

## SARACEN MINERAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

ACN: 009 215 347

# Saracen acquires the Bundarra gold project

Adds low cost ounces just 30km from the Thunderbox mill

### Corporate Details:

14th February 2017

ASX code: SAR

#### Corporate Structure:

Ordinary shares on issue: 807.5m

Unvested employee performance rights: 14.6m

Market Capitalisation: A\$1.01b (share price A\$1.245)

Cash & Bullion (31 December): A\$43.9m

Debt: Nil

#### Directors:

Mr Geoff Clifford Non-Executive Chairman

Mr Raleigh Finlayson Managing Director

Mr Mark Connelly Non-Executive

Mr Martin Reed Non-Executive

Ms Samantha Tough Non-Executive

#### Substantial Shareholders:

Van Eck 19.0%

Wroxby 7.0%

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### **Key Points**

- Saracen acquires the Bundarra gold project from Bligh Resources, located 30 km south of its Thunderbox plant
- Consideration for the acquisition of 100% of the project is \$8.5m in Saracen shares<sup>1</sup>
- The transaction includes Mineral Resources\* of 7.0Mt @ 1.9g/t for 431koz which equates to less than \$20 / per Resource ounce
- The Transaction is conditional upon Bligh Resources and Saracen entering into a formal sale and purchase agreement ("SPA")
- Completion will be subject to the usual conditions precedent for this
  type of transaction including Saracen having the right to withdraw if
  its share price decreases by greater than 15% prior to the execution
  of the SPA and the requirement for Bligh shareholders to approve the
  Transaction at a general meeting
- The acquisition is consistent with Saracen's ten year mine life target at Thunderbox, and is accretive on a Resource ounce per share basis
- Saracen intends to rapidly:
  - Progress the project into Reserve status
  - Follow-up recent high grade extensional drill intersections\*\* below the Resource (including 10m @ 8.7g/t and 31m @ 3.6g/t)

Saracen Mineral Holdings (ASX: SAR) has entered into an agreement to acquire the Bundarra gold project in Western Australia from Bligh Resources Limited (ASX: BGH).

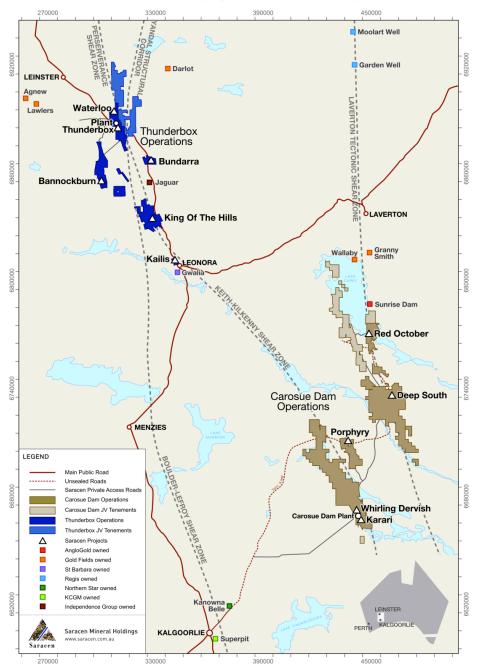
Bundarra is located 30km south of Saracen's Thunderbox project, and adjacent to the sealed Goldfields Highway. The project was initially mined between 2000 and 2002 by Sons of Gwalia, producing 1.7Mt @ 2.2g/t for 115koz gold.

The acquisition increases the Mineral Resources within economic trucking distance of Saracen's Thunderbox and Carosue Dam plants by approximately 5% to 8.8Moz\*\*\*.

Managing Director Raleigh Finlayson said Bundarra is a sensible low cost bolt-on acquisition for Saracen.

"The financially robust open pit Resources will immediately extend the mine life at the nearby Thunderbox mine, with high grade extensional results pointing to further growth." Mr Finlayson said.

### For the location of Saracen's projects, refer to the map below.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The number of SAR shares issued to BGH will be calculated using the 15-day volume weighted average price of SAR shares prior to signing the SPA. 50% of the SAR shares issued to BGH will be freely tradeable upon issue and 50% will be subject to escrow for one month (which may be waived at SAR's discretion).

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<sup>\*</sup> The Mineral Resources were estimated by BGH - Refer to BGH's ASX announcement released 19 December 2016 – "Bundarra JORC 2012 Mineral Resource Estimate".

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please refer to BGH's ASX announcement of 14 December 2016 - "Significant widths of high grade gold intersected at Bundarra Project"

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Please refer to SAR's ASX announcement of 12 October 2016 – "2016 Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves"