
Trigg Mining receives offtake interest; always scanning for M&A opportunities – CEO

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Australian sulphate of potash (SOP) explorer Trigg Mining [ASX:TMG] has received interest in offtake agreements as it is still looking to move its flagship Lake Throssell project into production, Managing Director (MD) and CEO Keren Paterson said.

The Perth-based company, with a market cap of AUD 17m (USD 12.5m), is working with Euclase Capital as financial advisor on project funding for the development of Lake Throssell, located in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia, Paterson said.

When asked if the company is interested in hearing from potential joint venture partners to speed up the process, the CEO said Trigg is “open to the best way possible to move Lake Throssell into production”.

The company has already received interest in offtake agreements for its SOP product, as well as interest in the debt financing, although the timeline for potential funding via debt and equity is yet to be determined, Paterson said.

Trigg has completed a scoping study on Lake Throssell, which shows the project could be a multi-decade operation with low-cost quartile costs and a top-10 global SOP producer with low greenhouse gas emissions, sulphate of potash, Paterson said. Trigg has also begun work on the pre-feasibility study for the project, and is looking for further upsides with additional exploration on recently granted tenements, she added.

Meanwhile, Trigg is always scanning for M&A opportunities in the Australian potash sector, the CEO continued. The SOP sector is also attracting more attention now given the massive disruption to the global supply and surging prices in the past year, she added.

The world’s supply of potassium fertilizer saw large price hikes as direct sanctions were placed on Belarus in 2021 and now financial sanctions placed on Russia have impacted around 40% of the global supply for the commodity. The price of SOP standard bulk prices had risen to EUR 1,070 to EUR 1,100 per tonne as of 7 April in northwest Europe, according to a potash report by *Argus Media*, a global commodities data provider.

“From an M&A perspective, there are a number of ASX-listed, single-asset companies with development projects in Western Australia. These companies all have long-life, low carbon footprint, natural sources of potassium fertilizer and are trading at well below project NPV’s,” Paterson said.

Australia's nascent potash sector has run into some hurdles as Salt Lake Potash [ASX:S04], the first player to go into production, went into receivership in October 2021. More recently, the receivers and Macquarie Capital started a process to sell the company's flagship Lake Way project or recapitalize the company, according to an announcement to the ASX on 10 March. Salt Lake Potash's flagship Lake Way project is also located in WA's Goldfields region.

Trigg's Lake Throssell project has a total drainable mineral resource of 14.4Mt, according to a recent company presentation. The company also has the 500km² Lake Rason SOP Project located about 100km from Lake Throssell, as well as four tenements around Lake Yeo about 35km south of Lake Throssell, according to its website.

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