

PRESS RELEASE

Fortress Minerals Achieved Record Sales Volume of 632,424 DMT in FY2025

- Revenue for 4Q FY2025 increased 43.8% year-on-year (“yoy”) to US\$18.0 million, driven by strong sales volume growth.
- Gross profit increased 34.3% yoy to US\$8.6 million for 4Q FY2025, with a robust gross profit margin of 47.7%.
- The Group achieved record annual sales volume of 632,424 DMT for FY2025, up 14.8% from 550,887 DMT in FY2024.
- Net cash flow from operations was US\$13.8 million for FY2025, bolstered by healthy EBITDA margins of 28.5%.
- The Board proposes a final dividend of 0.46 Singapore cents per share for FY2025, representing a dividend payout ratio of 30.8%.
- The Group remains well positioned to expand and diversify recurring revenue streams, and scale production efficiently, leveraging its role as the partner of choice amid continued regional demand for high-grade iron ore concentrate.

SINGAPORE, 24 April 2025 – Fortress Minerals Limited (the “Company” or “Fortress Minerals”) and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”), a high-grade iron ore concentrate producer and exporter from Malaysia, today announced the financial results for the fourth quarter and twelve months ended 28 February 2025 (“4Q FY2025 and FY2025”).

Financial Highlights

	4Q FY2025	4Q FY2024	Change %	4Q FY2025	4Q FY2024	Change %
Sales volume (DMT*)	222,375	121,870	82.5	632,424	550,887	14.8
Average realised selling price (US\$/DMT)	80.85	103.04	(21.5)	88.88	97.85	(9.2)
Average unit cost of sales (US\$/WMT#)	38.11	45.55	(16.3)	33.16	34.06	(2.6)
<i>(US\$'000)</i>						
Revenue	17,959	12,490	43.8	56,254	53,933	4.3
Gross profit	8,558	6,372	34.3	33,209	33,262	(0.2)
Gross profit margin	47.7%	51.0%	(3.3) ppt	59.0%	61.7%	(2.7) ppt
Other income	(542)	(286)	89.1	907	416	117.7
Selling & distribution expenses	(1,990)	(1,429)	39.3	(6,340)	(6,688)	(5.2)
Other operating expenses	(3,768)	(2,055)	83.3	(12,668)	(9,863)	28.4
Administrative expenses	(55)	(52)	5.1	(1,315)	(1,574)	(16.5)
Impairment losses on financial assets	-	(663)	nm	-	(663)	nm
Impairment losses on non-financial assets	(3,026)	-	nm	(3,026)	-	nm
Fair value gain/(loss) on contingent consideration	298	(53)	nm	298	(53)	nm
Finance costs	(121)	(190)	(36.4)	(598)	(963)	(37.9)
Net profit/(loss) after income tax (NPAT)	(1,793)	627	nm	5,799	10,038	(42.2)
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	1,683	3,806	(55.8)	16,039	20,997	(23.6)

* DMT denotes Dry Metric Tonnes

WMT denotes Wet Metric Tonnes

nm – not meaningful

Financial Developments

Revenue for 4Q FY2025 increased 43.8% yoy to US\$18.0 million, bringing FY2025 revenue 4.3% higher yoy to US\$56.3 million. Revenue growth in 4Q FY2025 was primarily driven by an 82.5% surge in sales volume to 222,375 DMT. The Group achieved a record annual sales volume of 632,424 DMT for FY2025, increasing 14.8% from 550,887 DMT for FY2024.

Increased sales volume partially offset the decline in the average realised selling price, which was 21.5% lower yoy at US\$80.85/DMT for 4Q FY2025 and 9.2% lower yoy at US\$88.88/DMT for FY2025.

Reflecting optimised production processes and greater economies of scale, the average unit cost of sales for 4Q FY2025 decreased 16.3% yoy to US\$38.11/WMT. For FY2025, average unit cost of sales was 2.6% lower yoy at US\$33.16/WMT.

As a result, the Group maintained robust gross profit margins of 47.7% in 4Q FY2025 and 59.0% for FY2025.

EBITDA for 4Q FY2025 decreased 55.8% yoy to US\$1.7 million, and NPAT of US\$0.6 million decreased US\$2.4 million to net loss after tax of US\$1.8 million. The Group's operational cash flow remained strong, generating US\$13.8 million for FY2025, supported by an EBITDA margin of 28.5%. Earnings per share stood at 1.09 US cents for FY2025. Net asset value per share was 8.8% higher yoy at 15.02 US cents as at 28 February 2025, compared to 13.81 US cents as at 29 February 2024.

The Board is pleased to recommend a one-tier tax exempt final dividend of 0.46 Singapore cents per share for FY2025, representing a dividend payout ratio of 30.8% to reward shareholders for their support as the Group's continues its strategic growth plans.

Dato' Sri Ivan Chee, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Fortress Minerals, commented,

"Our record-breaking sales volume performance for FY2025 underscores the resilience of our business amid a tepid global steel market.

Demand for high-grade iron ore concentrate remains robust regionally, driven by decarbonisation efforts and supported by our strategic offtake agreements. These partnerships highlight our reputation as a trusted supplier and our ability to meet the evolving needs of steelmakers.

Looking ahead, we are cognisant of the uncertainty in the landscape and the Group will as always focus on operational efficiency to maintain strong margins and cash flow.

Our expansion plans, including the upcoming commissioning of our new crushing and processing plants, the development of key deposits at Bukit Besi mine, and ongoing progress towards the development of the integrated processing plant at CASB mine, will further strengthen production capacity and recurring diversified income streams, driving sustainable growth and long-term value for our shareholders."

Market Outlook

Global crude steel production decreased 3.4% yoy from February 2024 to February 2025, reaching 144.7 million tonnes. China, the world's largest steel producer, produced an estimated 78.9 million tonnes in February 2025, down 3.3% from February 2024¹. Domestic steel demand in China remains soft, driven by ongoing challenges in the property sector and slower manufacturing growth. January 2025 to February

¹ The World Steel Association, 25 March 2025: [February 2025 crude steel production](#)

2025 data year-on-year showed new construction starts to fall by 29.6%, signaling a continued reduction in construction activity².

China's steel industry has demonstrated resilience amid escalating geopolitical tensions and U.S. tariffs. The New Orders Purchasing Managers' Index reached a 10-month high of 51.1, indicating that purchase volumes have not yet been affected by tariffs. This is evidenced by a 6.7% year-over-year increase in finished steel exports during January–February, while imports declined by 7.2%³. Nonetheless, overcapacity continues to exert pressure on Chinese steel markets, and the imposition of tariffs may result in China redirecting its surplus affordable steel to Southeast Asia or other alternative markets⁴.

Pre-US tariff announcements on 2 April 2025, Southeast Asia remained a bright spot with strong and resilient economies. Malaysia's central bank forecasted the economy to expand between 4.5% and 5.5% in 2025, following 5.1% growth in 2024, signalling continued domestic strength through global volatility⁵.

Demand for the Group's iron ore concentrate from regional steel mills remained strong and is well supported by the recent offtake agreements and underlying decarbonisation trends. Looking ahead, there remains uncertainty in the macro environment and the Group will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Operational developments

On 7 November 2024, the Group entered into two new offtake agreements with a domestic steel mill in Malaysia, covering approximately 510,000 WMT of iron ore for delivery from 1 November 2024 to 31 December 2025. These agreements run concurrently and highlight sustained demand for the Group's high-grade iron ore concentrate and reaffirm its strong and enduring relationships with customers.

The Group continues to enhance its production capabilities at Bukit Besi mine while progressing the development of the East, Valley, and West deposits to expand its mineral resources. Construction of the new crushing plant with advanced, efficient equipment is underway. The plant, positioned for scalable operations, is expected to be commissioned in FY2026.

The Group continues to advance the development of an integrated processing plant at the CASB mine to enhance production capabilities and produce high-grade iron ore, copper, and pyrrhotite concentrates. The flowsheet and engineering design for the new plant have been completed. Based on consultants' recommendations, the Group is in the preparation stage to construct a pilot plant for trial production.

In relation to the prospecting activities in Sabah by Saga Mineral Sdn. Bhd. (“**Telupid**”), and Kencana Primary Sdn. Bhd. (“**Tongod**”), the Group is awaiting the renewal of their respective prospecting licenses upon the expiry of the current ones on 14 December 2024 and 18 December 2024 respectively, with the process currently under review by the relevant authorities.

Fortress Minerals remains focused on actively executing its strategic growth plans by leveraging the sustained demand for its high-grade iron ore products and strong business relationships to enhance revenue and continue to be on a look out to broaden and diversify its revenue streams.

The Group continues to seek opportunities to grow its commodities portfolio prudently and in a disciplined manner via acquisitions, joint ventures and/or providing mining contracting services both in Malaysia and in the region, where its strong capabilities provide a competitive edge to tap on the demand.

The Group continues to explore various fund-raising opportunities to enhance its cash balances for operational needs when required. The Group will update shareholders via SGXNET as and when there are any material developments on the aforementioned.

² Reuters, 18 March 2025: [China's steel and iron ore swing between hopeful outlook and grim reality](#)

³ S&P Global Commodity Insights, Iron Ore Commodity Briefing Service (CBS) report , 11 March 2025

⁴ The Business Times, 24 March 2025: [The steel squeeze: Asean at risk of becoming world's steel dumping ground](#)

⁵ Bank Negara Malaysia, 24 March 2025: [Bank Negara Malaysia Publishes Annual Report 2024](#)

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About Fortress Minerals Limited (SGX: OAJ)

Fortress Minerals Limited ("**Fortress**" or the "**Company**" and collectively with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") is principally in the business of exploration, mining, production and sale of iron ore of low level of impurities. All our iron ore are efficiently priced in the United States Dollar against international iron ore indexes as practiced world-wide.

The Group is enhancing its production capabilities and expanding its mineral resources at the Bukit Besi mine. At the CASB mine, the Group is developing a new integrated processing plant. The mining lease for the CASB mine is due for renewal upon its expiry at the end of May 2025. The Group has initiated the renewal process and is engaging with the relevant authorities. In Sabah, the Group is advancing its prospecting efforts through various phases of mineral exploration, subject to the renewal of the prospecting licenses, as the current prospecting licenses expired in December 2024.

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Fortress is committed to our team's safety and values of integrity, sustainability, empowerment, and prosperity. Our team drives the business to achieve our vision of excelling in mineral exploration through strategic insights and alliances, addressing regional client demands, and maintaining ethical excellence.

Fortress Minerals Limited (OAJ: SGX) has been listed on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") since 27 March 2019.

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