

ROCKLANDS OPERATION UPDATE

PROCESS PLANT APPROACHING MONTHLY NAMEPLATE PRODUCTION RATES

APRIL COPPER CONCENTRATE PRODUCTION HIGHEST TO DATE

RECOVERIES OF 92% DURING SUSTAINED PERIODS OF DAILY NAMEPLATE THROUGHPUT

Queensland copper producer CuDeco Limited (ASX:CDU) announced today that April was a very encouraging month for its Rocklands Copper Mine in Cloncurry North-west Queensland Australia, with some 6,844 DMT (7,562 WMT) of copper concentrate produced and shipped for export to China, at a provisional average grade estimate of 25.01% Cu.

The April concentrate contains an estimated total of 1,712 tonnes of copper metal, and includes associated by-product estimate of circa 572 ounces of gold.

Metal recovery also improved in April, with an estimated average copper recovery of 88.8% for the month, which is close to long-term nameplate operational averages of circa 90%. The Plant ran at steady state (above nameplate) for a period of 5 days achieving recoveries of 92.12%.

High Pressure grinding Rolls (HPGR) feed, which is the measure of feed to the processing plant, achieved 11 days above nameplate throughput for the month, including up to 9,646 DMT (10,048 WMT) per day, and a continuous period of 5 days of 8,471 DMT (8,824 WMT) per day, compared to nameplate of 8,217 DMT (8,559 WMT) per day.

Total feed to the HPGR for April was 196,382 DMT (203,523 WMT).

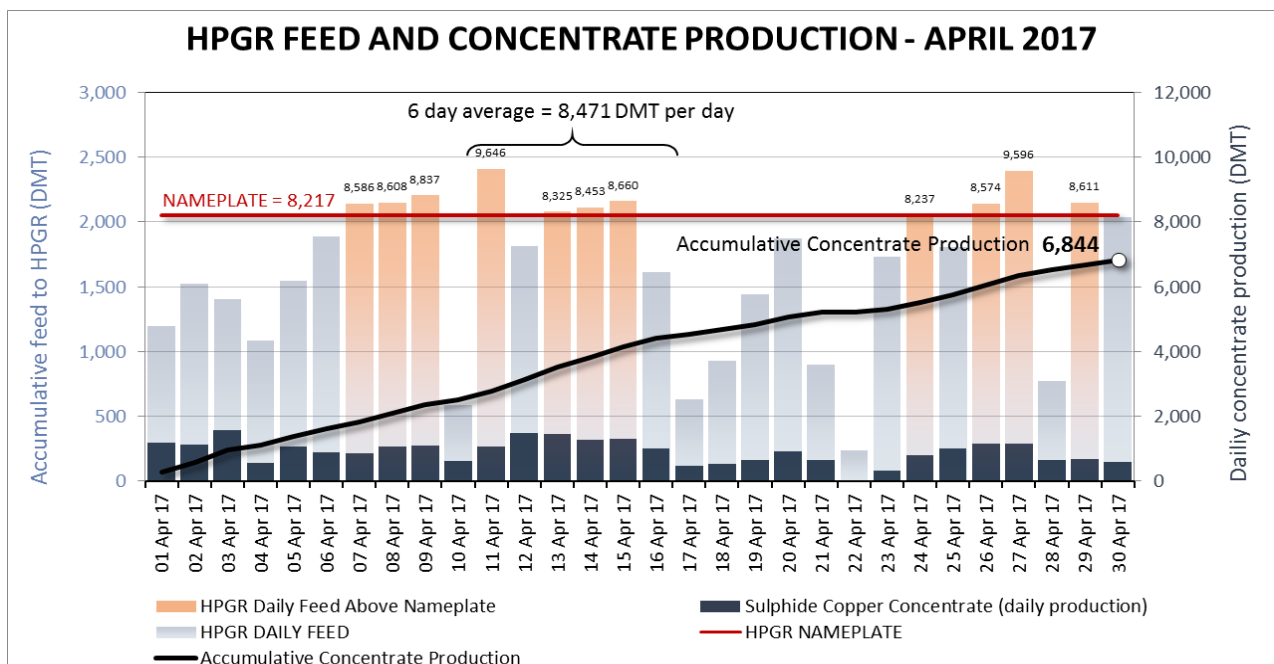


Figure 01: April production figures include total feed to the HPGR of 196,382 DMT (203,523 WMT) and concentrate production was 6,844 DMT (7,562 WMT).

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Interim Chairman Peter Hutchison said “We are finally seeing Rocklands perform at levels we can be pleased with, however we can improve on these further. Many key measures of performance are now within or very close to design expectations, particularly metal recoveries which are currently in our target range for this phase of the ramp-up.

I can confidently speak for the Board when I say we are extremely encouraged to see such a significant turn-around in the Company’s outlook in such a short period of time, and congratulate all involved in working hard to help generate these outcomes.”

Mining has been underway for 6 weeks now, with some 1.07 million tonnes of rock mined from the LM2 Pit to date, including 401,490 tonnes of ore.

A formal review of current mine plans subsequent to recent executive changes has identified significant opportunities for improvement. CuDeco staff are currently working through these changes in close alignment with our mining contractor Andy’s Earthmovers (AEM).

Significant improvements to operational outcomes including Project efficiencies are anticipated.

Mark Gregory said “With valuable input and direction from our key personnel over the last month or so, we are now seeing project wide improvements. We are all working very hard to maintain the new momentum which has been created.

Rocklands is performing well and achieving important milestones, but we know it can perform better still and we will continue to pursue a program of ongoing improvement. I am none the less very pleased with efforts to date, and the measurable achievements that have been made over a relatively short period of time.

On behalf of the Board.

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Figure 02: The Rocklands Process Plant includes 11 copper flotation cells including rougher, cleaner, cleaner scavenger and recleaner cells, that preferentially extract copper sulphide minerals to produce a sulphide copper concentrate via froth flotation techniques.



Figure 03: High resolution aerial photograph of the operating Rocklands Process Plant (March 2017)