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# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Application under Section 23 in respect of the Torrens Project in South Australia has been approved**

The Torrens Joint Venture (Torrens EL 4286) is between Argonaut Resources NL (ASX: ARE) and Straits Resources Limited (ASX: SRL). Argonaut holds 100% and Straits earning a 70% interest.

The Torrens Joint Venture is exploring for iron-oxide copper-gold ("IOCG") systems in the highly prospective Stuart Shelf region of South Australia (Torrens Project). The Torrens Project is located near the eastern margin of South Australia's Gawler Craton region (Stuart Shelf), within 50 kilometres of Teck Cominco's Carrapateena copper - gold discovery and 75 kilometres from BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine.

The Torrens Joint Venture is pleased to announce that its application under Section 23 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 in South Australia in respect of the Torrens Project (EL4296) has been approved by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. Additional information will be available in due course following further discussions with the State Government.

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