



# Kupang operating licence granted

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PERTH (miningweekly.com) – ASX-listed Gulf Manganese has been awarded its operating licence for the Kupang smelting facility, in Indonesia.

The licence is valid for a period of 30 years, from the end of July 2018, and allows Gulf Manganese to buy, sell and transport manganese ore within Indonesia for smelting, as well as to conduct overseas sales of ferro-manganese alloy.

“We are extremely pleased to receive this licence as we head into the final stages of construction of the first two smelters,” said Gulf MD **Hamish Bohannan**.

“Importantly, the licence allows us to commence building stockpiles in advance of commissioning in the last quarter of this year. Meanwhile, we continue to pursue a licence for the export of manganese concentrate.”

The Kupang smelting hub is expected to contain at least eight furnaces built in stages over five years. At full production, the project will purchase and process 320 000 t/y of manganese ore, producing some 155 000 t/y of premium-quality ferromanganese alloy. 🏗️