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R&D Funding Arrangement

Vertex Minerals Limited (ASX:VTX or "Vertex" or the "Company") is pleased to advise that the Company has entered into an R&D loan facility with Rockford Capital ("Rockford").

The facility encompasses the Company's research and development expenditure tax incentive refunds for the income tax years ended 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2026. ("R&D Claims")

The Rockford R&D loan facility provides for an amount of up to $1.5 million to be lent against the R&D Claims. The R&D Claims are expected to be settled and received in the next few weeks.

This $1.5 million Rockford loan facility is secured against the Company's projected R&D Claims.

The facility has a 2.5% fixed establishment fee ($37,500) and bears interest at 17.0 % per annum compounded daily, with a 90-day minimum interest period.

Access to this funding stream will provide the Company with the ability to continue to develop towards commercial gold production at the Reward Gold Mine, providing funds for working capital.

This announcement has been approved for release to the ASX by the Directors of Vertex Minerals Limited.

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