

## SPATIAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT RECEIVED

*Flagship Ohmgebirge Potash Development receives Stage 1 permitting greenlight*

South Harz Potash Limited (ASX:SHP) (South Harz or the Company) is pleased to advise that it has been granted the Spatial Planning Assessment ("Raumverträglichkeitsprüfung") for its Ohmgebirge Potash Development (Ohmgebirge), the flagship asset within its 100%-owned South Harz Potash Project located in central Germany.

The Spatial Planning application for Ohmgebirge was formally submitted to the relevant regulator, Thüringer Landesverwaltungsamt (TLVwA), in December 2023. This application incorporated multiple potential brownfield site options for the planned development of the Ohmgebirge potash deposit.

The published decision of the TLVwA confirms the compatibility of all submitted site options with regional planning requirements, while also expressing a preference for one (use of the designated industrial area at Leinefelde).

The Spatial Planning Assessment has been issued with a set of conditions relevant to the next stage of development approval for Ohmgebirge, the Framework Operating Plan License. All these conditions are considered customary and/or readily acceptable by South Harz.

It is also noteworthy that the Spatial Planning Assessment covers a potential Ohmgebirge layout that is almost twice the size of the actual design contained in the recent Ohmgebirge Pre-Feasibility Study (refer South Harz ASX release dated 22 May 2024, *Landmark Sollstedt Mine Purchase, Ohmgebirge Pre-Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve*). As a result of the targeted future acquisition of the neighbouring Sollstedt mine, the planned surface footprint of Ohmgebirge has been reduced by approximately 50% compared to the submitted site options under the Spatial Planning Assessment.

### **Commenting on the Spatial Planning decision, South Harz Executive Chairman, Len Jubber, said:**

*"This is an outstanding outcome from a transparent and well-administered process. The positive Spatial Planning decision provides a strong base for the future development of Ohmgebirge and speaks volumes to the constructiveness of the entire Thuringia region to new critical minerals development. It also validates the world-class environmental and sustainability features that we have incorporated into our Ohmgebirge operational planning, including zero surface waste piling, zero industrial water discharges, low impact mining practises, grid power utilisation (supplied by +60% renewable sources) and a low overall surface footprint."*

*"We will now evaluate all accompanying conditions in more detail and seek to incorporate these requirements into our development planning, as appropriate, while proceeding into the second major stage of the Ohmgebirge permitting process."*

*"I would like to thank the TLVwA for their professionalism and timeliness. I would also like to thank all our people, lead ably by our Regional Director, Dr Babette Winter, for their diligence and responsiveness through the entire Spatial Planning process."*

### **Regional Director and MD of South Harz subsidiary, Südharz Kali, Dr Babette Winter, commented:**

*"This is an excellent day for new mining development in Germany and for South Harz. The clarity of the Spatial Planning process always provided great comfort and I believe that the TLVwA has balanced the interests of all stakeholders well in arriving at its decision."*

*"We are regularly asked whether a new mine in Germany is feasible, and whether the Northern Thuringia region wants one – this decision suggests the clear answer to that question is yes."*

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#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

827.2 M Ordinary Shares  
113.4 M Unlisted Options

## Spatial Planning Assessment

A Spatial Planning Assessment is intended to determine at an early stage whether a spatially significant project can be implemented in a spatially and environmentally compatible manner at the intended location. The aim is to avoid development misalignment and to accelerate subsequent planning and permitting. The spatial compatibility is assessed based on the spatially significant effects from a supra-regional perspective, assessment of alternative locations and environmental impacts in relation to the state planning principles and objectives of a planning area.

South Harz submitted its documents for the Spatial Planning Assessment on 8 December 2023. This documentation included an Environmental Impact Study. A public consultation process was then undertaken over several months, prior to finalisation and publication of the TLVwA's decision.

The full Spatial Planning Assessment decision is published here:

<https://landesverwaltungsamt.thueringen.de/bauen/raumordnung/raumordnung/abgeschlossene-raumvertraeglichkeitspruefungen/standard-titel>

## Comprehensive Ohmgebirge Permitting Process

For the implementation of the project under German law, South Harz undertakes a four-stage approval process. The two most important steps are the Spatial Planning Assessment (Step 1) under the Spatial Planning Act (ROG) and the Framework Operating Plan Approval (Step 2) under German mining law (BBergG).

The latter is followed by two Operating Plan Approvals (Steps 3 and 4), which are usually issued fairly shortly after the Framework Operating Plan Approval (Step 2) has been granted.

All permitting steps fall under the responsibility of authorities at State level in Thuringia. The German Federal level is not involved.

## South Harz and social license to operate

Development of Ohmgebirge sees the long-term re-establishment of potash mining in a region that has been characterized by it throughout the past century. There is a generally open and supportive attitude towards potash mining in the region, which is also expressed in the articulation of support for potash mining in the current regional plan of the State of Thuringia. There is also a well-founded knowledge of the specific activities involved.

South Harz recognizes that early and continuous communication with stakeholders is critical to the success of any mining project. The Company has established and undertaken regular, locally driven stakeholder communications over several years now. This highly effective program has been run by South Harz's Regional Director in Thuringia, Dr Babette Winter, and through the opening of a local office in Eichsfeld. Consultation and ongoing dialogue is in place with local, regional, and state officials and politicians, government, landowners, environmental NGOs, media, and the general public.

**This ASX release has been approved by Executive Chairman, Len Jubber.**

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## About South Harz

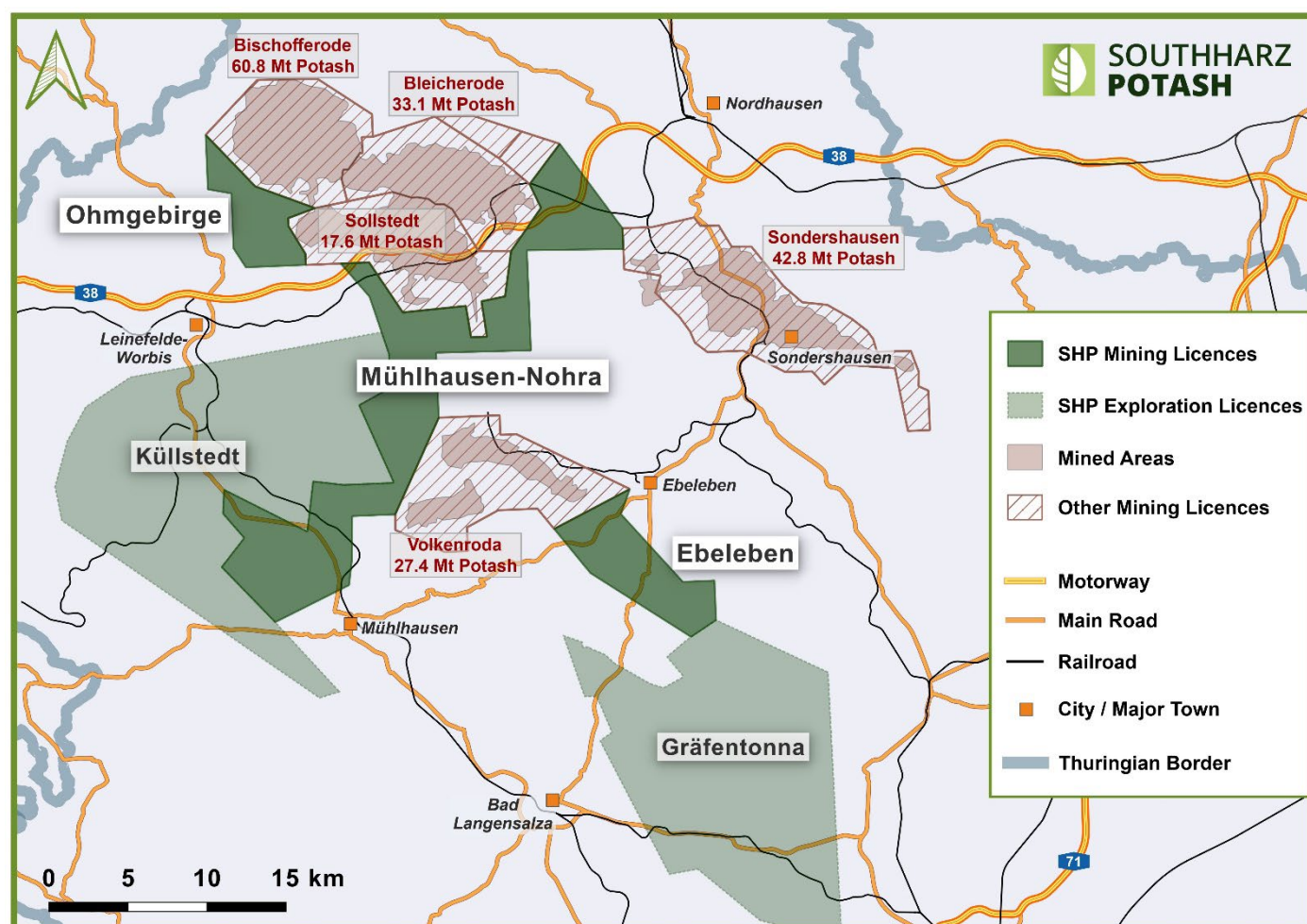
South Harz Potash (ASX: SHP) (**South Harz**) is a potash exploration and development company with its flagship project located in the South Harz Potash District region of Germany, midway between Frankfurt and Berlin.

The South Harz Project hosts a globally large-scale potash JORC (2012) Mineral Resource estimate of 5.1 billion tonnes at 10.6% K<sub>2</sub>O of Inferred Resources and 258 million tonnes at 13.2% K<sub>2</sub>O of Indicated Resources across four wholly-owned project areas located favourably within central Europe.<sup>1</sup> This comprises three perpetual potash mining licences, Ohmgebirge, Ebeleben and Mühlhausen-Nohra, and two potash exploration licences, Küllstedt and Gräfentonna, covering a total area of approximately 659km.

With strong established infrastructure proximate to the key European market, the South Harz Project is well positioned to enable rapid economic development across multiple deposits.

**South Harz Potash: Growing a responsible potash business in the heart of Germany.**

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1. For full Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimate details refer to South Harz ASX release *Landmark Sollstedt Mine Purchase, Ohmgebirge Pre-Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve* dated 22 May 2024, and *Landmark Resource Upgrade at Ohmgebirge* dated 12 July 2022. In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.23, the Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this release, and the Company confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in these releases continue to apply and have not materially changed.