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MKANGO ANNOUNCES MAJOR MILESTONE - SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE FLOTATION PILOT PLANT PROGRAMME FOR THE SONGWE HILL RARE EARTHS PROJECT

London / Vancouver: March 2, 2021 - Mkango Resources Ltd. (AIM/TSX-V: MKA) (the "Company" or "Mkango") is pleased to announce the successful completion of the flotation pilot plant programme for the Songwe Hill Rare Earths project in Malawi ("Songwe" or the "Project").

- Mkango's flotation pilot plant programme has been completed at ALS Metallurgy in Perth, Australia, and was effective in scaling up a new, optimised flotation regime for the Project
- The results of the flotation pilot programme will be announced in due course, and the flotation concentrate produced will be supplied to ANSTO in Australia for hydrometallurgical piloting
- Pre-piloting test work is already underway at ANSTO in preparation for pilot testing of the front end of the hydrometallurgical processing flow sheet
- Discussions in relation to sites for a rare earth separation plant are ongoing – this will process the high grade, purified mixed rare earth carbonate produced at Songwe, enriched in high value neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium and terbium
- Rare earth prices continue to rise and concerns over security of supply provide a very favourable market backdrop, with accelerating demand geared to growth in electric vehicles, wind power and green technology applications

William Dawes, Chief Executive of Mkango stated: *"We are very pleased to have completed this major milestone for the Project and look forward to updating the market when the results are available. The smooth commissioning of the flotation pilot plant is a strong credit to the ALS Metallurgy team, as well as Mkango's technical consultants and advisors. The flotation pilot plant provides Mkango's lead engineers, SENET (a DRA Global Group Company), with essential operating data for the Feasibility Study and to assist in engineering the Company's commercial scale operation."*

Scientific and technical information contained in this release has been approved and verified by Nicholas Dempers Pr.Eng (RSA) Reg. No 20150196, FSAIMM of SENET (a DRA Global Group Company), who is a "Qualified Person" in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 -- Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

About Mkango

Mkango's corporate strategy is to develop new sustainable primary and secondary sources of neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium and terbium to supply accelerating demand from electric vehicles, wind turbines and other clean technologies. This integrated 'mine, refine, recycle' strategy differentiates Mkango from its peers, uniquely positioning the Company in the rare earths sector.

Mkango is developing the 51% owned Songwe Hill rare earths project in Malawi with the ongoing Feasibility Study funded through a £12 million investment by strategic partner Talaxis Limited. Malawi is known as “The Warm Heart of Africa”, a stable jurisdiction with existing road, rail and power infrastructure, and new infrastructure developments underway. Following completion of the Feasibility Study, Talaxis has an option to acquire a further 26% interest in Songwe by arranging financing for project development including funding the equity component thereof.

In parallel, through its 75.5% interest in Maginito Limited (www.maginito.com), Mkango is developing green technology opportunities in the rare earths supply chain, encompassing neodymium (NdFeB) magnet recycling as well as innovative rare earth alloy, magnet and separation technologies, and recently invested in UK rare earth (NdFeB) magnet recycler, HyProMag Limited (www.hypromag.com).

Maginito’s strategy is underpinned by offtake rights for sustainably sourced primary and secondary raw materials from Songwe and HyProMag, respectively, and is geared to accelerating growth in the electric vehicle sector, wind power generation and other industries driven by decarbonization of the economy.

Mkango also has an extensive exploration portfolio in Malawi, including the recently announced Mchinji rutile discovery, for which assay results are pending, in addition to the Thambani uranium-tantalum-niobium-zircon project and Chimimbe nickel-cobalt project.

For more information, please visit www.mkango.ca.

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