

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

## Coburn Mineral Sands Project Port Access and Services Agreement



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## Strandline secures port access for export of Coburn's mineral sands products

**Agreement to use Port of Geraldton is another key milestone on path to finalising project funding**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Strandline signs binding Port Access and Services Agreement with the Mid West Ports Authority, which operates the Port of Geraldton in WA**
- **The Agreement enables Strandline to export 100% of the mineral sands products produced at its Coburn project over an initial 10-year term**
- **Port of Geraldton is a well-established and reliable mineral export port and its proximity to Coburn provides an efficient and cost-effective port solution**
- **The Agreement follows a series of key supply, construction and binding offtake contracts which are key conditions precedent to finalising project funding**

Strandline Resources (**ASX: STA**) is pleased to announce further progress in its strategy to develop the Coburn mineral sands project in Western Australia, with the execution of a port access and services agreement with Mid West Ports Authority (**MWPA**) for the export of Coburn's products at the Port of Geraldton.

The Agreement allows Strandline to export ~230,000 tonnes per annum of mineral sands product, including heavy mineral concentrate, premium zircon (finished), zircon concentrate, chloride grade ilmenite and rutile products.

MWPA is the operator and manager of the Port of Geraldton facilities and has had experience handling similar mineral sands products through the port for many years.

Under the Agreement, MWPA will provide access to the port facilities and manage the loading of Coburn's mineral sands product into vessels on a campaign basis. The initial term of the Agreement is for 10 years.

Refer to Coburn Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS), released 04 June 2020, for more information on Coburn's minerals sands products and production profile over the initial 22.5-year mine life.

The Agreement is subject to customary conditions precedent for a port services agreement of this nature, as well as Strandline making a final investment decision relating to the development of Coburn.

Earlier this year, Strandline announced the completion of major binding offtake contracts with some of the world's leading consumers across Europe, America and China (see ASX releases 20 April 2020 and 02 July 2020). The offtake agreements cover ~72 per cent of Coburn's forecast revenue with the remaining high value products of rutile and premium zircon retained to sell in the spot market.



## Coburn Project – Strandline Signs Port Agreement for Export of Coburn’s Products

Since then, Strandline and Coburn’s majority lender, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund (NAIF) <sup>1</sup>, have made substantial progress towards completion of loan facility documentation and satisfaction of customary conditions precedent to drawdown.

Strandline is now moving rapidly to finalise the balance of Coburn’s funding requirement, which is expected to comprise a combination of commercial debt (alongside the NAIF A\$150 million tranche) and equity financing.

**Strandline Managing Director Luke Graham said** “Establishing the port agreement with MWPA provides Strandline long-term certainty to export its mineral sands products and represents another strong endorsement of the Coburn project.

“Coburn is a world-class critical minerals project and benefits greatly from its proximity to established infrastructure and mining services in the Mid West region of Western Australia.

“Strandline is rapidly meeting the key conditions required to finalise our project funding. Coburn’s technical and financial quality is reflected in the top-shelf calibre of our suppliers, contractors and our customers, as well as the \$150 million loan facility secured with NAIF, which has conducted extensive due diligence on the project”.

**MWPA Chief Executive Officer Dr Rochelle Macdonald said** “On behalf of MWPA, I congratulate Luke Graham and his team at Strandline on the signing of a Port Services Agreement with MWPA which brings the Coburn project a step closer to development. Strandline’s investment in the Coburn project is another important step in the development of the Mid West region, creating significant economic benefit for the local community”.

“We look forward to continuing our relationship with Strandline and ultimately the facilitation of exports of Coburn’s mineral sands product through the Port of Geraldton”.

### ABOUT MWPA AND THE PORT OF GERALDTON

MWPA provides an essential service for regional Australia and Western Australia’s economy by providing shiploading facilities for bulk commodities that connect the Gascoyne and Mid West regions to national and international markets.

MWPA recognises the value in its diverse operations and the opportunity this extends to the local regions, playing an essential role in facilitating trade, and striving to future-proof growth of the Gascoyne and Mid West regions. [www.midwestports.com.au/](http://www.midwestports.com.au/)

MWPA is responsible for the efficient, safe and effective operation of the Port of Geraldton, and planning for the future and maintenance of facilities while operating in balance with the environment.



Figure 1 Coburn Mineral Sands Project Location Map

<sup>1</sup> The Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) made an investment decision to provide a A\$150m loan facility for the development of Coburn, subject to finalisation of finance documents and satisfaction of customary conditions precedent to first drawdown - refer ASX announcement 22 June 2020



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MWPA operates several commercial berths, associated marine assets and shiploading infrastructure. In addition, MWPA owns and manages the environmental licence for commodities exported through the Port of Geraldton. The Port has had a long association with mineral sands dating back to the 1970’s when the Port of Geraldton facilitated exports from one of the world’s largest mineral sands mines.



Figures 2 & 3 Images above of the Port of Geraldton (provided by MWPA)

## ABOUT STRANDLINE

Strandline Resources Limited (**ASX: STA**) is an emerging heavy mineral sands developer with a portfolio of 100%-owned development assets located in Western Australia and within the world’s major zircon and titanium producing corridor in East Africa.

Strandline’s strategy is to develop and operate high margin, expandable mining assets with market differentiation and global relevance.

Strandline’s project portfolio contains high quality assets which offer a range of development options and timelines, geographic diversity and scalability. They include two zircon-titanium rich, ‘development ready’ projects, being the large Coburn Project in Western Australia and the Fungoni Project in central Tanzania, as well as a series of titanium dominated exploration projects spread along the highly prospective Tanzanian coastline, including the advanced and large scale Tajiri Project in northern Tanzania.

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