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**STRATEGIC \$2 MILLION INVESTMENT IN ST GEORGE BY THE SUNWODA GROUP – A WORLD LEADER IN THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY INDUSTRY****HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Hongkong Xinwei Electronic Co., Limited (“Xinwei”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunwoda Electronic Co., Ltd (“Sunwoda”) – globally recognised for its industry leading credentials in the design and manufacture of lithium-ion batteries – has agreed to invest \$2 million in St George by way of a placement of new shares at \$0.086 per share**
- **Sunwoda is a high-tech enterprise specialising in the design, production and sale of lithium-ion battery cells and modules for use in a range of applications including mobile phones and laptops, electric vehicles and energy storage devices**
- **Sunwoda has seven manufacturing bases in China and abroad, technical centres in China, the US, Germany and Israel, more than 41,850 employees worldwide and a large global customer base**
- **The strategic investment underpins a Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) entered into by St George and Xinwei to consider partnering on lithium business opportunities**
- **The MoU creates a framework for the parties to negotiate the establishment of a long-term strategic partnership that will include:**
  - ◆ **collaboration on the potential acquisition and development of lithium projects in Australia and in other countries, except China**
  - ◆ **a first right of refusal for Sunwoda to no more than 15% of any potential lithium product from Mt Alexander**

St George Mining Limited (ASX: **SGQ**) (“**St George**” or “**the Company**”) is pleased to announce a \$2 million strategic investment by **Hongkong Xinwei Electronic Co., Limited (“Xinwei”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunwoda Electronic Co., Ltd (“Sunwoda”)**, together with the signing of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (“**MoU**”), which will consider partnering on a range of lithium-related business opportunities.

The MoU complements similar agreements St George has struck with global battery giant SVOLT Energy Technology Co., Ltd and leading battery investor Shanghai Jayson New Energy Materials Co., Ltd over the past month, underscoring market interest in Mt Alexander.

**John Prineas, St George Mining’s Executive Chairman, said:**

“We are delighted to welcome the Sunwoda Group – a global company at the forefront of the lithium-ion battery industry – as a new and significant shareholder in St George.

“This strategic investment recognises the exciting lithium opportunity at Mt Alexander and further highlights St George’s strong success in developing key industry relationships with some of the largest and most important global players in lithium-ion batteries.

“Our strategic relationship with Sunwoda will strengthen our ability to both advance Mt Alexander and to potentially generate and partner on additional lithium projects in Western Australia, which is the world’s best hard-rock lithium address.

“Lithium is a critical element required to underwrite the multi-decade energy transition that is underway, which we believe assures strong long-term demand for this commodity. The key downstream relationships forged by St George will boost our Company’s capacity to continue our growth ambitions in the lithium sector.”

**Sunwoda – a world leader in lithium-ion batteries:**

Sunwoda is a high-tech enterprise based in Shenzhen, China and serving the world as a key supplier in the lithium-ion battery industry.

Based on installed capacity of power batteries in 2022, Sunwoda ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in China (January to November 2022) and 9<sup>th</sup> in the world (January to October 2022).

Sunwoda is globally recognised for its innovative design and production of lithium-ion battery cells and modules for a range of applications including electric vehicles, energy storage for home and industrial use, personal digital devices (such as mobile phones, tablets, laptops and smart watches) as well as electric tools and other mobile power products.

In addition to its R&D and manufacturing operations, Sunwoda has investments across the entire supply chain for lithium-ion batteries extending from upstream mining to downstream electric vehicles and energy storage stations.

Sunwoda was established in 1997 and remains a fast-growing business that is committed to providing environment-friendly and efficient new energy integration solutions.

**Strategic relationship:**

The MOU signed by St George and Xinwei establishes a framework for the parties to consider and negotiate on partnering on lithium-business opportunities, including St George’s flagship Mt Alexander Project in Western Australia’s northern Goldfields.

Key matters to be considered for the strategic relationship are:

1. the establishment of a long-term strategic partnership for the potential supply by St George of lithium materials to Sunwoda including a first right of refusal for Sunwoda to no more than 15% of any potential production from Mt Alexander; and
2. collaboration on the potential acquisition and development of lithium projects in Australia and in other countries, except China.

The MoU has an initial term of two years. Any specific arrangement or transaction agreed by the parties will be subject to further documentation and execution of definitive formal agreements. Until a formal agreement is signed, the MoU is non-binding and non-exclusive.

The MoU applies only to project tenements owned 100% by St George.

**About the Mt Alexander Project:**

The Mt Alexander Project is located 120km south south-west of the Agnew-Wiluna Belt, which hosts numerous world-class nickel deposits and a fast-emerging hard-rock lithium province. The Project comprises eight licences – E29/638, E29/548, E29/962, E29/954, E29/972, E29/1041, P29/2680 (in application) and E29/1143 – which are a contiguous package.

This tenement package provides St George with more than 15km coverage of a highly prospective pegmatite corridor in the newly recognised Mt Ida Lithium Province. An additional two exploration licences – E29/1093 and E29/1126 – are located to the south-west of the core tenement package.

The Cathedrals, Stricklands, Investigators and Radar high-grade nickel-copper-cobalt-PGE discoveries are located on E29/638, which is held in joint venture by St George (75%) and IGO Limited (25%) (ASX: IGO). St George is the Manager of the Project, with IGO retaining a 25% non-contributing interest (in E29/638 only) until there is a decision to mine. With the exception of E29/638, all Project tenements are owned 100% by St George.

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