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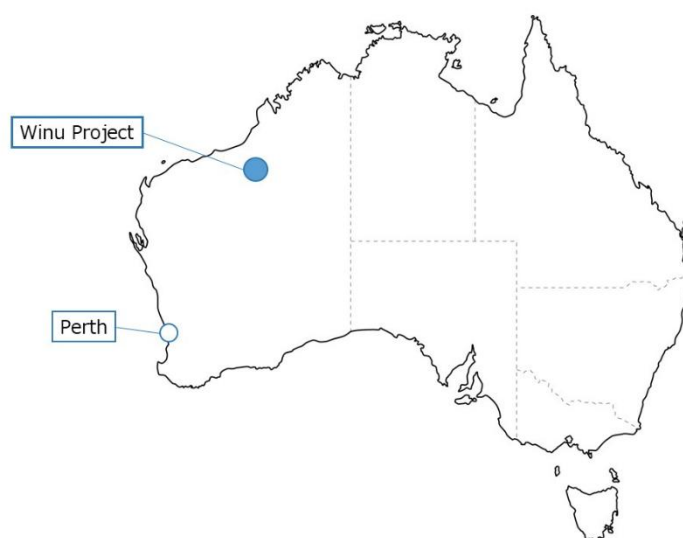
Sumitomo Metal Mining Signs Agreement with Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation to Advance the Winu Copper-Gold Project

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, TSE: 5713) announces that SMM Perth Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Metal Mining, together with its joint venture partner, Rio Tinto Winu Pty Limited, have signed a Project Agreement with the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (NWAC), to advance the proposed Winu copper-gold project located on Nyangumarta Country in Western Australia. This marks a major milestone in the development of a long-term relationship with the Nyangumarta People and advances the project towards development of the mine.

The Project Agreement builds upon the Project Planning Agreement signed in 2023 by NWAC and Rio Tinto, and sets out how the parties will work together as the Winu copper-gold project is advanced and, if approved, operated. It provides an important framework for incorporating Nyangumarta knowledge, priorities and values into future project planning and implementation, and sets out principles for avoiding and minimising impacts on the environment and Aboriginal cultural heritage, as well as creating opportunities for employment, training and business participation. Through this agreement, the Nyangumarta People have consented to the development of the proposed Winu copper-gold project and associated infrastructure on their Country as described in the agreement. The project remains subject to regulatory and other required approvals, as well as a final investment decision by Sumitomo Metal Mining and Rio Tinto.

Sumitomo Metal Mining will continue to steadily advance the Winu copper-gold project under its long-standing partnership with Rio Tinto. This project will contribute to the stable supply of copper and the Company's progress toward a target of its long-term vision of annual attributable copper production of 300,000 tonnes. Moreover, Sumitomo Metal Mining further aims for the project to add gold production to its existing gold mining business. It will continue to pursue the realisation of a sustainable project with deep respect for the culture and traditions of the Traditional Owners, and in close collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

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Location of the Winu copper-gold project

1. Winu Copper-Gold Project Overview

- Ownership: Rio Tinto 70%, Sumitomo Metal Mining 30%
- Location: Great Sandy Desert, Western Australia
- 1,400 km northeast of Perth, 320 km east of Port Hedland and 300 km south of Broome, 240 m above sea level
- Planned operations are located on the traditional lands of the Nyangumarta People. The airstrip servicing the Winu site is located on the traditional lands of the Martu People.

Mineral resources as of December 31, 2025

	Tonnage (Mt)	Copper grade (%)	Gold grade (g/t)	Contained copper (kt)	Contained gold (t)
Indicated Mineral Resources	464	0.39	0.32	1,810	148
Inferred Mineral Resources	277	0.41	0.36	1,136	100

2. About Rio Tinto

- Established in 1873 to redevelop the Rio Tinto mine in the Huelva region of southern Spain.
- Listed on the London Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange
- Location: London, UK (headquarters)
- A major mining company with an annual copper production of 883kt, consolidated basis (actual results for 2025). In addition to the Oyu Tolgoi copper mine in Mongolia, the Kennecott integrated copper mining operation in the United States, and 30% ownership of the Escondida copper mine in Chile, the company also mines iron ore, and produces aluminium and lithium products.

3. About the Nyangumarta People

The Nyangumarta People are an Aboriginal Traditional Owner group whose Country spans parts of the Great Sandy Desert and Pilbara regions of Western Australia. Traditional Owners of the land on which the Winu copper-gold project is located and are one of several Traditional Owner groups across the Pilbara region.

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