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## **Malabar Announces A\$160 million Proposed Equity Raise**

Malabar Resources ("Malabar" or the "Company") today announces the launch of an institutional placement of ordinary shares at a price of A\$1.80 per share for proceeds of at least A\$160 million (the "Proposed Equity Raise"). The Proposed Equity Raise is expected to close on or around 23 February 2024.

As announced in November 2023, Malabar is committed to developing the Maxwell Project as a 300m longwall (vs 145m longwall) to realise the mine's full potential.

The Proposed Equity Raise is expected to result in approximately 88.9 million new fully paid ordinary shares ("New Shares") being issued, representing ~17.7% of existing shares on issue (assuming proceeds of A\$160 million).

New Hope Group Ltd, one of the Company's existing major shareholders, has provided a binding commitment to subscribe for up to A\$105 million of the Proposed Equity Raise. This commitment will comprise two tranches:

- First, ~A\$76 million, or any lesser amount which would result in a pro forma shareholding of 19.9%; and
- Second, ~A\$29 million, which, if required, depending on the overall take up of the Proposed Equity Raise, will be conditional on Malabar shareholder approval under section 611 item 7 of the Corporations Act.

The Company expects to use the gross proceeds of the Proposed Equity Raise alongside existing funding sources, including cash on balance sheet and undrawn debt facilities, for the development of the Maxwell Project.

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