

# TUMBLEGUM SOUTH GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

## Highlights

- **Permitting - 4 studies in final draft**
  - **Flora and Fauna Assessment**
  - **Subterranean Fauna Assessment**
  - **Geological and Geotechnical Report**
  - **Hydrogeology and Hydrology Assessment**
- **RC Drilling results due August 2025**
- **Mining approvals application nearing completion**

**NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE APPLICATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS**

**HERITAGE SURVEYS**

**MINING LICENCE GRANTED**

**SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATER**

**GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS**

**MINING APPROVALS APPLICATION**

**WATER EXTRACTION LICENCE**

Star Minerals Limited (ASX: SMS, “the Company” or “Star Minerals”) is pleased to provide a Project update on the Tumblegum South Gold Project.

Managing Director, Ashley Jones commented: *“Following the completion of the RC drilling, samples have been submitted for assay with results expected later this month. The approvals application has been continuing in the background and is nearing completion. Initial pre-submission discussions have occurred with the regulator which were positive. The approvals application is being completed in line with the new Mining Amendment Act 2022, which will commence on 9 September 2025, which should streamline the process. All work to achieve mining approvals is being completed and on track.”*

The Tumblegum South Gold resource is located 40 km south of Meekatharra. An Updated Scoping Study has been completed on the Project<sup>1</sup> and Star Minerals plans to commence mining in Q1 2026.

<sup>1</sup> See ASX announcement dated 20 May 2024 ‘Positive Updated Scoping Study for Tumblegum South Gold Project’

### **Next Steps for the Tumblegum South Gold Project**

- Release of drill results
- Completion of the mining approvals submission
- Updated JORC resource

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Managing Director

*This announcement has been approved for release by the Board*

## ABOUT STAR MINERALS

Star Minerals is primarily focused on the development of the Tumblegum South Gold Project, aiming to bring the project into production in early 2026. Free cashflow will capitalise on gold prices sitting significantly higher than the prices used in the Updated Scoping Study.<sup>2</sup> An MOU has been signed with MEGA Resources for mine development and mining.<sup>3</sup> ResourcesWA has been appointed to undertake the mine approvals process.<sup>4</sup>

At gold prices from A\$3,000 to A\$3,800/oz, the updated Production Target for the Tumblegum South Gold Project (**Updated Production Target**) ranges from approximately:

- **167kt @ 2.43g/t producing 11.8koz gold, to**
- **255kt @ 2.16g/t producing 15.9koz gold**

The Updated Production Target generates an undiscounted accumulated cash surplus after payment of all working capital costs, but excluding pre-mining capital requirements, of approximately **A\$9.4M to A\$19.6M**.

Mining is contemplated as a single campaign over approximately 18-months. Pre-mining capital and start-up costs are estimated to be approximately **A\$0.7M to A\$1.5M**.

Sensitivity of the base case scenario to gold price was assessed. Results suggest that project economics are robust for a broad range of gold prices.

## MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

Project Area	Resource Category	Weathering	Tonnes (kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold ounces (koz)
Tumblegum South	Indicated	Transitional	25	2.99	2
		Fresh	312	2.48	25
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>27</b>
	Inferred	Transitional	40	1.76	2
		Fresh	239	2.03	16
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>616</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>45</b>

Tonnages are dry metric tonnes. Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding.

## COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Ashley Jones, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and is a Director of Star Minerals Limited. Mr Jones has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources

<sup>2</sup> See ASX announcement dated 20 May 2024 'Positive Updated Scoping Study for Tumblegum South Gold Project'

<sup>3</sup> See ASX announcement dated 1 April 2025 'Star Minerals Signs MOU with Mining Contractor to Advance Tumblegum South Gold Project'

<sup>4</sup> See ASX announcement dated 12 May 2025 'Mine Approval Process Consultant Appointed'

and Ore Reserves'. Mr Jones consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement relating to the current resource estimate for the Tumblegum South gold deposit is extracted from the Company's announcement 'Tumblegum South Mineral Resource Update' dated 29 May 2023 and is available to view on the Star Minerals' website, [www.starminerals.com.au](http://www.starminerals.com.au).

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement. The estimated mineral resources underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by the Competent Person in accordance with the requirements of the JORC Code (2012).

The information in this report that relates to the Open Pit Mining Scoping Study for Tumblegum South and to the Production Target derived from the Scoping Study is based on information compiled by Mr Jake Fitzsimons, a Competent Person who is a Member or Fellow of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full time employee of Orelogy Pty Ltd. Mr Fitzsimons has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Fitzsimons consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This announcement contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'may', 'could', 'should', 'believes', 'estimates', 'targets', 'expected', or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions regarding future events and actions that, as at the date of this announcement, are considered reasonable. Such forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, the Directors and the management. The Directors cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announce will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.