# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# VIKING PARTNERS WITH GLOBAL CONSULTANCY WSP TO FAST-TRACK LINKA PERMITTING

- **WSP USA Inc. (WSP) engaged for permitting support and data acquisition, effectively compressing the Project development timeline.**
- **Tier-1 global consultancy WSP provides ~83,000 employees and a significant local presence in the Nevada mining sector.**
- **Immediate commencement of baseline studies forms a core component of Viking's fast-track strategy to de-risk the Project.**
- **Integrated approach ensures permitting workstreams run in parallel with ongoing metallurgical, engineering, and geological programmes.**
- **Surveys initiated to capture critical biological and water data, securing a proprietary database and enhancing asset value.**

**Viking Mines Ltd (ASX: VKA)** ("**Viking**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to report the engagement of global professional services firm WSP USA Inc. (a subsidiary of WSP Global Inc.) to support Viking along the permitting pathway and commence critical baseline data acquisition at the Linka Tungsten Project in Nevada, USA.

***Viking Mines MD & CEO Julian Woodcock said:***

*"Engaging WSP is another critical step in moving Linka toward a development-ready state. By commencing the permitting process with baseline data collection an in parallel with metallurgical, engineering and geological programmes, we are effectively compressing the development timeline.*

*"Building this proprietary database today de-risks the asset and ensures we are well advanced on the pathway towards future permitting."*

## ACCELERATING PERMITTING PATHWAY

The Company has secured WSP USA Inc. ("**WSP**") to manage baseline studies and develop a permitting strategy for the Linka Project. WSP is a premier global engineering firm with 83,000 employees and deep expertise within the Nevada mining industry. This strategic partnership ensures that Viking has access to world-class technical resources and established regulatory relationships within the United States.

This proactive engagement is central to Viking's fast-track strategy. Capturing time-sensitive data early in the Project life cycle streamlines the transition toward advanced exploration and potential future development. By integrating these requirements into the current technical workflow, the Company is taking a holistic approach to project management that prioritises efficiency and risk mitigation.

## PERMITTING PATHWAY AND DATA ACQUISITION

WSP are completing a work programme that is structured into three primary phases to move Linka toward development readiness in parallel with other technical workstreams:

- **Phase 1 – Baseline Data and Strategy:** Initiation of desktop and terrestrial assessments to establish a comprehensive project foundation. This phase defines the optimal permitting roadmap and identifies critical statutory and regulatory milestones for future operations.
- **Phase 2 – Resource Characterisation:** A comprehensive field programme of biological, water resource, and cultural surveys to capture necessary field data. These surveys are essential for building a detailed profile of the Project area to meet state and federal requirements.
- **Phase 3 – Regulatory Compliance:** Facilitation of documentation and site assessments required for the authorisation of advanced exploration or development plans. This phase involves direct coordination with regulatory bodies to ensure all compliance benchmarks are met seamlessly.

## STRATEGIC RATIONALE: BUILDING AN ADVANCED ASSET

Initiating these studies represents a critical milestone in the Project's evolution. By running this work in parallel with Mineral Technologies processing concept design[1] and the Viking managed geological exploration programme, the Company is effectively compressing the overall development timeline. This concurrent processing avoids the common industry pitfall of sequential development, where permitting only begins after technical studies are complete.

Furthermore, acquiring baseline data builds a high-value proprietary database. This de-risks the Project and accelerates its transition to development-ready status, significantly increasing asset valuation for all stakeholders. A Project with a matured permitting profile is inherently more attractive and valuable than one at the purely conceptual stage.

This systematic approach ensures the Company remains compliant with Federally managed lands and state requirements, while maintaining the momentum required to bring the Linka Project into development as rapidly as possible.

## NEXT STEPS

With the engagement of WSP, the Company has commenced the necessary works to ensure baseline data is collected which will be required for future compliance and permitting. Key next steps associated with WSP include:

- **Initial Surveys:** Commencement of terrestrial and desktop assessments.
- **Strategy Finalisation:** Completion of the permitting roadmap to define the pathway for future operations.
- **Resource Surveys:** Deployment of field teams for biological and water resource monitoring.

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[1] VKA ASX Announcement, 17 March 2026 - VKA Engages Mineral Technologies for Linka Tungsten

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.



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**Competent Persons Statement – Exploration Results**

Information in this release that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Julian Woodcock, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (MAusIMM(CP) – 305446). Mr Woodcock is a full-time employee of Viking Mines Ltd. Mr Woodcock has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Woodcock consents to the disclosure of the information in this report in the form and context in which it appears. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Exploration Results in the original announcements 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 announcements.