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## Completion of Arika Joint Venture divestment unlocks value for NME shareholders

Nex Metals Explorations Ltd (ASX:NME) (**NME** or the **Company**), a gold project explorer and developer, is pleased to confirm completion of the divestment of its 20% interest in the Yundamindra and Kookynie Gold Joint Venture to Arika Resources Limited (ASX:ARI) following satisfaction of all outstanding conditions precedent.

### Highlights:

- **Divestment unlocks value in Joint Venture projects for NME shareholders** with NME becoming a significant shareholder in Arika following the transaction, and receiving net cash consideration of \$0.5 million
- **Cash proceeds to be deployed to advance NME projects** including the 100% owned Kookynie Tailings Project as well as furthering the Company's strategic entry into Egypt's Eastern Desert
- **Divestment satisfies all outstanding joint venture funding obligations** and strengthens NME's balance sheet without issuing new NME shares

Commenting on recent developments, NME Managing Director Ken Allen said:

"The completion of our divestment to Arika is a value-accretive outcome for NME shareholders. We have crystallised the value of our interest in the Yundamindra and Kookynie Gold Projects at a time of historically elevated gold prices and sustained interest in quality Western Australian gold assets.

"Through our substantial shareholding of over 70 million Arika shares, we retain meaningful exposure to further exploration and development upside as Arika advances these projects. Importantly, the transaction removes all future joint venture funding obligations and strengthens our balance sheet without issuing new NME shares.

"With net cash proceeds now in hand, our focus turns to deploying capital into our priority projects. The Kookynie Tailings Project is advancing well, with metallurgical test work results pending, and we continue to progress our evaluation of opportunities in Egypt's Eastern Desert and through our partnership with WTAC in Western Australia."

### Transaction Summary

Further to its ASX announcements of 2 February 2026 and 15 May 2026, NME has completed the divestment of its remaining 20% interest in the Yundamindra and Kookynie Gold Projects.

The consideration received by NME comprises:

- \$2.5 million cash of which \$2 million has been applied to outstanding joint venture contributions to ARI, leaving \$0.5 million net cash, which has now been received
- 70,823,529 ARI shares which are subject to voluntary escrow restrictions, with the majority being released periodically over the next 12 months.

The Company's significant ARI shareholding provides NME with meaningful ongoing exposure to the exploration and development upside of both projects. All prior joint venture agreements relating to the Yundamindra and Kookynie Projects have been terminated as part of this transaction. NME continues to own 100% of the Kookynie Tailings Project.

Further information on the terms of this transaction is set out in NME's ASX releases of 2 February 2026 and 15 May 2026.

## Strategic Rationale

The completion of this transaction is consistent with NME's core focus on gold exploration, project development and production. The Company has a long history of owning and developing gold projects and has previously produced gold at scale.

The transaction delivers A\$0.5 million in net cash and a substantial shareholding of 70,823,529 Arika shares, strengthening NME's balance sheet without requiring the issue of any new NME shares. The Arika shareholding ensures NME retains meaningful exposure to future exploration and development success at both projects, with Arika having indicated its intention to accelerate exploration, including ongoing drilling and advancement toward maiden Mineral Resource Estimates.

With cash proceeds now in hand, NME will deploy capital into its priority workstreams. The Kookynie Tailings Project is advancing well, with results of metallurgical test work due to be reported shortly. The WTAC Joint Venture provides a partner-funded platform for gold exploration across Western Australia without dilution or funding cost to NME, and in Egypt's Eastern Desert, the Company continues to progress the North Henai Gold Project, where gold production is ongoing.

## ASX Listing Rule Compliance

As previously disclosed, ASX determined that the disposal of NME's interest in the Yundamindra and Kookynie Projects constitutes a disposal of the Company's main undertaking for the purposes of Listing Rule 11.2. A six-month period commenced on 2 February 2026 for NME to demonstrate that it has sufficient operations and adequate financial condition for its securities to continue to be quoted on ASX.

The Company remains confident in its ability to satisfy ASX's requirements, given its diversified portfolio of gold-focused activities including:

- The Kookynie Tailings Project (100%-owned), where metallurgical test work is advancing, with results due to be reported shortly
- The WTAC Joint Venture, providing a partner-funded platform for WA gold exploration
- The North Henai Gold Project in Egypt's Eastern Desert, where systematic sampling and drilling approvals are being progressed
- The substantial Arika shareholding, providing ongoing exposure to the Eastern Goldfields

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## About Nex Metals Explorations Limited (ASX:NME)

NME aims to be a cash-generative gold-producing entity with a capital-light strategy. NME's project portfolio comprises projects in Western Australia including the Kookynie Gold Tailings Project and a joint venture with the Wangkatja Tjungula Aboriginal Corporation (WTAC) for gold project development. NME has also announced its proposed strategic entry into Egypt's Eastern Desert, one of the most under-explored prospective mining districts in the world.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This announcement includes forward-looking statements based on the Company's current expectations, estimates and assumptions as at the date of this announcement. Words such as "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "target", "believe", "may" and "could", and similar expressions, are intended to identify such statements.

Forward-looking statements relate to matters including funding needs and timing, exploration and development plans and costs, approvals and permitting, availability of labour and equipment, operational performance, market conditions (including commodity prices and exchange rates), changes to laws and regulations, and the results and interpretation of exploration activities. These statements involve risks and uncertainties, many outside the Company's control, that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied.

No representation or warranty is given as to the accuracy, completeness or likelihood of achievement of any forward-looking statement. Except as required by the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules or other applicable law, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements. Prospective investors should not place undue reliance on them.

### **Important Notice – Regulatory Authorities**

No securities exchange, regulation services provider, securities commission or other regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this announcement, irrespective of its release or disclosure on a public platform.

### **Important Notice - Previous Announcements**

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcements noted above and or in the footnotes and that all material assumptions and any technical parameters underpinning those previous market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.