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U.S. TRADE PROCLAMATION REINFORCES IMPORTANCE OF DOMESTIC RARE EARTHS SUPPLY CHAIN

American Rare Earths (**ASX: ARR | OTCQX: ARRNF | ADR: AMRRY**) recognises the significance of a U.S. trade proclamation issued on 14 January 2026 to adjust imports of processed critical minerals and their derivative products under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act. The proclamation is aimed at strengthening domestic supply chains and reducing strategic vulnerabilities in national defense and advanced manufacturing supply chains.

The proclamation acknowledges that heavy reliance on foreign sources of processed critical minerals, including rare earths and rare earth-derived products such as permanent magnets essential to electronics, defense systems and clean technology presents a significant national security risk. It outlines measures intended to address these risks through negotiated trade measures and increased domestic production. Further details are publicly available through U.S. Government publications relating to the proclamation issued under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act on 14 January 2026.

This policy direction underscores the strategic importance of developing secure, sovereign sources of critical minerals processing within the United States. American Rare Earths' December 2025 announcement of producing a mixed rare earth oxide ("**MREO**") from its flagship Halleck Creek ore, representing a significant technical milestone, demonstrates the Company's advancing capability to contribute to U.S. rare earth supply chain resilience, supported by a multi-generational light and heavy rare earths resource.

Producing MREO is a key precursor step needed for downstream separation and value-added rare earth products (i.e. Neodymium-Praseodymium "NdPr", Dysprosium "Dy" and Terbium "Tb"), which can then be developed into the magnets required to power all important robotics and advanced technology, aligning directly with the U.S. policy objectives to bolster domestic processing capacity and support defence-critical materials independence.

Investors can follow the Company's progress at www.americanree.com

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