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# DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT

Resource Mining Corporation Limited ("RMC")

For the period ended 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2013

- Indonesian nickel ore export ban in effect
- Ground sampling survey along Didina Range ridge
- Saprolite review
- Preparation for EL1165 renewal

Resource Mining Corporation Limited (% MC+) is a Perthbased specialist mineral exploration company aiming to create wealth from mineral commodities using innovative technical, marketing and financial skills as it explores for economic metal deposits in Papua New Guinea (% NG+) and Australia.

# QUARTERLY REPORT

### CORPORATE

The anticipated mineral export ban by the Indonesian Government came into effect on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Whilst the ban has been the subject of speculation by industry analysts and commentators, the export ban has to date not had a significant impact on the price of nickel.

In the first week following the ban on export of nickel ores, the nickel price rose 6.7% from US\$13,680 per tonne to US\$14,595 per tonne. (CRU Insight January 2014)

As the following graph from Kitco Metals Inc demonstrates, current nickel prices are similar to those prevailing in June 2009. More importantly, the downward trend from the peak of March 2011 appears to have been arrested.



#### 5 Year Nickel Spot Price

Source: http://www.kitcometals.com/charts/nickel\_historical

It should be noted that there were some last minute changes to restrictions to the export of copper ore, iron ore, lead and zinc concentrates, but no relief was given to nickel or bauxite ores, both of which Indonesia supplies in considerable quantities to China. (*Reuters: 12 January 2014*)

Macquarie Bank maintains a positive view of the long term nickel market based primarily on the restriction of nickel ore exports from Indonesia. *(Metal Bulletin: 30 December 2013)* 

RMC continues to focus its corporate activities to support potential development of Wowo Gap as a supplier of nickel ore to the market.

The Philippines is most likely to be the major beneficiaries in the short term for the Indonesian export bans. However, as reported by Roskill on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the low grade limonitic ores from the Philippines are not well suited to the rotary kiln electric furnaces used in Chinac Nickel Pig Iron industry.

In their January 2014 Nickel Market Report, Roskill suggest that use of Philippine limonite could result in production cost increases of over 30% when compared to using the higher grade saprolitic ore from Indonesia.

During the December Quarter, RMC benefitted from tax concessions/subsidies from R&D activities in the amount of \$124,000, leaving RMC with a cash balance of \$0.924M at the end of the quarter.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

#### WOWO GAP PROJECT EL1165, EL1979 and EL1980 - (RMC 100% Interest)

#### **Site Activities**

With the customary Christmas period break, site activity was limited during December.

Ground exploration was undertaken to the north of EL1165 along the Didina Ridge line testing soils and searching for any evidence of recent erosion that might have exposed the limonite or saprolite layers.

Results are awaited for this sampling program which is designed to provide an insight into the exploration potential particularly to the north of the current resource envelope.

Discussion regarding the direct shipping market as a future option for the Wowo Gap Project has focussed attention on the saprolite potential from the deposit. First stage in-house review of the distribution of the saprolite resource is currently in progress.

No exploration activity was undertaken on tenements EL 1979 or EL 1980 during this quarter.

#### **MRA** Activities

RMC has applied to renew EL1165 and is now in regular contact with MRA personnel regarding the formalities of the renewal process.

The MRA has tightened their procedures regarding the tenement renewal process including the Warden¢ Court Hearing. RMC continues to meet or exceed all of the MRA requirements for timelines, etc.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

St Patrick's Project: EL 37/1064, EL 37/1078, EL 37/1091, EL 37/110, and EL 37/1118 (RMC 100% Interest).

After further review of the tenements within the St Patricks Project, a decision was made to surrender two of the Project tenements . E37/1084 & 1092. These two tenements were peripheral to the main project area and were not considered prospective.

In addition, quotes have been sought to review the available geochemical and geophysical data to determine the potential for the hypothesized greenstone mineralisation to occur at a depth greater than 60m, the depth of the 2013 RC drilling program.

#### Blackstone Range Project: EL 69/2108 and EL 69/2109.

JV with Redstone Resources Limited, (ASX-RDS). Redstone Resources earned a 90% interest in this project whilst RMC has a 10%, non-contributory free carried interest.

## Mining Tenements held at quarter ended 31 December 2013

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA TENEMENTS (RMC 100% interest)

- EL 1165 Wowo Gap
- EL 1979 Adau River
- EL 1980 Didiana

#### WEST AUSTRALIAN TENEMENTS

#### St Patricks Project (RMC 100% interest)

- E37/1064 Pickaway Well
- E37/1078 North Pickaway Well
- E37/1091 Tarmoola
- E37/1110 Skeleton Well
- E37/1118 Charlie Chicks

#### **Blackstone Range**

Joint Venture with Redstone Resources Limited (ASX:RDS). Redstone earned 90% interest, RMC has a 10% non-contributing free carried interest)

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W J Davies Managing Director Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014