Announcement
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# Minim Martap Update
## *Q3, 2026 Project Update*



### Highlights

- The first 60 rail wagons, out of 160 on order, are scheduled to arrive in Douala over the next 8 weeks and the 7 locomotive and 60 wagon trials expected to commence in Q4, 2026
- Haulage road connecting the Minim Martap mine to the rail terminal is nearing completion, with remaining works expected in Q4, 2026.
- Independent bauxite market review completed by CM Group in August 2026 continues to support a long-term base case price range of US$78–86/dmt for Minim Martap's premium 51.0% total alumina product and ≤2.0% total silica grades, underpinning the Project's long-term economics
- The Company's subsidiary has received a formal notice from AFG Bank Cameroon ("AFG") informing that it is suspending all further disbursements (drawdowns) under the loan facility until a full review of the project development schedule, financial model and other financial inputs and a site visit are completed to the satisfaction of the lenders.
- The Company, with its advisors Jefferies, is proactively advancing multiple funding initiatives, including offtake-linked and prepayment structures, and strategic funding alternatives, to strengthen the balance sheet, achieve first shipment and support the planned ramp-up to 2Mtpa
- The Company held approximately A$31 million in cash as of 31st July 2026 has decided to implement disciplined capital management measures to minimise near term cash expenditure and to preserve financial resources
- Previously announced development schedule, including the target of first shipment in Q4 2026, has been withdrawn pending certainty regarding funding and transhipping arrangements. The A2MP Takeover Bid has materially constrained the Company's access to funding, including through ASX Listing Rule restrictions on equity capital raisings during a bid period
- The Independent Board Committee ("**IBC**") and its financial adviser, Jefferies, continue to prepare Canyon's response to the A2MP Takeover Bid. Shareholders are urged to TAKE NO ACTION in relation to the A2MP Takeover Bid until they have received and considered the IBC's Target's Statement

Canyon Resources Limited (ASX: CAY) ("**Canyon**" or "the **Company**") provides the following update on the Minim Martap Bauxite Project ("**Project**"). This update outlines the project developments at the Project over recent months, provides updates on the Company's funding position, and includes updates to certain matters arising from the launch of the unsolicited takeover bid for the Company by A2MP Investments FZCO ("**A2MP**") ("**Takeover Bid**").

The Company is assessing funding impacts triggered by, or coincident with, the Takeover Bid itself, such as:

- impacts of the Takeover Bid on Canyon's cash position;
- engaging with Canyon's group financier, AFG in the context of the pre-existing AFG debt facility; and
- the restrictions on certain equity funding which the Takeover Bid has caused.

## Rail and Logistics Update

The Company is pleased to confirm that the first 60 out of 160 rail wagons ordered for the Project are scheduled to arrive in Douala, Cameroon over the next 8 weeks, enabling combined 7 locomotive and 60 wagon trials to commence in in Q4, 2026. This is an important de-risking milestone for the Project. While delivery of the first locomotives and wagons is happening later than the previously announced timeline, the initial fleet of 7 locomotives and 160 wagons will provide the Company with capacity to transport approximately 35,000 tonnes of bauxite per month.

An additional 15 locomotives and 400 wagons will be required to support the planned ramp-up to the Project's Stage 2 production capacity of 2 Mtpa. As Canyon previously announced, procurement of this additional rolling stock and the carrying out of the railway upgrades to certain sections of the railway upgrade is required for Stage 2 of the development. As a result, Stage 2 is subject to the Company securing approximately US$160M of necessary funding, and the Company with its advisors Jefferies are actively progressing a number of funding alternatives to support it. Importantly, this is a growth-capital requirement associated with expansion beyond Stage 1, and it does not alter the quality of the orebody, the infrastructure already secured, or the Project's long-term value.


***Image 1**: Loading of wagons, India*

The haulage road connecting the mine to the rail terminal is nearing completion, with the remaining works expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Completion of the road will provide the dedicated haulage connection required to transport bauxite from the mine to the rail terminal for onward transport to the Port of Douala.


***Images 2, 3 & 4**: Tracklaying at IRF*

Given the lower initial production volumes associated with the capacity of the Stage 1 rail fleet, the Company is reviewing both its transhipping strategy and port dredging strategy to ensure that bauxite can be transported from the port to ocean-going vessels in the most cost-effective manner at these lower volumes. The Company is actively engaging with a number of transhipping providers and undertaking internal studies to assess the available options and determine the optimal solution. The Board considers it firmly in the Company's interests to select the right long-term solution rather than commit to a sub-optimal arrangement in order to meet a previously announced date. This work remains ongoing and, accordingly, the Company is not yet in a position to provide a definitive update on the preferred transhipping arrangements or the timetable to commence transhipping operations and also the first shipment date.

## AFG Bank (Cameroon)

In May 2025, the Company announced that its subsidiary Camalco Cameroon SA (**Camalco**) had entered into a XAF 82 Billion (~US$140M) secured (by various assets of Camalco and a Guarantee from the Company and A2MP) syndicated credit facility with AFG Bank Cameroon. AFG has given notice that it has suspended all further disbursements (drawdowns) under the loan facility until a full review and site visit are completed to the satisfaction of the lenders. In this regard, AFG has requested Camalco to provide updates to the project development schedule and a review of the project financial model and other financial inputs. Canyon is obtaining Cameroon-based advice in respect of that suspension. The financial information to be provided to AFG is to be received within 15 days, and the site visit to be completed within 30 days.

## Project Schedule

Having regard to the matters outlined above, and the funding requirements described below, the Company has reviewed the previously announced development schedule for the Project.

Accordingly, the Company has determined to withdraw its previously announced Project development timetable, including the previously stated target of achieving first bauxite shipment in Q4 2026. This decision reflects ongoing work in relation to seeking funding certainty and the optimisation of transhipping arrangements as opposed to the quality, scale or economics of the Minim Martap orebody, which remain unchanged.

The timing of a revised development schedule will depend principally on the Company securing the additional funding required to support the planned production ramp-up, together with finalisation of the associated transhipping arrangements.

The Company will provide a further update once a revised Project development schedule can be confirmed.

**Funding requirements**

As of 31 July 2026, the Company held a cash balance of approximately A$31 million and had drawn down approximately US$75 million under the US$140 million debt facility with AFG. This follows shareholders' rejection in March 2026 of the second-tranche placements comprising part of the Company's previously announced A$215 million funding package.

With the suspension of additional debt drawdown capacity by AFG, the Company is no longer able to achieve Stage 1 (i.e. first shipment of ore from the Project) as planned. The receipt of the Takeover Bid has also triggered unanticipated cash burn. Additionally, as previously announced, the Company requires further funding to ramp up to 2 Mtpa (Stage 2). Consequently, the Company is seeking funding, and has engaged Jefferies to assist with that process, as detailed below.

The Takeover Bid has complicated this process, by creating a technical constraint, as (unless ASX grants a waiver) the ASX Listing Rules impose restrictions on equity capital raisings until late October 2026 (subject to certain exceptions such as a rights issue or an issue approved by Canyon shareholders or consented to by A2MP).

In these circumstances, the Company has (until further review) adopted a disciplined approach to capital management, including taking into account the suspension by AFG of further debt drawdowns and minimising all non-essential cash outflow, in order to preserve the Company's financial flexibility and protect shareholder value.

**Funding initiatives underway**

The Company, in conjunction with its advisors Jefferies, has commenced a range of initiatives to fund the ramp-up to 2 Mtpa (as announced to the ASX). These include: (i) offtake-linked financing and prepayment structures with prospective bauxite customers; (ii) asset-level and strategic partnering arrangements at the Project level; and (iii) equity and equity-linked alternatives, subject to the constraints described above. The Company has also engaged, and remains willing to engage constructively, with all parties who can assist in funding the Project on terms that are in the interests of all Canyon shareholders, including A2MP. Although active progress is being made by Jefferies, there is no guarantee that alternative funding will be obtained.

The Board's objective is to secure funding on terms that preserve shareholder value and do not unduly dilute or disadvantage shareholders. Shareholders should note that the withdrawal of the development schedule is a consequence of the funding uncertainty created in part by the Takeover Bid and is not a reflection of the underlying quality or economics of Minim Martap.

**Board and Management**

Mark Hohnen has advised the Board that he has reconsidered his retirement position and will not be stepping down as non-executive Chairman until the current A2MP Takeover Bid process is completed. Mr Peter Secker will be stepping down from his role as CEO on the 30th August 2026 (as previously announced) and transition to a technical advisory role for the next few months to support the Company.

## A2MP Takeover Bid — shareholders should take no action

As the Company announced to the ASX on 11 August 2026, the IBC, together with its financial adviser, Jefferies, and its legal advisers, continues to prepare its formal response to the A2MP Takeover Bid. That response will be set out in the Target's Statement, which will include the IBC's formal recommendation and the Independent Expert's Report.

Canyon shareholders are urged to **TAKE NO ACTION** in relation to the A2MP Takeover Bid until they have received and carefully considered the Target's Statement.

**ENDS**

This announcement has been approved for release by Canyon's Board of Directors.


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