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MBMA Maintains Q2 Momentum as SCM Output Rises and HPAL Projects Advance

Jakarta, Indonesia – PT Merdeka Battery Materials Tbk (“MBMA” or the “Company”; IDX: MBMA) maintained strong operating momentum in the second quarter of 2026, supported by higher saprolite and limonite ore production from Sulawesi Cahaya Mineral (“SCM”) mine, improved nickel ore pricing following the adoption of the new Mineral Benchmark Price (Harga Patokan Mineral or “HPM”), and continued progress across downstream High Pressure Acid Leach (“HPAL”) projects.

The SCM mine delivered strong year-on-year production growth during the quarter. Saprolite ore production increased 130% year-on-year to 2.9 million wet metric tonnes (“wmt”), while limonite ore production rose 87% year-on-year to 4.7 million wmt, in line with MBMA’s production ramp-up initiatives.

Given higher ore selling prices, saprolite cash margin increased to US$26.7/wmt from US$1.0/wmt in the same period last year, while limonite cash margin rose 135% year-on-year to US$10.4/wmt, despite higher royalties on the back of higher ore selling prices and higher fuel costs.

In the smelting segment, MBMA produced 19,505 tonnes of nickel (“tNi”) in Nickel Pig Iron (“NPI”), including Low-Grade Nickel Matte (“LGNM”), representing a 16% increase from 16,748 tNi in the same period last year. Despite higher ore costs, NPI cash margin improved by 11% year-on-year to US$1,981/tNi, driven by a 28% year-on-year increase in average selling price.

“MBMA delivered another strong quarter, supported by higher SCM production, improved ore pricing and continued progress across downstream projects. These results demonstrate the value of our integrated nickel platform as we focus on disciplined execution, full self-supply to RKEF operations and the progressive ramp-up of HPAL capacity to support long-term growth in the global battery materials supply chain,” said **Teddy Nuryanto Oetomo**, President Director of PT Merdeka Battery Materials Tbk.

MBMA continued to advance its HPAL platform, with PT ESG New Energy Material (“PT ESG”) producing 4,831 tonnes of nickel in Mixed Hydroxide Precipitate (“MHP”) during the quarter. Following scheduled maintenance and the commissioning of a new tailings storage area, PT ESG resumed operations and achieved throughput of approximately 100 tonnes per day by the end of July, with further ramp-up expected in the coming months.

PT Sulawesi Nickel Cobalt (“SLNC”) advanced its 90,000 tonnes per annum (“tpa”) HPAL project during the quarter, with construction reaching substantial completion. First MHP is targeted for the second half of 2026, with all trains expected to ramp up progressively to full operation by the end of 2026. SLNC has submitted its Industrial Business License (Izin Usaha Industri, “IUI”), which is currently being processed.

The AIM operation also progressed well during the quarter. The acid plant produced 258,060 tonnes of sulphuric acid and sold 383,177 tonnes during 2Q26, supported by strong demand from HPAL facilities within the industrial park. The Industrial Business License (“IUI”) for AIM’s acid, copper and gold operations was completed in July 2026.

MBMA maintained its 2026 production guidance across key operations. Saprolite ore deliveries are expected to reach 8.0 million to 10.0 million wmt, while limonite ore sales are expected to total 20.0 million to 25.0 million wmt. NPI production is targeted at 70,000 to 80,000 tNi, with MBMA’s RKEF smelters expected to be fully self-supplied by the SCM mine in 2026. HGNM production is targeted at 44,000 to 48,000 tonnes, while MHP production from PT ESG is targeted at 27,000 to 30,000 tonnes.

As of 30 June 2026, MBMA had cash and cash equivalents of US$483 million and US$17.6 million in undrawn facilities, providing financial flexibility as the Company continues to execute its integrated nickel and downstream growth strategy.

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About PT Merdeka Battery Materials Tbk

PT Merdeka Battery Materials Tbk (IDX: MBMA) is a leading Indonesian company specializing in the mining and processing of strategic minerals essential for electric vehicle (EV) batteries. Established in 2019, the Company is committed to supporting the global transition to clean energy through sustainable and innovative practices. As a majority-owned subsidiary of PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk (IDX: MDKA), MBMA leverages extensive industry expertise to deliver high-quality battery raw materials.

MBMA's integrated operations are strategically located in Central and Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia, and comprise several key assets:

- Sulawesi Cahaya Mineral (SCM) Mine: Recognized as one of the world's largest laterite nickel resources, the SCM Mine contains approximately 13.8 million tonnes of nickel and 1.0 million tonnes of cobalt within a 21,100-hectare concession area.
- Rotary Kiln-Electric Furnace (RKEF) Smelters: Consisting of eight RKEF lines with a total installed capacity of up to 88,000 tonnes of nickel per annum, processing saprolite ore from the SCM Mine into nickel pig iron (NPI), a key input for stainless steel and battery production.
- Nickel Matte Converter: Processes low-grade nickel matte produced by RKEF smelters into High Grade Nickel Matte (HGNM) with nickel content exceeding 70%, a critical feedstock for battery precursors and Class 1 nickel.
- Acid Iron Metal (AIM) Plant: A modern processing facility that treats high-grade pyrite sourced from MDKA's Wetar Copper Mine to produce acid and steam for HPAL operations, while also recovering metals such as copper, gold, and iron.
- High-Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) Plants: Designed to process limonite ore into mixed hydroxide precipitate (MHP), a valuable intermediate for EV battery materials. MBMA operates two HPAL plants within the Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (IMIP) with a combined installed capacity of 55,000 tonnes of MHP, and is currently developing a third HPAL facility with an installed capacity of 90,000 tonnes of MHP.
- Indonesia Konawe Industrial Park (IKIP): Developed in partnership with Tsingshan Group, IKIP is an industrial park focused on battery materials, located within the SCM concession area. It aims to attract downstream industries and establish a comprehensive battery materials ecosystem.

Through these assets, PT Merdeka Battery Materials Tbk is committed to advancing the EV battery value chain, promoting sustainable development, and delivering long-term value to its stakeholders.

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