

## **OD6 APPOINTS WESTLAND AS PERMITTING CONSULTANT TO ACCELERATE QUINN FLUORSPAR PROJECT, NEVADA**

**OD6 Metals Limited (ASX: OD6) (“OD6” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of WestLand Engineering & Environmental Services (“WestLand”) as permitting consultant for its Quinns Fluorspar Project (“Project”) in Nevada, USA.**

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Tier-1 U.S. permitting consultant appointed with extensive USFS, NEPA and Fast 41 experience**
- WestLand has been engaged to manage **permitting and environmental baseline programs** under the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) framework, **supporting a streamlined pathway from exploration through to potential development**
- **A front-end loading permitting approach** is being undertaken with all current claims being fully surveyed which **can be utilised across a 10 year validity period inclusive of drill and mine permitting.**
- **The requisite Pre-Plan Letter introducing the Project and proposed exploration activities** has been submitted during May 2026
- **Seasonal biological and archaeological baseline surveys** will be completed in the coming months
- Targeting Categorical Exclusion (CE) to enable the **maiden drilling program** to occur
- A Plan of Operations (POO) and other required supporting documentation will be submitted to the USFS
- **Bulk sampling program is planned** to support metallurgical testwork across multiple target areas within the Project Area
- **This approach positions OD6 to avoid duplication of studies and significantly streamline future permitting requirements**
- **Alignment with U.S. critical minerals policy and FAST-41 permitting framework potential**

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### ***Managing Director Brett Hazelden, commented:***

*"The appointment of WestLand marks a critical step in accelerating the Quinns Fluorspar Project through the U.S. permitting process.*

*By front-end loading environmental baseline studies, we are positioning the Project for a streamlined approval pathway, while aligning with U.S. critical minerals policy and potential FAST-41 pathways.*

*Importantly, this work also underpins our ability to pursue bulk sampling and metallurgical testwork, advancing the Project toward development."*

## Permitting Strategy – Front End Loading Approach

**OD6 has adopted a proactive permitting strategy designed to streamline project requirements and reduce future approval risk.**

Westland is a Tier-1 U.S. permitting consultant with extensive USFS, NEPA and Fast 41 experience.

WestLand will undertake:

- Class III cultural (archaeological) survey
- Comprehensive biological baseline surveys (flora & fauna)
- Supporting environmental and regulatory documentation under National Environmental Policy ACT (NEPA)

Importantly, these baseline surveys are expected to have validity of up to 10 years, enabling their use and support for the following permitting actions:

- Initial POO application
- Expanded POO submission
- Potential mining and development POO submission

**This approach positions OD6 to avoid duplication of studies and significantly compress future permitting timelines.**

## Initial Drilling – POO with Approval Under Categorical Exclusion (CE)

The Company is targeting an initial drill program under a **POO with approval via CE** with the USFS.

The CE approval pathway is designed for **low-impact exploration activities**, typically including:

- Less than **1 mile (~1.6km) of new access roads**
- Less than **5 acres (~2 hectares) of surface disturbance**
- **One year** to complete exploration and corresponding reclamation activities

OD6 has submitted initial concepts including drill pads, access routes and associated infrastructure consistent with CE thresholds. OD6 will coordinate closely with the USFS to complete applications and baseline studies required for federal approvals.

## Plan of Operations (POO) – Expanded Drilling Pathway analysed and approved under an Environmental Assessment (EA) with Corresponding Reclamation Permit

In parallel with the CE application, OD6 intends to scale exploration under an expanded **POO**. The POO will:

- Enable **expanded drilling programs beyond one mile of constructed road and 5 acres of surface disturbance**
- Support **resource definition and step-out exploration**
- Incorporate biological and cultural baseline data collected in 2026
- Be formatted to include sections in compliance with Nevada State Regulations, required for Projects exceeding 5 acres of surface disturbance

The Company will leveraging early baseline work to streamline assessment and approvals.

## Bulk Sampling and Metallurgical Testwork

As part of the drilling approvals, OD6 intends to:

- Apply for **bulk sampling permits across multiple areas**
- Extract representative material for **metallurgical testwork and flowsheet optimisation**

This strategy aligns with recent U.S. project precedents where bulk sampling has:

- Accelerated **development pathways**
- Supported **offtake and processing discussions**
- Reduced technical and commercial risk

## Strong Alignment with US Policy and Fast-41 Potential

The Project is strongly aligned with U.S. Government priorities to secure **domestic critical mineral supply chains**, including fluspar.

Recent developments in U.S. policy include:

- Ongoing efforts by the **USFS to streamline permitting processes**, including clearer thresholds and faster environmental reviews
- Increased federal focus on **critical minerals supply security**
- Expansion of frameworks such as **FAST-41**, designed to accelerate permitting of strategic infrastructure projects (refer [FAST-41 Program | Permitting Council](#))

FAST-41 designation provides:

- **Coordinated federal agency approvals**
- **Defined permitting timelines and transparency**
- Potential for **accelerated development outcomes**

OD6 believes the Quinns Project is **well positioned to benefit from these initiatives**, particularly given its:

- Location on U.S. federal land
- Critical mineral exposure (fluspar)
- Near-term development potential

An initial discussion with a Fast-41 representative has occurred, with the Fast 41 Transparency program being most applicable for the project, with further consideration after submission of the baseline studies and POO.

## Next Steps - Permitting

- biological and cultural surveys have commenced (2026 field season)
- Finalise and submit initial phase POO application
- Target CE approval and drilling as soon as practicable
- Advance POO for expanded drilling
- Progress bulk sampling permit applications

## Forward Looking Statements

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## No new information

Except where explicitly stated, this announcement contains references to prior exploration results, all of which have been cross-referenced to previous market announcements made by the Company. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements.

The information in this report relating to the Mineral Resource estimate for the Splinter Rock Project is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements dated 18 July 2024. OD6 confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource estimate continue to apply.

**This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of OD6 Metals Limited**

## About OD6 Metals

OD6 Metals Ltd is an Australian critical minerals exploration and development company with projects spanning fluorspar, rare earth elements and copper across the United States and Australia.

OD6 aims to position itself as an emerging supplier of strategically important critical minerals required for next-generation industrial, defence and energy technologies.

### Quinn Fluorspar Project – Nevada, USA

OD6 is advancing the Quinn Fluorspar Project located in Nevada, USA, one of the world's premier mining jurisdictions and currently ranked second globally in the Fraser Institute 2025 Mining Attractiveness Index.

Quinn hosts multiple high-grade fluorspar deposits including Horseshoe, Mammoth and Big Jim, with historical drilling, channel sampling and testwork confirming significant high-grade mineralisation and potential for both Metspar and premium Acidspar products.

Fluorspar is classified as a critical mineral in the United States, which currently imports 100% of all Fluorspar consumed domestically with >60% of all global supply sourced from China. It is essential in hydrofluoric acid production, AI semiconductor manufacturing, advanced battery technologies, uranium enrichment defence systems and refrigerants.

### Splinter Rock Rare Earth Project – Western Australia

OD6's 100% owned Splinter Rock Rare Earth Project in Western Australia hosts one of Australia's largest and highest-grade clay-hosted rare earth deposits, with a Mineral Resource Estimate of:

- Indicated: 119Mt @ 1,632ppm TREO
- Inferred: 563Mt @ 1,275ppm TREO

OD6 is advancing an innovative processing flowsheet utilising heap leaching, nanofiltration and ion exchange technologies designed to achieved ~75% Nd & Pr overall recovery plus produce a high-quality Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate/Hydroxide product of ~56-59% TREO with low impurity levels

### Gulf Creek Copper Project – New South Wales

OD6 is also advancing the Gulf Creek Copper-Zinc VMS Project in New South Wales, a historically high-grade copper mining district with significant exploration upside.

Recent drilling and geophysical programs have confirmed high-grade copper mineralisation and identified multiple large-scale exploration targets along more than 10km of prospective strike.

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