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## **Approval to Take Water for Tabba Tabba Tantalum Project**

***Wet commissioning to commence shortly with full production scheduled to start by mid-November.***

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Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS) (“Pilbara” or “the Company”) is pleased to advise that on 30 October 2015, the WA Department of Water granted Pilbara’s wholly-owned subsidiary Tabba Tabba Tantalum Pty Ltd (“TTT”) approval to take water from Ground Water Licence 181791.

This Ground Water licence is issued to tenement owner Global Advanced Metals Wodgina Pty Ltd, with which TTT holds a minerals and processing agreement for the operation of the Tabba Tabba mine.

The initial annual approval is from 30 October 2015 and allows water to be taken for mineral ore processing, dust suppression and mining care and maintenance as well as for mining camp purposes.

This approval will allow wet commissioning and initial operations to proceed at Tabba Tabba and represents one of the final pre-conditions to securing an Operating Permit for the Tabba Tabba mine.

It is expected that the Operating Permit will be granted shortly. Subject to its grant, full-scale production at Tabba Tabba is scheduled to commence on 16 November 2015 with sale and shipments to commence in December 2015, as set out in Pilbara’s ASX release dated 29 October 2015.

### **About the Tabba Tabba Tantalum Project (PLS 100%)**

*Pilbara is currently developing the Tabba Tabba Tantalum deposit, located approximately 75km south-east of Port Hedland in WA’s Pilbara region. Tabba Tabba is an advanced, high quality tantalum deposit which will underpin a boutique, low-cost mining and processing operation capable of supplying up to 10% of global annual tantalum demand and generating robust cash-flows for Pilbara. The tantalum market is boutique in size with around 1,300t required each year. However, it is growing rapidly due to its use in the manufacture of capacitors used in wireless and hand-held devices.*

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