



Base Resources to ship first minerals from Kwale mineral sands project

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In a milestone Base Resources will ship 25,000 tonnes of ilmenite over the weekend from Kwale in Kenya on the bulk carrier MV African Eagle, which docked at the company's Likoni marine facility.



Base Resources (ASX:BSE, AIM:BSE) has begun its first shipment this week of minerals from the Kwale mineral sands project after being given export approval by the Kenyan government.

Base expects to export its maiden shipment of 25,000 tonnes of ilmenite over the weekend on the bulk carrier MV African Eagle, which docked at the Company's Likoni marine facility on Wednesday.

Base plans to export over 450,000 metric tonnes of titanium minerals annually.

The Likoni marine facility was completed in December and deliveries of finished ilmenite and rutile product are being stockpiled in the 60,000 tonne capacity port storage shed in advance of shipment.

All work packages are now complete and operational, with the exception of the zircon circuit of the mineral separation plant which is currently undergoing feed commissioning, with production of zircon expected to commence in the next couple of weeks.

"The project is historic having taken 18 years before the realization of the first export," Kenya's Mining Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala said.

The products include 340,000 metric tonnes of Ilmenite, 30,000 of Zircon and 80,000 metric tonnes of rutile products.

The consignment was loaded to the MV African ship at the company's 29 million US dollars port facilities at Likoni mainland jetty in the coastal city of Mombasa before it was flagged off.

Base External Affairs General Manager Joe Schwarz said the first shipment is a key significant that Kenya is ready to venture into the mineral mining sector.

He said the export will steadily increase of Kenya earning through foreign exchange and bolster relation among the two nations.

Base had cash and cash equivalents of A\$33.3 million at December quarter end.

Market

The short term market for titanium dioxide feedstocks continued to show signs of improvement through the December quarter with reports from major pigment producers suggesting that pigment demand has improved, and stock levels and plant utilisation rates have started to normalise, through H2, 2013.

Improvement of ilmenite and rutile pricing in 2014 is dependent on the pace of stock re-balancing between producers and consumers.

Demand for zircon was firm in the major markets of China and USA throughout 2013, with consumption exceeding that in 2012 with the trend expected to continue through 2014.

Although zircon pricing remained relatively stable for much of 2013, the rate of supply into the market through the December quarter exceeded that of demand and forced a drop in pricing by year end.

Base has agreed sales schedules with all customers for 2014 and is currently finalising shipping and logistics arrangements for the initial shipments in the first quarter of 2014.

Analysis

Base Resources' ongoing work at the Kwale mineral sands project has been brought to fruition with the first bulk export shipment of ilmenite to occur this weekend.

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Late last year Base received a buy recommendation and a \$1 share price target price from UK broker RFC Ambrian. Highlighting the potential upside, Base last traded at \$0.41.

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