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Project Update – Development Strategy

- New single stage development to 25,000 tpa Cu capacity
- Reduced construction period to 15 months
- Extended mine life to at least 11 years
- Demonstration Plant restart planned with upgrade to 3,000 tpa Cu

Finders Resources Ltd (“Finders”) is pleased to announce that its’ refreshed Bankable Feasibility Study will be based on a revised development strategy which will provide for faster delivery and increased production flexibility. The previous two stage expansion will be replaced by a simpler construction plan involving the expansion of the existing Whim Creek SX-EW plant to 25,000 tpa copper cathode capacity.

Changes in the strategy were enabled by several key elements. Design changes to the heap leach pad located in the Kali Kuning pit allow for earlier stacking of ore to support rapid ramp-up of a single, larger SX-EW plant at full capacity. New availability of mining contractors in Indonesia allows significantly enhanced fleet flexibility and productivity. The engineering modifications to lift capacity of the existing Whim Creek plant to 25,000 tpa are less capital intensive than the previous 7,000 tpa Stage 1.

The new reserves announced last week also have an impact on mine life, with production from Kali Kuning and Lerokis now likely to support an 11-year operation.

Finders expects to commence the upgrade of the existing Demonstration Plant to 3,000 tpa capacity and mining of new ore this quarter with production recommencing in late Q4 2013. At current copper prices, the plant would generate \$1.75m revenue per month and provide working capital as project finance for the main plant is completed.

Together, the upgraded Demonstration Plant and expanded Whim Creek plant will provide flexibility to achieve 28,000 tpa Cu and realize any benefit from anticipated increases in copper grades and recoveries and, importantly, the potential of additional resources from the satellite deposit at Meron.

Managing Director, Chris Farmer commented “This is important progress for the Wetar Copper Project allowing us to reduce risk during the construction and commissioning stages of the project and reduce the construction period allowing for full scale production nine months ahead of the previous schedule. The new development plan allows for simpler implementation with activities focused on a single plant construction and operational cost savings expected from running a single plant rather than the former split site operations”.

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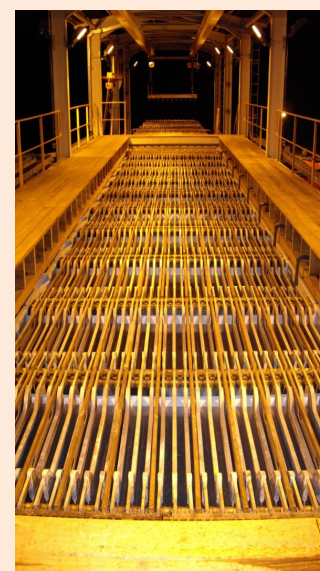
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Background Information on Finders

Finders is the operator of the Wetar Copper Project (95% Interest), and the Ojolali Gold-Silver Project (72% with option), both located in Indonesia. The Wetar Copper Project comprises two high grade deposits, Kali Kuning and Lerokis, which are located within 3km from the coast and suitable for open pit mining. The project benefits from having existing infrastructure in place, particularly a wharf, camp and roads and partially pre-stripped copper ore bodies from a prior gold mining era. From February 2009 to December 2010, Finders successfully operated a 5 tonne per day Solvent Extraction/Electro Winning (“SX/EW”) demonstration plant to test copper sulphide leach kinetics, optimise process design and provide data required for project finance. The demonstration plant produced and sold about 2,500 tonnes of LME Grade A copper cathode, all of which was sold at a premium to the LME price and without specification issues. The test heaps are at heights similar to commercial operations worldwide and the SX/EW technology being used is industry standard. SX/EW technology is currently responsible for approximately 22% of the world’s copper production. The development of the Wetar Copper Project comprises the restarting of the existing demonstration plant followed by incorporation of the Whim Creek plant to lift production to 25,000tpa.

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