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## **MKANGO PROVIDES UPDATE ON SONGWE HILL RARE EARTHS PROJECT AND THAMBANI URANIUM-TANTALUM-NIOBIUM PROJECT IN MALAWI**

**London / Vancouver: August 19, 2019** - Mkango Resources Ltd. (AIM/TSX-V: MKA) (the "Company" or "Mkango"), is pleased to provide an update on the Songwe Hill rare earths project and Thambani uranium-tantalum-niobium project in Malawi.

### **Songwe**

The feasibility study for the Songwe Hill Rare Earths project continues to progress, fully funded by strategic partner, Talaxis Limited, a subsidiary of Noble Group.

Mkango is pleased to confirm that the recently shipped 60 tonne bulk rock sample for mineral processing and metallurgical pilot test work studies has now arrived into Fremantle Port in Western Australia. Optimisation of the mineral processing flowsheet continues to progress well and we look forward to updating shareholders further in due course.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Mkango welcomed the recently appointed Honourable Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, the Honourable Binton Kutsaira, Deputy Minister Mungasulwa Mwambande and Chief Director Oliver Kambambe, leading a large government delegation visiting the Songwe Hill rare earths project and local corporate social responsibility initiatives.

**Honourable Binton Kutsaira, Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining for Malawi, said** "I am overwhelmed with the progress being made by Mkango Resources at the Songwe Hill Rare Earths exploration project in Phalombe District. I commend Mkango for being exemplary in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility and for being transparent with all stakeholders regarding its operations, as it continues to fast track its Rare Earth mineral exploration and bankable feasibility studies. The advancement of the Songwe Hill project offers real hope to the nation of Malawi that it will have a producing rare earths mine in the near future. The government of Malawi is 100% committed to supporting investors in the mining sector such as Mkango Resources Limited, as mining is a priority on the government's agenda of transforming the economy of the Malawi."

**Alexander Lemon, President of Mkango, said:** "We believe that the Songwe Rare Earths project will be transformational for the Nation of Malawi, enabling it to become an important sustainable producer of Rare Earth Elements which are so necessary for the efficient future electrification of transport systems and renewable energy such as direct drive wind turbines, as well as many other hi-tech applications. At the same time empowering local communities and validating Malawi's credentials as one of Africa's premier investment

destinations. We are very appreciative of the support received from the Government of Malawi and all stakeholders as we develop the project through its Definitive Feasibility Study.”

### **Thambani**

Mkango’s Chief Geologist, Dr Paul Armitage, and a team of 5 geologists with logistical support are currently carrying out a detailed exploration work programme in the Thambani exclusive prospecting license, which features multiple zones of nepheline-syenite-hosted uranium, tantalum and niobium mineralization, with a number of extensive uranium radiometric anomalies.

The programme is following up on the previous Mkango exploration results and includes further ground truthing of radiometric anomalies, rock sampling on outcrop, and collection of samples from new trenches. In parallel, Mkango are continuing to evaluate partnership opportunities for the project.

All costs associated with the work programme are being covered out of existing cash resources and further updates will be provided on Thambani in due course.

For more information, please visit [www.mkango.ca](http://www.mkango.ca)

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### **About Mkango Resources Limited**

Mkango's primary business is exploration for rare earth elements and associated minerals in the Republic of Malawi, a country whose hospitable people have earned it a reputation as “the warm heart of Africa”. The Company holds interests in four exclusive prospecting licences in Malawi: the Phalombe licence, the Thambani licence, the Chimimbe Hill and Mchinji licences.

The main exploration target in the 51% held Phalombe licence is the Songwe Hill rare earths deposit. This features carbonatite-hosted rare earth mineralisation and was subject to previous exploration in the late 1980s. Mkango completed an updated Pre-Feasibility Study for the project in November 2015 and a Feasibility Study is currently underway, the initial phases of which included a 10,900 metre drilling programme and an updated mineral resource estimate, announced in February 2019. In March 2019, the Company announced receipt of a £7 million (C\$12.3 million) investment from Talaxis to fund completion of the Feasibility Study. Following completion of the Feasibility Study, Talaxis has an option to acquire a further 26% interest in Songwe by arranging financing for project development including funding the equity component thereof.

The main exploration targets in Mkango’s remaining two 100% held licences are, in the Thambani licence, uranium, niobium, tantalum and zircon and, in the Chimimbe Hill licence, nickel and cobalt.

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