

## JUNE 2021 QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

## ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

## 30 JULY 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS

## The Mabilo Project

- RTG Mining Inc. (ASX:RTG, TSX:RTG) ("RTG" or "the Company") holds a 40% interest in Mt. Labo Exploration and Development Corporation ("Mt. Labo") which owns the high-grade Copper and Gold Mabilo Project in the Philippines.
- Having secured the Mining Permit and the successful Final Award in the SIAC matter, Mt. Labo has received a number of debt finance and offtake term sheets that will fully finance the start-up development capital costs for Stage 1 of the Mabilo Project (the Direct Shipping Operation) and a preferred provider on attractive terms has been selected and documentation is currently being finalised.
- Progress on the ground in preparation for a commitment to development is proceeding well with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau ("MGB") being very supportive of the efforts to fast track start-up of the project in line with the permits issued to Mt. Labo, with full access to all the project lands for Stage One now finalised.
- The Mabilo Project is permitted to proceed to development and operation and has been named as one of the priority projects for the country. Mt. Labo is pleased with the show of support by the President and his Administration for the mining industry, with a clear message that mining, where done in full compliance with the Philippines Mining Act of 1995 and all other applicable laws and regulations, is now encouraged by the Government.
- As a further demonstration of the commitment to supporting the mining industry, the President recently issued Executive Order No 130, which lifted the 9 year ban on granting new mining agreements to stimulate the economic growth in the country including increased employment opportunities in remote rural areas, such as the Municipality of Labo in the Province of Camarines Norte, where the Mabilo Project is located.
- Mt. Labo continues to make good progress in the preparation for development of the Mabilo Project. Clearing has commenced for the waste dump area along with the initial preparation work for the office and camp area.

## Panguna

• RTG is the nominated development partner with the joint venture company established by the Special Mining Lease Osikaiyang Landowners Association ("SMLOLA") and Central Exploration Pty Ltd ("Central") in the Landowner proposal with respect to the redevelopment of the Copper-Gold Panguna Project located in the Central Region of the island of Bougainville, within the Autonomous Region of Bougainville PNG.

- The SMLOLA was established by the Autonomous Bougainville Government ("ABG") nearly a decade ago to exclusively represent the Customary Owners of the land within the original Special Mining Lease and which contains the resource endowment of the Panguna mine. The other ABG established Panguna Landowner Associations cover different areas and upon which future infrastructure may, or may not be located, but do not include areas of any significant mineral resources. SMLOLA is the only ABG established Landowner Association covering the current mineral resources of Panguna.
- Subsequent to the quarter, the Supreme Court of Victoria fully dismissed all claims made by Bougainville Copper Limited ("BCL"), the former owner of the Panguna mine, against the Company, Central and indirectly SMLOLA. BCL was seeking pre-action discovery of corporate documents of RTG and others. In addition to the claims being fully dismissed, RTG and Central received a substantial cost judgement against BCL for their costs in defending the proceedings. The full judgment is available on the public record (Bougainville Copper Ltd v RTG Mining Inc & Anor [2021] VSC 231 (5 May 2021)).
- The key findings in the judgement are a complete vindication of the position taken by RTG, SMLOLA and its members, including a statement from the Judgement in the Supreme Court of Victoria that the members of the SMLOLA 'are the relevant and dominant customary landowners and it will be their views and objections that count when it comes to any assessment of Landowner attitudes to the grant of any exploration or mining tenement over the former Special Mining Lease' (paragraph 46 of the judgement ruling).
- Both the SMLOLA and RTG are highly respectful of President Toroama's call for the Panguna landowners to unite and the landowners have been very active working to deliver the requests of the President.
- Rio Tinto recently announced they are working with the Human Rights Law Centre to establish a Committee to appoint an independent consultant to identify and assess the human rights and environmental impacts of the former Panguna Mine in Bougainville. Rio Tinto however, also announced that the Committee will comprise a number of parties including both BCL and Rio Tinto, which has drawn significant criticism from Bougainvilleans who do not want either party to have any role, as it will compromise the independence of the findings and undermine the confidence of the community in any findings.

## The Chanach Project

• RTG holds a majority stake (90%) in the high-grade Chanach Gold and Copper Project ("Chanach Project") in the Kyrgyz Republic. With improving weather in country, field work has commenced with mobilisation of equipment and clearing work on the access road being completed.

## Corporate

• Cash and liquid assets as at 30 June 2021 were A\$3.3 million (including a receivable of US\$0.30 million from other consultants).

## **OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

## PHILIPPINES INTERESTS - THE MABILO PROJECT

## Mt. Labo's Focus

Mt. Labo is now focused primarily on advancing the Mabilo Project to start-up.

Importantly, the Mabilo Project has a very significant advantage in these times. With the first phase of the Project being a Direct Shipping Operation, the capital requirements upfront are in the order of US\$21 million which the company is planning to finance with debt, given the first 12 months of operations can deliver cashflows in excess of US\$120 million at commodity prices of US\$4.44/lb of Cu and US\$1,829/oz Au (subject to movements in commodity prices) with a forecast payback in less than 12 months and a project NPV5 of US\$581 million, before any further exploration success on extensions or the porphyry source. This represents an increase in excess of 272% in the value of the project from when the Feasibility Study was completed.

During the prior year, Mt. Labo received written confirmation that the MGB had approved the consolidation of the current Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. MLC-MRD-459 for the Nalesbitan Project to include the Mabilo Project, having already secured an approved Declared Mine Feasibility Study and Environmental Clearance Certificate for the Project.

The consolidated MPSA now contains five (5) parcels of land including the old EP-014-2013-V (see Figure 1 below) and is a significant milestone towards moving to production at the Mabilo Project. Since securing the expanded MPSA, work has concentrated on pre-production activities including updating mining schedules, grade control and sterilisation planning, infrastructure and continuing land acquisition.

A data room was established and engagement with a number of financing and offtake parties occurred. Mt. Labo has received a number of debt finance and offtake term sheets that will fully finance the startup development capital costs for Stage 1 of the Mabilo Project (the Direct Shipping Operation) and a preferred provider on attractive terms has been selected and documentation is currently being finalised.

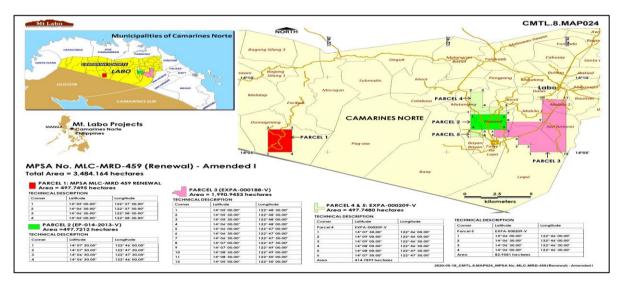


Figure 1 – Consolidated MPSA showing included parcels of land

In another positive development, we have been advised that the Philippines Department of Finance, Secretary Sonny Dominguez is working on an economic recovery plan for the Philippines. It is possible that the mining industry may well be a major beneficiary of the plan to restimulate the Philippines economy.

In July 2020, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas was quoted in the Philippine Star Newspaper, during a meeting with members of the House Committee on Economic Affairs, stating that they support reopening of mining and the MGB are also focussed on stimulating mining to contribute to the struggling economy battered by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On 21 August 2020, the Tribunal handed down the Final Award in favour of Mt. Labo in the international arbitration against Galeo in the SIAC. Mt. Labo prevailed in all matters considered important and dismissed all of Galeo's counterclaims.

The Tribunal made its orders after a full hearing and considering all the evidence and submissions placed before it, ruling based on Philippine Law, which included a determination that the JVA with Galeo was validly terminated, the compromise agreement was validly rescinded, Galeo is not entitled to any shares in Mt. Labo, Galeo was not a co-permittee of the Mt. Labo Exploration Permit and that Galeo is not the operator of the Mabilo project.

The Tribunal ordered Galeo to pay damages of approximately US\$18.6 million (plus interest at 6% from various dates, currently in the order of US\$5.1 million) and legal costs, including the Tribunal's fees of approximately S\$7.45 million. That represents a total monetary award in favour of Mt. Labo of approximately A\$32.1 million plus interest of approximately A\$6.8 million.

RTG was pleased to announce in December that the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City in the Philippines had dismissed the Petition for Refusal of Recognition and Enforcement of a Foreign Arbitral Award ("Refusal Petition") with prayer for issuance of a Writ for Preliminary Injunction ("Application for Injunction") filed by Galeo against Mt. Labo, with respect to the enforcement of the SIAC Final Award in the Philippines. The Order recognised that the requisites at law for the issuance of a writ of injunction were absent, and that the refusal Petition, and consequentially the Application for Injunction, failed on jurisdictional grounds. Galeo lodged a Motion for Consideration which was again dismissed by the Courts and they have now referred the matter to the Court of Appeals.

Galeo continues to pursue legal avenues to set aside the SIAC Final Award and/or avoid enforceability in the Philippines in both Singapore and the Philippines however Mt. Labo's counsel advise that in their opinion they do not believe there is a valid legal basis for the applications.

On 16 April 2021, the Company announced that President Duterte has signed Executive Order 130 which lifts the nine-year ban on granting new mining agreements to stimulate economic growth in the country including increased employment opportunities in remote rural areas (such as the Municipality of Labo in the Province of Camarines Norte, where the Mabilo Project is located).

The Mabilo Project is permitted to proceed to development and operation. Mt. Labo is pleased with the show of support by the President and his Administration for the mining industry, with a clear message that mining, where done in full compliance with the Philippines Mining Act of 1995 and all other applicable laws and regulations, is encouraged by the Government.

Mt. Labo continues to make solid progress in relation to the Mabilo Project.

#### **Exploration and Development Activities**

No exploration activities this quarter.

Pre-production development work continued on site including the finalising of drone surveys, access agreements for sterilisation drilling, geotechnical test work for the stream-diversion planning along with continued contractor negotiations, survey preparation and government liaison for the minor road diversion, coconut tree cutting and hardwood tree cutting permitting, port access agreement negotiations, rental of land for ancillary infrastructure, laboratory contract negotiations, acquisition of surface rights and access planning.

Work also progressed on grade control preparation and crusher contractor negotiations.

Progress on the ground in preparation for a commitment to development is proceeding well with the MGB being very supportive of the efforts to fast track start-up of the project with full access to all lands for Stage One now finalised. Work also commenced on the clearing of the waste dump area along with preparation work for the office and accommodation area.

Social development and environmental activities continue in line with Environmental Compliance Certificate requirements. The scheduled MMT (government/community/company) meeting was conducted during the prior quarter.

#### Mabilo Mineral Resource

## Table 1 - Total Mabilo Resource at 0.3 g/t Au Cut-off Grade

Mineral Resource Estimate Results - Reporting at 0.3 g/t Au lower cut-off - Mabilo South and North Deposits

Classification	Weathering	Million Tonnes	Cu %	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Fe %	Contained Au ('000s Oz)	Contained Cu ('000s t)	Contained Fe ('000s t)
Indicated	Oxide + Supergene	0.78	4.1	2.7	9.7	41.2	67.1	32.1	320.8
Indicated	Fresh	8.08	1.7	2.0	9.8	46.0	510.5	137.7	3,713.7
Indicated	Total All Materials	8.86	1.9	2.0	9.8	45.6	577.6	169.8	4,034.5
Inferred	Oxide + Supergene	0.05	7.8	2.3	9.6	26.0	3.5	3.7	12.3
Inferred	Fresh	3.86	1.4	1.5	9.1	29.1	181.5	53.3	1,121.8
Inferred	Total All Materials	3.91	1.5	1.5	9.1	29.0	184.9	57.0	1,134.1

Note: The Mineral Resource was estimated within constraining wireframe solids based on the mineralised geological units. The Mineral Resource is quoted from all classified blocks above a lower cut-off grade 0.3 g/t Au within these wireframe solids. Differences may occur due to rounding

## Feasibility Study ("FS")<sup>1</sup>

The Company announced on 18 March 2016 the results from an independent NI 43-101 compliant FS for 100% of the high-grade Mabilo Project in Southeast Luzon, Philippines<sup>2</sup>. The Mabilo Project is both high-grade and low cost, underpinning the robust economics presented in the FS including a 33% IRR after tax at US\$5,000/t Cu US\$1,200/oz Au prices (43.6% with only a 10% lift in commodity prices).

The timing for commitment to development of the project is quite fortuitous as there has been a significant increase in copper and gold prices since the project was the subject of a Feasibility Study, materially increasing the value of the project. The NPV of the project, based on current commodity prices of US\$4.44/lb Cu and US\$1,829/oz Au (July 2021) is US\$581m for 100% of the project (based on a discount rate of 5%). This represents an increase in excess of 272%, in the value of the project from when the Feasibility Study was completed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the Feasibility Study as announced to the ASX on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 continue to apply and have not materially changed. A copy of the announcement can be found on the Company's website at <u>www.rtgmining.com</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The FS is based on a treatment rate of 1Mtpa. A treatment rate of 1.35Mtpa was also considered in an upside case. Factored indicative capital and operating cost estimates were developed for a planned throughput of 1.35 Mtpa. The capital cost estimates were derived from first principles for the 1 Mtpa process plant to an accuracy of +/- 15% and then the capital cost estimates were factored with an accuracy of +/- 25% for the 1.35 Mtpa process plant. The operating cost estimates were derived from first principles for the 1 Mtpa process plant costs were factored with an accuracy of +/- 25% for the 1.35 Mtpa process plant. The operating cost estimates were derived from first principles for the 1 Mtpa process plant costs were factored with an accuracy of +/- 25% for the 1.35 Mtpa process plant. The operating cost estimates were derived from first principles for the 1 Mtpa process plant and then plant costs were factored with an accuracy of +/- 25% for the 1.35 Mtpa operating scenario. All costs are in 2015 US dollars.

#### **Mabilo Mineral Reserves**

Mineral Reserves are quoted within specific pit designs based on Indicated Resources only and take into consideration the mining, processing, metallurgical, economic and infrastructure modifying factor

Ore							Waste	Strin Datia
Class	Туре	Mt	Fe %	Au g/t	Cu %	Ag g/t	Mt	Strip Ratio
	Gold Cap	0.351	40.1	3.11 0.38	3.26			
Drahabla	Supergene	0.104	36.5	2.20	20.7	11.9	77.713	10.0
Probable	Oxide Skarn	0.182	43.6	2.52	4.17	19.9		
	Fresh	7.155	45.9	1.97	1.70	8.73		
Total Probable Ore		7.792	45.5	2.04	1.95	8.79		

### Table 2 - Probable Mineral Reserve Estimate

The November 2015 Resource estimation provided by CSA classified the Resource for the Mabilo Project as Indicated and Inferred. Only Indicated Mineral Resources as defined in NI 43-101 were used to establish the Probable Mineral Reserves. No Reserves were categorized as Proven.

## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC INTERESTS – THE CHANACH PROJECT

RTG holds a 90% interest in the Chanach Project.

Highlights of the Chanach Project include:

- Strategic addition to RTG's portfolio with an existing high-grade JORC compliant Inferred Mineral Resource of 2.95 Mt @ 5.11 g/t Au for 484,000 ounces of Au and 17.23 Mt @ 0.37% Cu for 64,000t of Cu<sup>3</sup> (141.1 MIbs Cu) from only limited drilling to date.
- Acquisition cost of US\$3.65 / ounce of Gold and US\$0.0063 / pound of Copper.
- Experienced technical expert, advising RTG, believes the exploration potential at the Chanach Project is excellent.
- The conversion of the Prospecting Licence to an Exploration Licence, was finalised and granted during the quarter. The Exploration Licence was issued by the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Chanach Project is located in the prolific southern Tien Shan metallogenic belt, which runs more than 1,500 km from Uzbekistan through to China and hosts one of the world's largest open pit gold mines, Murantau (175 Moz<sup>4</sup>) with production believed to be in the order of 2 million ounces per annum<sup>4</sup>. RTG has appointed Mr. Greg Hall of Phoenix Gold International and former Chief Geologist for Placer Dome, as a consultant given his knowledge of the Chanach Project and other projects in similar geological settings.

The Chanach Project has extensive outcropping mineralised geology with high-grade gold veins from surface and significant gold and copper Inferred Mineral Resources. With only 5% of the identified strike length tested to date, RTG believes the Chanach Project has substantial upside. The Chanach Project area is considered to be highly prospective for world class epithermal gold, porphyry copper-gold and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Mineral Resource estimates were originally compiled and announced by White Cliff Minerals Ltd ("WCN") on 30 May 2018, in accordance with the JORC Code, 2012 and was last disclosed in WCN's March, 2019 quarterly report on 30 April 2019 https://www.asx.com.au/asxpdf/20190430/pdf/444pg6f8t5In5t.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Wilde, A. and Gilbert, D. 2000. Setting of the giant Muruntau Gold Deposit: Implications for ore genesis. In: (Ed.) Gordon Lister, Geological research for the exploration industry, Journal of the Virtual Explorer, Electronic Edition, ISSN 1441-8142, volume 1, paper 1, doi:10.3809/jvirtex.2000.00004

polymetallic skarn deposits with numerous targets already identified.

To date the limited exploration activities have defined an Inferred Mineral Resource of 2.95 Mt @ 5.11 g/t Au for 484,000 ounces of Au and 17.23 Mt @ 0.37% Cu for 64,000t of Cu.

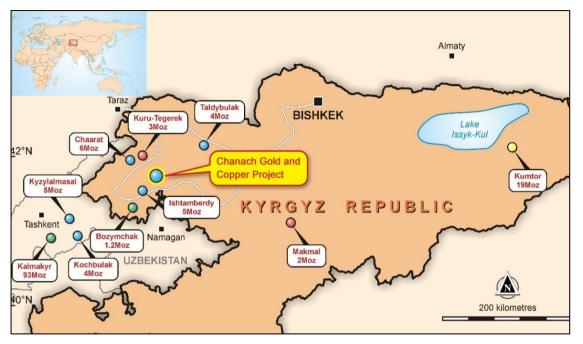


Figure 2: Chanach Project Location

## **Exploration and Development Activities**

With the changing weather, field work has started including meetings with the local community, mobilisation of equipment and clearing of the access road.

## **Geological Setting**

The Chanach Project (exploration licence AP6771) is located in the North Western part of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Jalal-Abad province and covers an area of 57.25 km<sup>2</sup> of the Chatkal Rangers inside the south-western Tien Shan metallogenic belt, which runs more than 1,500 km from Uzbekistan through to China and hosts one of the world's largest open pit gold mines, Murantau (175 Moz) with production believed to be in the order of 2 million ounces per annum<sup>4</sup>.

## **Discovery & Drill Results**

The Chanach Project area was discovered around 1963 with geological mapping and surface sampling intermittently up to 2010. The geology of the Chanach Project area is prospective for epithermal gold deposits, porphyry copper deposits and polymetallic skarn deposits. The project area has outcropping mineralised geology seen as multiple high-grade outcropping epithermal veins and skarns, which have indicated several porphyry targets.

Exploration drilling at the Chanach Gold Project commenced in 2014 and to date there have been spectacular intersections of gold mineralisation spanning across the project area, as previously reported by WCN.

Significant intervals from the Quartz Gold Zone include:

- UGZ-15-35 8m @ 57.08 g/t Au from 75m including 1m @ 85.53 g/t Au from 76m, 1m @ 89.34 g/t Au from 80m followed by 1m @ 73.28 g/t Au from 81m.
- ERC16-035 7m @ 23.52 g/t Au from 45m including 1m @ 149.41 g/t Au from 45m.
- ERC16-036 12m @ 15.65 g/t Au including 1m @ 63.24 g/t Au from 82m followed by 1m @ 95.12 g/t Au from 83m.

Significant intervals from the Sandstone Gold Zone include:

- UGZ-15-33 4m @ 99.15 g/t Au from 65m including 1m @ 348.48 g/t Au from 67m.
- UGZ-15-32A 3m @ 41.45 g/t Au including 1m @ 71.58 g/t Au from 53m.

Significant intervals from the Lower & Upper Gold Zone include:

- LGZ-15-29A 6m @ 38.40 g/t Au from 26m with 4m @ 56.46 g/t Au from 26m including 1m @ 49.79 g/t Au from 26m, 1m @ 23.55 g/t Au from 27m, 1m @ 95.22 g/t Au from 28m and 1m @ 57.29 g/t Au from 29m.
- CH14-18 4m @ 23.83 g/t Au from 85m including 1m @ 30.19 g/t Au from 86m.

Readers are advised that these assay intervals have not been top-cut prior to reporting and true mineralisation widths are not reported. Mineralisation is expected to be sub-vertical. Intervals selected have used a lower cut-off of 0.50 g/t Au. Locations of significant drill intercepts with respect to the mapped mineralised zones are shown in Figure 3.

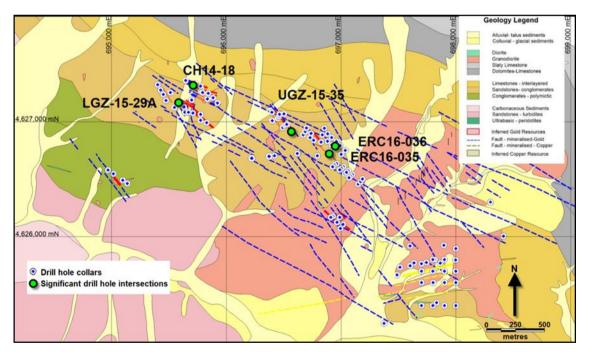


Figure 3: Locations of Significant Drill Intercepts at Chanach Gold Project

#### **Mineral Resource**

In May 2018, WCN reported an Inferred Mineral Resource of 2.95 Mt at 5.1 g/t gold for 484,000 ounces and 17.23 Mt at 0.37% copper for 64,000 copper tonnes.

The most recent mineral resource estimates for the Chanach Gold Project are summarised in Table 3 for gold and Table 4 for copper. These Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with JORC Code, 2012 and were first publicly reported 30 May 2018 by WCN. Refer to the cautionary statement below.

Table 3 - Chanach May 2018 Gold Mineral Resource (cut-	ff grade 1.0g/t Au) <sup>3</sup>
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Resource Category	Zone	Tonnes (Kt)	Au (g/t)	Ounces (KOz)
Inferred	Lower Gold Zone	1,155	4.00	148
Inferred	Upper Gold Zone	772	4.67	116
Inferred	Sandstone Zone	279	11.41	102
Inferred	Quartz Main	325	6.22	65
Inferred	Quartz Min	185	1.87	11
Inferred	Eastern Gold Zone	123	2.79	11
Inferred	Camp Gold Zone	106	8.77	30
Inferred	Total	2,945	5.11	484

#### Table 4 - Chanach May 2018 Copper Mineral Resource (cut-off grade 0.25% Cu)<sup>3</sup>

Resource Category	Zone	Tonnes (Kt)	Au (g/t)	Ounces (KOz)
Inferred	Quartz Cu	700	0.51	4
Inferred	Chanach	16,534	0.36	60
Inferred	Total	17,234	0.37	64

RTG believes that this information has not materially changed since it was last reported. The Mineral Resources have been reviewed by RTG's Competent Person.

#### **Quarterly Activities**

Due to restrictions associated with COVID-19, work at the Chanach Project has been reduced. During the quarter, work focused on submission of statutory reports. Field work also commenced during the quarter with the mobilisation of equipment and the clearing of the access road.

## **BOUGAINVILLE INTERESTS – THE PANGUNA PROJECT OPPORTUNITY**

RTG is the nominated development partner with the joint venture company established by the SMLOLA and Central Exploration Pty Ltd in the Landowner proposal with respect to the redevelopment of the Copper-Gold Panguna Project located in the Central Region of the island of Bougainville, within the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, PNG. RTG owns just under 70% of Central, with additional loans to Central that can be converted to increase our interest. The proposal, being led by the SMLOLA, is a landowner initiative and will be subject to the success or otherwise of the SMLOLA in securing a role in the redevelopment of the mine and the minerals which are owned by the landowners exclusively represented by the SMLOLA.

The members of the SMLOLA are the owners of the customary land which is the subject of the old Panguna open pit mine, and in which the mineral resources of the Panguna mine are located.

The SMLOLA was established by the ABG nearly a decade ago to exclusively represent the customary owners of the land at the old Panguna pit. The SMLOLA constitution was prepared by the ABG legal officers representing the ABG Department of Justice and remains unchanged to this day.

The ABG established the SMLOLA as the Landowner Association to represent the Customary Owners of the land contained within the original but now expired Panguna Special Mining Licence - SML (hence the name SMLOLA, and the similarly EL 01), which covers the entire Panguna Open Pit area. This membership is automatic for those persons born into the 7 named villages, which comprise the customary land area within the SML.

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RTG continues to work with the SMLOLA team and the community to progress meaningful and transparent discussions with the ABG on the redevelopment proposal of the Landowner Led Consortium and undertake and support local community and social programs, reconciliations and unity programs.

## BCL Litigation in the Supreme Court of Victoria

In July 2021, the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia fully dismissed claims made by BCL, the former owner of the Panguna mine, against RTG, Central and indirectly SMLOLA. BCL was seeking pre-action discovery of corporate documents of RTG and others under Rule 32.05 of the Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2015 (Vic). In addition, RTG and Central received a substantial cost judgment against BCL for their costs in defending the proceedings. The full judgment is available on the public record (Bougainville Copper Ltd v RTG Mining Inc & Anor [2021] VSC 231 (5 May 2021)).

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The resolution of these proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria also refers to proceedings in Papua New Guinea Courts.

For the Papua New Guinea Court proceedings (all of which have been commenced by BCL and its associates, and all of which have been unsuccessful, the Court dismissing them awarding costs and in two instances courts in PNG determining the actions were an abuse of the Court process), shareholders are referred to the following decisions. SMLOLA was successfully joined as a party to the Judicial Review proceedings (referred to below) to support the ABG, with BCL losing the appeal to SMLOLA's joinder application:

- 1. PNG National Court OS No. 208 of 2018 (CC3) and two unsuccessful appeals;
- 2. PNG SCA No. 110 of 2018 two appeals against the decision by the PNG National Court OS No. 208 of 2018;
- 3. PNG National Court OS (JR) No. 29 of 2018 and the appeal to the Supreme Court;
- 4. PNG SCA No. 159 of 2018 being the appeal of a decision in *PNG National Court OS* (*JR*) *No.* 29 of 2018.

To search PNG National Court cases shareholders are referred to the following website-<u>http://www.paclii.org/pg/cases/PGNC/</u>. To search PNG Supreme Court cases shareholder are referred to following website - <u>http://www.paclii.org/pg/cases/PGSC/</u>.

#### **Rio Tinto Announcement**

Rio Tinto recently announced they are working with the Human Rights Law Centre to establish a Committee to appoint an independent consultant to identify and assess the human rights and environmental impacts of the former Panguna Mine in Bougainville. Rio Tinto however, also announced that the Committee will comprise a number of parties including both BCL and Rio Tinto, which has drawn significant criticism from Bougainvilleans who do not want either party to have any role, as it will compromise the independence of the findings and undermine the confidence of the community in any findings

#### **Autonomous Bougainville Government**

In December of 2019, the ABG successfully conducted the Referendum on Independence, with approximately 98% of Bougainvilleans voting in favour of Independence.

Any form of Independence will require Bougainville to demonstrate to the National Government that it is on a pathway to economic independence. Panguna is the only asset which can materially assist Bougainville establish that critical pathway to economic independence and upon which the aspirations of so many Bougainvilleans depend.

On 23 September 2020, the Company was pleased to announce that the Office of the Bougainville Electoral Commission had declared a new President, the Honourable Mr Ishmael Toroama. Mr Toroama was a Commander of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army and has a strong record of promoting Peace and Independence for Bougainville, with a stated focus on stamping out any corruption in the Autonomous Bougainville Government and its public service.

The President has appointed a new Mining Minister, the Honourable Mr Rodney Osioco, who was also the head of the Legislative Review Committee that rejected the Caballus Mining sponsored attempt to change the Bougainville Mining Act and strip Landowners of their rights to the minerals and lands.

The Landowners continue to engage with the new Mining Minister, who represents Central Bougainville where Panguna is located, to progress discussions on the reopening of the mine. The Landowners have worked closely with the Mining Minister over the last few years and welcomed and appreciated his appointment by the President.

The Landowners' meetings with the Mining Minister and his team are productive and they are advised that the Department is committed to working co-operatively with the Customary Landowners to find a redevelopment solution for Panguna that meets all the needs of Bougainville.

## **CORPORATE**

Cash and liquid assets as at 30 June 2021 were A\$3.3 million, including US\$0.30 million due and outstanding from other consultants.

During the quarter, payments to related parties of the Company totalled US\$145,124 for Directors' remuneration, which included salary, fees and superannuation.

## ABOUT RTG MINING INC

RTG Mining Inc. is a mining and exploration company listed on the main board of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange. RTG is currently focused primarily on progressing the Mabilo Project to start-up having recently received a mining permit for the Project, with a view to moving quickly and safely to a producing gold and copper company.

RTG also has a number of exciting new opportunities including the Panguna Project in Bougainville, which it remains committed to but during these uncertain times the primary focus is on advancing the Mabilo Project.

RTG has an experienced management team which has to date developed seven mines in five different countries, including being responsible for the development of the Masbate Gold Mine in the Philippines through CGA Mining Limited. RTG has some of the most respected international institutional investors as shareholders including Franklin Templeton, Equinox Partners and Sun Valley.

## **ENQUIRIES**

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## **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The Toronto Stock Exchange has not reviewed nor does it accept responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of this press release, which has been prepared by management.

This announcement includes certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation including, among others, statements made or implied relating to the interpretation of exploration results, accuracy of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates, parameters and assumptions used to estimate mineral reserves and mineral resources, realization of mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates, estimated economic results of the Mabilo Project, future operational and financial results, including estimated cashflow and the timing thereof, estimated expenditures, expansion, exploration and development activities and the timing thereof, including expectations regarding the DSO, plans for progressing Stage 2 development, completion of a debt funding package, the negotiation of contracts for startup works and offtake arrangements and the completion of merged documentation, RTG's objectives, strategies to achieve those objectives, RTG's beliefs, plans, estimates and intentions, and similar statements concerning anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, are forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements generally can be identified by words such as "objective", "may", "will", "expected", "likely", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "should", "plans", or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. Forward-looking statements involve various risks and uncertainties and are based on certain factors and assumptions. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from RTG's expectations include uncertainties related to fluctuations in gold and other commodity prices and currency exchange rates; uncertainties relating to interpretation of drill results and the geology, continuity and grade of mineral deposits; uncertainty of estimates of capital and operating costs, recovery rates, production estimates and estimated economic return; the need for cooperation of government agencies in the development of RTG's mineral projects; the need to obtain additional financing to develop RTG's mineral projects; the possibility of delay in development programs or in construction projects and uncertainty of meeting anticipated program milestones for RTG's mineral projects and other risks and uncertainties as discussed in RTG's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2020 and detailed from time to time in our other filings with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities available at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements made in this announcement relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. RTG will not release publicly any revisions or updates to these forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or unanticipated events occurring after the date of this announcement except as required by law or by any appropriate regulatory authority.

## **QUALIFIED PERSON AND COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT**

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resource Estimates of the Chanach Project is based upon information compiled, reviewed and approved by Elizabeth Haren who is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (**"NI 43-101**") and a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' who is a Member and Chartered Professional of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Elizabeth Haren is employed by Haren Consulting Pty Ltd and is a consultant to RTG. Elizabeth Haren has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person and a Qualified Person for the purposes of NI 43-101. Elizabeth Haren consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on her information in the form and the context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Targets of the Chanach Project is based upon information compiled, reviewed and approved by Greg Hall who is a Qualified Person under NI 43-101 and a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' who is a Member and Chartered Professional of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Greg Hall is employed by Golden Phoenix International Pty Ltd and is a consultant to RTG. Greg Hall has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person and a Qualified Person for the purposes of NI 43-101. Greg Hall consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and the context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to exploration results at the Mabilo Project is based upon information prepared by or under the supervision of Robert Ayres BSc (Hons), who is a Qualified Person and a Competent Person. Mr Ayres is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Ayres has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mr. Ayres has verified the data disclosed in this release, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in the release. Mr. Ayres consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and the context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information prepared by or under the supervision of Mr Aaron Green, who is a Qualified Person and Competent Person. Mr Green is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and is employed by CSA Global Pty Ltd, an independent consulting company. Mr Green has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mr. Green has verified the data disclosed in this release, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in the release. Mr Green consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to Mineral Reserves and Mining is based on information prepared by or under the supervision of Mr Carel Moormann, who is a Qualified Person and Competent Person. Mr Moormann is a Fellow of the AusIMM and is employed by Orelogy Consulting, an independent consulting company. Mr Moormann has sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mr Moormann has verified the data disclosed in this release, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in the release. Mr Moormann consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to Metallurgy and Processing is based on information prepared by or under the supervision of David Gordon, who is a Qualified Person and Competent Person. David Gordon is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is employed by Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd, an independent consulting company. David Gordon has sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of process under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). David Gordon has verified the data disclosed in this release, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in the release. David Gordon consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to areas outside of exploration results, Mineral Resources, Mineral Reserves and Metallurgy and Processing is based on information prepared by or under the supervision of Mark Turner, who is a Qualified Person and Competent Person. Mark Turner is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is employed by RTG Mining Inc, the Company. Mark Turner has sufficient experience that is relevant to the information under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mark Turner has verified the data disclosed in this release. Mark Turner consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this release based on historic and public information on the Panguna Project has been compiled and reviewed by Mark Turner, who is a Qualified Person and Competent Person. Mark Turner is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is employed by RTG Mining Inc, the Company. Mark Turner has sufficient experience that is relevant to the information under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101). Mark Turner consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

For the ASX Feasibility Study announcement including JORC tables please refer to the RTG Mining website (<u>www.rtgmining.com</u>) and on the ASX, under announcements (<u>www.asx.com.au</u>).

## Appendix 1 – Schedule of interests and location of Tenements

Tenement reference	Location	Nature of interest	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
Licence 6771 AP	Kyrgyzstan	Chanach Project	90%	90%
Consolidated MPSA-MLC-MRD-459-V (Renewal)-Amended I includes: Parcel 2 – formerly EP-014-2013-V Parcel 3 – formerly EXPA-000188-V Parcels 4/5 – formerly EXPA-000209-V	Philippines	Mabilo Project and Nalesbitan Project	40%	40%
APSA-002-V	Philippines	Nalesbitan Project	40%	40%
EP-019-2021-V (formerly EXPA- 000231-V and approved 16 April 2021)	Philippines	Mabilo Project	40%	40%
Exploration Permit Application ("EXPA") 118-XI	Philippines	RTG's interest is held through its interest in its associate entity	40%	40%
APSA-003-XIII	Philippines	Bunawan Mining Corporation.	40%	40%
EXPA-037A-XIII	Philippines		40%	40%
EP 033-14-XIII	Philippines	RTG's interest is held through its interest in its	40%	40%
EP-001-06-XI	Philippines	associate entity Bunawan Mining Corporation. (EP 033-14-XIII is subject to 2 <sup>nd</sup> renewal and EP-001-06-XI is an approved 1st renewal EP)	40%	40%
EP-01-10-XI	Philippines	RTG's interest is held through its interest in its	40%	40%
EP-02-10-XI	Philippines	associate entity Oz Metals Exploration &	40%	40%
EXPA-123-XI	Philippines	Development Corporation. (Both EP-02-10-XI and EP-01-10-XI are subject to 2 <sup>nd</sup> renewal)	40%	40%

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# Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Quarter ended ("current quarter")
30 June 2021

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$US	Year to date (six months) \$US
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation (if expensed)	(44,608)	(46,630)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(275,034)	(557,535)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(188,267)	(419,506)
	(f) business development	(381,637)	(691,995)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	88	138
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other – tax refund	37,582	37,582
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(851,877)	(1,677,946)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire:		
	(a) entities	-	
	(b) tenements	-	
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(3,530)	(5,09

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Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$US	Year to date (six months) \$US
	(d) exploration & evaluation (if capitalised)	-	-
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	(615,694)	(1,318,757)
	- legal expenses (Philippines)	(92,729)	(423,005)
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(711,953)	(1,746,857)

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3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(16,220)	(41,768)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other – lease liability payment	(22,124)	(54,636)
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(38,344)	(96,403)

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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$US	Year to date (six months) \$US
4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,813,801	5,764,938
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(851,877)	(1,677,946)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(711,953)	(1,746,857)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(38,344)	(96,403)
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	(7,665)	(39,770)
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period <sup>1</sup>	2,203,962	2,203,962

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<sup>1</sup> The above cash and cash equivalents does not include a receivable of US\$0.30 million due in the next quarter.

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$US	Previous quarter \$US
5.1	Bank balances	2,203,962	3,813,801
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	2,203,962	3,813,801

Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$US
Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1 <sup>2</sup>	145,124
Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments

<sup>2</sup> Payments to related parties of the Company for Directors' remuneration, which included salary, fees and superannuation.

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7.	<b>Financing facilities</b> Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$US	Amount drawn at quarter end \$US
7.1	Loan facilities	1,500,000	1,500,000
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	1,500,000	1,500,000

#### 7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end

7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.

Description of loan facility in 7.1 above:

Unsecured corporate loan facility with repayment due on 30 September 2021 together with interest at 6%.

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$US
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)	(851,877)
8.2	Capitalised exploration & evaluation (Item 2.1(d))	-
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (Item 8.1 + Item 8.2)	(851,877)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)	2,203,962
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (Item 8.4 + Item 8.5)	2,203,962
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.6 divided by Item 8.3)	2.6*
	*This item ignores any discretionary spend should Mt. Labo commit to progressing the development of the Mabilo Project	

If Item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

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1. Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Ans	wer: N/A
2.	Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

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Ansv	ver: N/A
3.	Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?
Ansv	ver: N/A

## **Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 30 July 2021

#### Authorised by: By the Board of Directors

(Name of body or officer authorising release - see note 4)

#### Notes

- 1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- 2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

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<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 of the ASX Listing Rules for defined terms.