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MKANGO ANNOUNCES SHARE OPTION AND RSU AWARDS AND EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

London / Vancouver: 27 March 2025 - Mkango Resources Ltd (AIM / TSX-V:MKA) (the "Company" or "Mkango"), announces that, subject to regulatory approval, Mkango has granted 800,000 stock options over 800,000 common shares of the Company ("Options") to directors, officers and employees of the Company in accordance with the Company's existing Option Plan, and 1,455,000 Restricted Share Units ("RSUs") to officers of the Company in accordance with its existing RSU Plan.

Each Option is exercisable for one common share of Mkango ("Mkango Shares"), with an exercise price of 0.255 CAD (approximately 13.9p using an exchange rate of 1.84 CAD:GBP) per common share, being the closing price of the Mkango Shares on the TSX-V on 26 March 2025. The Options will vest over the next 18 months and are valid for a period of ten years from the date of the grant.

 $The \ Options \ granted \ to \ the \ following \ directors \ and \ officers \ are \ in \ accordance \ with \ the \ Company's \ Stock \ Option \ Plan.$

Name of director/officer	Proposed New Options	Total Options Held after grant
Shaun Treacy Non-Executive Director	210,000	1,580,000
Susan Muir Non-Executive Director	210,000	1,580,000
Philipa Varris Non-Executive Director	210,000	610,000

The Company has also issued 1,455,000 Restricted Share Units to Will Dawes, Alexander Lemon and Robert Sewell with certain vesting conditions. Each RSU will, upon vesting, be capable of being redeemed for one Mkango Share.

Of the total number of RSUs, 20% of these RSUs are contingent on first production being achieved in the UK by the end of Q2 2025, 40% are contingent on first production being achieved in Germany by the end of 2025, and 40% are contingent on the listing of Lancaster Exploration on the NASDAQ exchange and the successful completion of the SPAC transaction by the end of 2025.

Name of director/officer	Proposed New RSUs	Total RSUs Held after award
Will Dawes Chief Executive Officer	500,000	5,239,717
Alexander Lemon President	500,000	5,239,717

Robert Sewell	455,000	2,402,589
Chief Financial Officer		

Following the issue of Options and the grant of RSUs referred to above, the total number of common shares issuable pursuant to the Company's securities-based compensation plans is 31,600,357, representing 9.7 per cent of the Company's total issued share capital (taking into account the exercise of the warrants referred to below).

EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

The Company has received notification that one of Mkango's warrant holders has exercised 209,375 warrants over common shares in the Company, at a price of eight (8) pence per common share. Accordingly, the Company has provisionally issued 209,375 common shares to satisfy this exercise.

The Warrant Shares will rank pari passu with the Company's existing shares and application has been made for the Warrant Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM ("Admission"). It is expected that Admission will become effective and dealings in the Placement Shares will commence at 8:00 am on or around 4 April 2025. The Warrant Shares will be subject to a statutory hold period in Canada expiring on the date that is four months and one day from issuance of the Warrants, and will also be listed for trading on the TSX-V.

In accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (DTR 5.6.1R) the Company hereby notifies the market that immediately following Admission, its issued and outstanding share capital will consist of 327,052,907 shares. The Company does not hold any shares in treasury. Shareholders may use this figure as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Company under the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

About Mkango

Mkango is listed on the AIM and the TSX-V. Mkango's corporate strategy is to become a market leader in the production of recycled rare earth magnets, alloys and oxides, through its interest in Maginito Limited ("Maginito"), which is owned 79.4 per cent by Mkango and 20.6 per cent by CoTec, and to develop new sustainable sources of neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium and terbium to supply accelerating demand from electric vehicles, wind turbines and other clean energy technologies.

Maginito holds a 100 per cent interest in HyProMag Limited ("HyProMag") and a 90 per cent direct and indirect interest (assuming conversion of Maginito's convertible loan) in HyProMag GmbH, focused on short loop rare earth magnet recycling in the UK and Germany, respectively, and a 100 per cent interest in Mkango Rare Earths UK Ltd ("Mkango UK"), focused on long loop rare earth magnet recycling in the UK via a chemical route.

Maginito and CoTec are also rolling out HyProMag's recycling technology into the United States via the 50/50 owned HyProMag USA LLC joint venture company.

Mkango also owns the advanced stage Songwe Hill rare earths project and an extensive rare earths, uranium, tantalum, niobium, rutile, nickel and cobalt exploration portfolio in Malawi, and the Pulawy rare earths separation project in

Songwe Hill is one of the few rare earths projects to have progressed to the Definitive Feasibility Stage, with an expected life of mine of 18 years, producing a 55% mixed rare earth carbonate, yielding 1,953 tons per annum of NdPr and 56 tons per annum of DyTb.

Mkango's proposed Pulawy separation facility site, located in a Special Economic Zone in Poland, stands adjacent to the EU's second largest manufacturer of nitrogen fertilisers, and features established infrastructure, access to reagents and utilities on site. The Pulawy rare earths separation project in Poland has been designated as a Strategic Project by the European Commission under the Critical Raw Materials Act ("CRMA").

Mkango has signed a letter of Intent with Crown PropTech Acquisitions to list Mkango's Songwe Hill and Pulawy Rare Earths Projects on NASDAQ via a SPAC Merger.

For more information, please visit www.mkango.ca

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

The information contained within this announcement is deemed by the Company to constitute inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulations (EU) No. 596/2014 ('MAR') which has been incorporated into UK law by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. Upon the publication of this announcement via Regulatory Information Service, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.

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PERSONS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THEM:

1	Details of the per	son discharging managerial r	esponsibilities / person closely	associated
a) 2	Reason for the no	1) William Dawes 2) Alexander Lemon 3) Robert Sewell 4) Shaun Treacy 5) Susan Muir 6) Philipa Varris otification 1) Chief Executive Officer		
		2) President and Co-Foun 3) Chief Financial Officer 3) Non-Executive Director 3) Non-Executive Director 3) Non-Executive Director		
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial Notification		
3	auction monitor	the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or enitor		
a)	Name	Mkango Resources Ltd		
b)	LEI	213800RPILRWRUYNTS85		
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a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	Proposed New RSU's and Pi	oposed New Options	
b)	Nature of the transaction	Issue of Common Shares in	connection with a Private Pla	cement
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s) 1) nil 2) nil 3) nil 4) CAD 0.255 5) CAD 0.255 6) CAD 0.255	Volume(s) 500,000 500,000 455,000 210,000 210,000 210,000	
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Price(s) 1-3) nil 4-6) CAD 0.255	Volume(s) 1,455,000 630,000	
e)	Date of the transaction	27 March 2025		

f)	Place of the transaction	Outside a trading venue

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