

# **Birchall on Giyani Metals' manganese milestone.**

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**Tracy Weslosky:** I am speaking with you where? I understand you are in Africa.

**Robin Birchall:** I am in Botswana just dealing with some of the stuff that we need to on the ground here at the project.

**Tracy Weslosky:** You just put out a news release on your maiden resource from your K.Hill project. Can you tell us a little bit more about what is happening with Giyani Metals and what you were trying to say?

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**Tracy Weslosky:** It is my understanding that the results will

now allow you to proceed with your PEA. Is that correct?

**Robin Birchall:** Yeah, that is right. We are going to start with that as soon as possible. We have some calls on Friday with the team. We have 3 or 4 quotes then we will decide who is going to do that for us, probably on Friday. The timeline for that we have been quoted on is about 8 to 10 weeks. That will put us with a PEA sometime around Christmas. It will probably be delayed because of the Christmas period I would imagine.

**Tracy Weslosky:** I often encourage investors to take a look at the CEO's background on LinkedIn. I will tell you, you have an impressive professional career Robin. In addition to that you have just appointed a new board member. Can you kind of give the InvestorIntel audience a reminder of what kind of strength you have in your core team and management please?

**Robin Birchall:** Talking about me, I have quite a long background in the mineral resource sector; long time corporate financier and then moved over to the investor side; was appointed to a number of boards and executive positions. We built a mine at the company I was the executive chairman of and then I was asked to join Giyani at the end of last year. Since then we have added a number of board members. We added Mike Jones earlier in the year, somebody I worked with. Has a very long track record both on the corporate side, mine management side and on the finance side; worked in Botswana for 8 years. Then more recently with Duane Parnham deciding that he no longer wanted to continue as the chairman and looking to take a bit more time for himself and move towards retirement, we appointed Jonathan Henry who was the CEO of Gabriel Resources, quite a large gold mining company in Romania. He has a very long history of operating mines. He was a previous client of mine. We are quite privileged to add somebody of his caliber...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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## **Giyani Metals CEO on huge market demand for manganese**

July 4, 2018 – “The market is very strong at the moment. I do not know if you noticed, but CATL listed in Hong Kong raising over a billion dollars. They are going to be the largest battery manufacturer. Demand is just going to be huge for the manganese units going forward.” states Robin Birchall, CEO & Director of Giyani Metals Corp. (TSXV: WDG), in an interview with InvestorIntel’s Peter Clausi.

**Peter Clausi:** We are here to talk about Gyiani Metals and manganese. You have 3 properties in Botswana.

**Robin Birchall:** That is correct. We have the K. Hill, Otse, and Lobatse.

**Peter Clausi:** Which is your favorite?

**Robin Birchall:** I would say my favorite is K. Hill. It is the most advanced of all of them.

**Peter Clausi:** Did you buy that in advanced stage or were you the ones who moved it along?

**Robin Birchall:** No, we have moved everything along. We have done all the drilling this year. We have done that in a very short period of time, about 4 months, completed our drilling at K. Hill. We are now drilling at Otse, which is our second property. Because we are under budget, cash and meters wise we are even going to drill at Lobatse.

**Peter Clausi:** Nice. You do not hear that too often. How many holes did you drill at K. Hill?

**Robin Birchall:** We drilled 18 holes there. One of which was a metallurgical hole. We have drilled now 4 holes at Otse, a good 3 holes left to do there. We plan probably about 6 at Lobatse.

**Peter Clausi:** Where do you assay those? Is it in country or do you ship them out?

**Robin Birchall:** No. They go to SGS, Randfontein in South Africa. All the samples have gone from K. Hill to SGS, Randfontein and we are waiting for them to come back. They will be back in the next 10 days.

**Peter Clausi:** It takes what, about a week for you to compile those into a press release?

**Robin Birchall:** Yeah, I am hoping to have some initial results. Yeah, that is our next press release will be something on the grades we are seeing in the holes.

**Peter Clausi:** That is often a major catalyst; looking forward to seeing that. Will that include the second drill program as well or just K. Hill?

**Robin Birchall:** No, K. Hill is for resource and Otse is where it is not quite exploration, but it is not quite enough to be a resource. It is really for us to understand that deposit a little bit better.

**Peter Clausi:** If I remember your press releases correctly, you were counting on premium pricing for your manganese given its quality.

**Robin Birchall:** That is correct. From the visual inspection we are pretty happy with what we have got there, but obviously the assays have to come back.

**Peter Clausi:** What do you see happening in the manganese market?

**Robin Birchall:** That is a really good question. The market is very strong at the moment. I do not know if you noticed, but CATL listed in Hong Kong raising over a billion dollars. They are going to be the largest battery manufacturer. Demand is just going to be huge for the manganese units going forward...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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## **Giyani Metals CEO on manganese for the battery market**

March 22, 2018 – “What we are really interested in here is manganese for the battery market. It is a little bit different than for the steel market.” states Robin Birchall, CEO & Director of Giyani Metals Corp. (TSXV: WDG), in an interview with InvestorIntel’s Peter Clausi.

**Peter Clausi:** You are a recent addition to the company I understand.

**Robin Birchall:** That is right. I joined the company at the back end of last year just before we did a small financing.

**Peter Clausi:** You raised \$2 million dollars?

**Robin Birchall:** Yes, just a little bit more than \$2 million. We also took in some cash. We have some holdings, liquid

holdings in some other companies. We sold a little bit of that at the same time.

**Peter Clausi:** Right before joining Giyani you were part of another management team that took a project through to mine production.

**Robin Birchall:** That is right.

**Peter Clausi:** Now you have left that to do hopefully the same thing here.

**Robin Birchall:** Yeah, that is definitely the plan.

**Peter Clausi:** And our metal of choice?

**Robin Birchall:** What we are really interested in here is manganese for the battery market. It is a little bit different than for the steel market. That is something that is taking a bit of education with people to explain.

**Peter Clausi:** What is it, a different formulation, a different size, different flake?

**Robin Birchall:** The best way I can explain it is to maybe think about coal. You have thermal coal and coking coal. They are not interchangeable.

**Peter Clausi:** Right.

**Robin Birchall:** You have something similar in manganese. You have direct shipping ore that goes to the steel market and then you have high-grade ore, which can be turned into very high purity manganese flake that goes into the cathodes for the batteries. These two things are not very interchangeable.

**Peter Clausi:** And you have the EMM.

**Robin Birchall:** So far the indications that we have are very high-grade material that can be used to make EMM.

**Peter Clausi:** What is next then on the company development path?

**Robin Birchall:** Right now we have been doing all our budgeting and planning for the field program. We have got our board meeting actually in a couple of days' time where we will approve the budgets and go ahead with the drill program and the geophysics. Then also we have a little bit of metallurgical testing that we are doing at the same time.

**Peter Clausi:** Okay. Drill program should be done by late summer?

**Robin Birchall:** We will be a little bit early on that. I think that the drilling program will be going through April so we will start to have results in April and a few more in May. We have some material that is on site right now. We will have the drill results that will come directly from the drilling. Then we will be doing the metallurgical tests and we will start the metallurgical testing very soon on the stockpile. Then that testing will go a little bit into May and so we will have a series of results in May. Then in June we will probably have the resource.

**Peter Clausi:** Was this meant to be confirmatory drilling or resource definition?

**Robin Birchall:** This is resource definition. You have to remember that the overall scale of the deposit we have a pretty good idea of that...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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