

Company Announcement, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Environmental and Social Impact Assessments for Kvanefjeld Project Set for Completion

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (EIA, SIA) for the Kvanefjeld Project to be completed in June 2018
  - EIA and SIA have been reviewed by the Greenland Government and advisory groups through 2016, with interactive dialogue through 2017. Studies have been updated per recommendations
  - Additional environmental field data collected in 2017, with site visits also conducted by Greenland's Environmental Agency for Mineral Resource Assessment (EAMRA), and the Danish Centre for the Environment (DCE)
  - Recent meetings held in Greenland (February 2018) and Denmark (March 2018) to agree action plan of finalising the EIA
  - Both updated impact assessments are being completed by highly-reputed Danish consultants with strong Greenland familiarity, in addition to expert consultants with broader international mining industry experience
  - This approach provides a high level of rigour that will consider specific Greenland conditions, and ensure that both impact assessments are aligned with international best-practice
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### GMEL Managing Director Dr John Mair commented:

*"Following productive meetings this year with the Greenland authorities and the Danish Centre for Environment, completion of the impact assessments for Kvanefjeld is imminent. In addition to the extra studies and data collected in 2017, we are bringing additional global expertise with rare earth experience to finalise the documentation in a thorough and rigorous manner.*

*The completion of high-quality impact assessments following detailed government review and guidance will be a very important step forward to a license to operate. The approach we have taken will set a new benchmark for the assessment of mining projects in Greenland."*

## Finalisation of Environment and Social Impact Assessments

Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd, ('GMEL' or 'the Company') is advancing the Kvanefjeld rare earth project, located in southern Greenland, into the development pipeline. Underpinned by the world's largest code-compliant (JORC, CIM) rare earth resource, Kvanefjeld is well-positioned to be a globally significant, long life, low-cost producer of rare earths; critical materials to the electrification of transport systems, clean energy generation, and a growing range of new technologies.

A major area of focus through 2016-17 was on project permitting. Key permitting documents include the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, and Maritime Safety Study. The permitting process in Greenland necessitates that these studies are submitted in draft form and reviewed in detail by the Greenland Government and their external advisory groups. Studies are then updated to address recommendations under guidance from the government. Following this rigorous review process and subsequent updates, studies are accepted for public consultation.

The reviews for the Kvanefjeld exploitation (mining) license application took place through 2016, with additional work conducted to address recommendations through 2017. Additional work has been undertaken in a constructive dialogue with the authorities. With most outstanding studies and data collection completed, company personnel have met with the Greenland authorities in February 2018, and with the Danish Centre for Environment (DCE) in March 2018, to discuss the completion of the impact assessments.

- The SIA content has been updated and augmented following a constructive dialogue with Greenland's Ministry for Industry Trade and Labour. The SIA is being completed by independent consultants **NIRAS** (Denmark), and **Shared Resources** (Australia, global experience).
- Additional work programs that supplement the EIA are concluding. The updated EIA is being completed by independent Danish consultant **Orbicon**, who bring extensive Greenland understanding and experience, and international consultancy **GHD** who brings extensive international mining and EIA experience. **GHD** has specific experience with rare earth projects where environmental considerations are similar to those for Kvanefjeld.
- In October 2017, the updated Maritime Safety Study was accepted as suitable for public consultation by the Danish Maritime Authority.

The updated impact assessments will be completed by June 2018. The Company is confident that the approach taken is thorough, rigorous, and will provide confidence to regulators and stakeholders that Kvanefjeld can be developed and operated effectively without risk to the environment, workers and local

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communities. Kvanefjeld will provide long-term opportunity and benefits, especially local employment to Greenland society at a time when demand for magnet rare earth elements and prices are increasing.

## **Next Steps**

Work programs to support the updated EIA are being conducted by independent consultants and laboratories. The following groups are working on the additional supporting studies that will be completed by June.

- **Air Quality** – Pacific Environment
- **Hydrology** – Orbicon and GHD
- **Radiation** – Arcadis, Canada
- **Tailings Disposal** - Wood Group
- **Waste Rock Analysis** – SGS Laboratories, SRK Consulting
- **Fjord Impacts** – Danish Hydraulic Institute

Once the outstanding studies are complete and the EIA and SIA documentation is finalised, the mining license application documents will be lodged with the Greenland Government. The next step in the permitting process is a public consultation period. Translations of the EIA and SIA for the public consultation period has commenced. As the impact assessments are finalised, the Company will look to initiate a dialogue with the Greenland Government to establish the timing and schedule for the public consultation period.

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Statement of Identified Mineral Resources, Kvanefjeld Project, Independently Prepared by SRK Consulting (February, 2015)

Cut-off (U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ppm) <sup>1</sup>	Classification	Multi-Element Resources Classification, Tonnage and Grade								Contained Metal				
		M tonnes Mt	TREO <sup>2</sup> ppm	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ppm	LREO ppm	HREO ppm	REO ppm	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ppm	Zn ppm	TREO Mt	HREO Mt	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Mt	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> M lbs	Zn Mt
<b><i>Kvanefjeld - February 2015</i></b>														
150	Measured	143	12,100	303	10,700	432	11,100	978	2,370	1.72	0.06	0.14	95.21	0.34
150	Indicated	308	11,100	253	9,800	411	10,200	899	2,290	3.42	0.13	0.28	171.97	0.71
150	Inferred	222	10,000	205	8,800	365	9,200	793	2,180	2.22	0.08	0.18	100.45	0.48
150	<b>Total</b>	673	10,900	248	9,600	400	10,000	881	2,270	7.34	0.27	0.59	368.02	1.53
200	Measured	111	12,900	341	11,400	454	11,800	1,048	2,460	1.43	0.05	0.12	83.19	0.27
200	Indicated	172	12,300	318	10,900	416	11,300	970	2,510	2.11	0.07	0.17	120.44	0.43
200	Inferred	86	10,900	256	9,700	339	10,000	804	2,500	0.94	0.03	0.07	48.55	0.22
200	<b>Total</b>	368	12,100	310	10,700	409	11,200	955	2,490	4.46	0.15	0.35	251.83	0.92
250	Measured	93	13,300	363	11,800	474	12,200	1,105	2,480	1.24	0.04	0.10	74.56	0.23
250	Indicated	134	12,800	345	11,300	437	11,700	1,027	2,520	1.72	0.06	0.14	101.92	0.34
250	Inferred	34	12,000	306	10,800	356	11,100	869	2,650	0.41	0.01	0.03	22.91	0.09
250	<b>Total</b>	261	12,900	346	11,400	440	11,800	1,034	2,520	3.37	0.11	0.27	199.18	0.66
300	Measured	78	13,700	379	12,000	493	12,500	1,153	2,500	1.07	0.04	0.09	65.39	0.20
300	Indicated	100	13,300	368	11,700	465	12,200	1,095	2,540	1.34	0.05	0.11	81.52	0.26
300	Inferred	15	13,200	353	11,800	391	12,200	955	2,620	0.20	0.01	0.01	11.96	0.04
300	<b>Total</b>	194	13,400	371	11,900	471	12,300	1,107	2,530	2.60	0.09	0.21	158.77	0.49
350	Measured	54	14,100	403	12,400	518	12,900	1,219	2,550	0.76	0.03	0.07	47.59	0.14
350	Indicated	63	13,900	394	12,200	505	12,700	1,191	2,580	0.87	0.03	0.07	54.30	0.16
350	Inferred	6	13,900	392	12,500	424	12,900	1,037	2,650	0.09	0.00	0.01	5.51	0.02
350	<b>Total</b>	122	14,000	398	12,300	506	12,800	1,195	2,570	1.71	0.06	0.15	107.45	0.31

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<b>Sørensen - March 2012</b>														
150	Inferred	242	11,000	304	9,700	398	10,100	895	2,602	2.67	0.10	0.22	162.18	0.63
200	Inferred	186	11,600	344	10,200	399	10,600	932	2,802	2.15	0.07	0.17	141.28	0.52
250	Inferred	148	11,800	375	10,500	407	10,900	961	2,932	1.75	0.06	0.14	122.55	0.43
300	Inferred	119	12,100	400	10,700	414	11,100	983	3,023	1.44	0.05	0.12	105.23	0.36
350	Inferred	92	12,400	422	11,000	422	11,400	1,004	3,080	1.14	0.04	0.09	85.48	0.28
<b>Zone 3 - May 2012</b>														
150	Inferred	95	11,600	300	10,200	396	10,600	971	2,768	1.11	0.04	0.09	63.00	0.26
200	Inferred	89	11,700	310	10,300	400	10,700	989	2,806	1.03	0.04	0.09	60.00	0.25
250	Inferred	71	11,900	330	10,500	410	10,900	1,026	2,902	0.84	0.03	0.07	51.00	0.20
300	Inferred	47	12,400	358	10,900	433	11,300	1,087	3,008	0.58	0.02	0.05	37.00	0.14
350	Inferred	24	13,000	392	11,400	471	11,900	1,184	3,043	0.31	0.01	0.03	21.00	0.07
<b>All Deposits – Grand Total</b>														
150	Measured	143	12,100	303	10,700	432	11,100	978	2,370	1.72	0.06	0.14	95.21	0.34
150	Indicated	308	11,100	253	9,800	411	10,200	899	2,290	3.42	0.13	0.28	171.97	0.71
150	Inferred	559	10,700	264	9,400	384	9,800	867	2,463	6.00	0.22	0.49	325.66	1.38
150	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>11.14</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>592.84</b>	<b>2.42</b>

<sup>1</sup>There is greater coverage of assays for uranium than other elements owing to historic spectral assays. U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> has therefore been used to define the cutoff grades to maximise the confidence in the resource calculations.

<sup>2</sup>Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO) refers to the rare earth elements in the lanthanide series plus yttrium.

Note: Figures quoted may not sum due to rounding.

**Kvanefjeld Ore Reserves Estimate – April 2015**

Class	Inventory (Mt)	TREO (ppm)	LREO (ppm)	HREO (ppm)	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (ppm)	Zn (ppm)
Proven	43	14,700	13,000	500	1,113	352	2,700
Probable	64	14,000	12,500	490	1,122	368	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2,600</b>

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## **ABOUT GREENLAND MINERALS AND ENERGY LTD.**

Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd (ASX: GGG) is an exploration and development company focused on developing high-quality mineral projects in Greenland. The Company's flagship project is the Kvanefjeld multi-element deposit (rare earth elements, uranium, zinc). A pre-feasibility study was finalised in 2012, and a comprehensive feasibility study was completed in 2015 and updated following pilot plant operations in 2016. The studies highlight the potential to develop Kvanefjeld as a long-life, low cost, and large-scale producer of rare earth elements; key enablers to the electrification of transport systems.

GMEL is working closely with major shareholder and strategic partner Shenghe Resources Holding Co Ltd to develop Kvanefjeld as a cornerstone of future rare earth supply. An exploitation (mining) license application for the initial development strategy has been undergoing review by the Greenland Government through the latter part of 2016 and through 2017.

In 2017, GMEL has been undertaking technical work programs with Shenghe Resources Holding Co Ltd that aim to improve the metallurgical performance, simplify the development strategy and infrastructure footprint in Greenland, enhance the cost-structure, and ensure that Kvanefjeld is aligned with downstream processing. In addition, the Company continues its focus on working closely with Greenland's regulatory bodies on the processing of the mining license application, and maintaining regular stakeholder updates.

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Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd will continue to advance the Kvanefjeld project in a manner that is in accord with both Greenlandic Government and local community expectations, and looks forward to being part of continued stakeholder discussions on the social and economic benefits associated with the development of the Kvanefjeld Project.

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### **Competent Person Statement – Mineral Resources Ore Reserves and Metallurgy**

*The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Robin Simpson, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Simpson is employed by SRK Consulting (UK) Ltd ("SRK"), and was engaged by Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd on the basis of SRK's normal professional daily rates. SRK has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the technical assessment being capable of affecting its independence. Mr Simpson has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Robin Simpson consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*

*The information in the statement that relates to the Ore Reserves Estimate is based on work completed or accepted by Mr Damien Krebs of Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd and Mr Scott McEwing of SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd. The information in this report that relates to metallurgy is based on information compiled by Damien Krebs.*

*Damien Krebs is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of metallurgy and scale of project under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as Competent Persons in terms of The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 edition). The Competent Persons consent to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.*

*Scott McEwing is a Fellow and Chartered Professional of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as Competent Persons in terms of The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 edition). The Competent Persons consent to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.*

The mineral resource estimate for the Kvanefjeld Project was updated and released in a Company Announcement on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The ore reserve estimate was released in a Company Announcement on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. There have been no material changes to the resource estimate, or ore reserve since the release of these announcements.