stage of exploration.</p> <p>An internal review of sampling techniques and data will be completed to ensure drilling, drill logging and sample preparation activities are of a high standard and suitable for the classification of future results according to the reporting standards of the JORC Code 2012.</p>                                                              |

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section)

| Criteria                                | JORC Code explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Mineral tenement and land tenure status | Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.<br><br>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. | The Mkanda and Kampini Project is comprised of 2 granted exploration licences EL0839-25 and EL0840-25 respectively, covering approximately 658km <sup>2</sup> .<br><br>The Company owns 100% of the projects and a 2% NSR is payable to the initial vendor.<br><br>There are no material issues or impediments to the Company conducting exploration on the Mkanda and Kampini Rutile Project areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Exploration done by other parties       | Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | A review of historical exploration work completed highlighted 19 drillholes completed by Sovereign Metals pre 2018 for graphite. When sent for titanium analysis in late 2018 titanium was shown to be present in all samples sent for titanium analysis. All material results were reported in Fortuna Metals ASX announcement; Significant Historical Titanium Mineralisation Results, 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025.<br><br>No other exploration work has been completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Geology                                 | Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | The areas of the Projects cover the same geological formation of the Lilongwe Plain weathered gneiss that hosts the rutile and graphite at Kasiya. The style of rutile mineralisation is best described as a residual placer or eluvial heavy mineral deposit. The enrichment of rutile into economic mineralisation is a result of weathering of the primary host rock and concentration, in-place of heavy minerals, as opposed to the high energy transport and concentration of heavy minerals in a traditional placer. The enrichment stage came as tropical weathering during the Tertiary depleted the top ~5 to 10m of physically and chemically mobile minerals. This caused significant volume loss and concurrent concentration of heavy minerals including rutile. |
| Drill hole Information                  | A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:<br><br>easting and northing of the drill hole collar<br>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar<br><br>dip and azimuth of the hole                                                            | Locations of all drill holes are shown at Appendix 1.<br><br>All information has been included in the body of this release and at Appendix 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Criteria                                                         | JORC Code explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                  | <p>down hole length and interception depth hole length.</p> <p>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Data aggregation methods                                         | <p>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</p> <p>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</p> <p>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</p> | <p>Not applicable – no data aggregation methods applied.</p> <p>Not applicable - no metal equivalents reported.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths | <p>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</p> <p>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</p> <p>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Hand auger sampling has been completed vertically, which effectively cross-profiles the mineralisation that occurs sub-horizontally due to deposition by deflation and concentration in the eluvial setting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Diagrams                                                         | <p>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Geological and location maps of the projects are shown in the body of this ASX announcement.</p> <p>The Company has not provided a cross section at this point in time as the current drill program has been completed over broad drill spacings to depths of between 5-10m vertically to identify higher grade areas for follow up drilling. Once infill drilling is completed the Company will be in a position to provide cross section diagrams.</p> |
| Balanced reporting                                               | <p>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>The accompanying document is a balanced report with all results including high and low grades reported.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Other substantive                                                | <p>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>No other substantive data is available at this stage</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| exploration data | (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.                                                 | of reconnaissance exploration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Further work     | <p>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</p> <p>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</p> | <p>The Company is currently awaiting assays for the remainder of the hand auger drilling completed in 2025.</p> <p>Further drilling utilising Dormer hand augers will focus on completing infill analysis and drilling in identified target areas.</p> <p>Maps and diagrams have been included in the body of the release. Further releases will be made to market upon finalising of the proposed exploration programs.</p> |

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