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# South Boulder finalises key agreement with ENAMCO on the Colluli Potash Project

South Boulder Mines (ASX: STB) ("South Boulder" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed and signed a Shareholders Agreement with the Eritrean National Mining Corporation (ENAMCO) outlining the key joint venture terms covering the Colluli Potash Project's development.

The Shareholders Agreement has been signed by the parties and approved by ENAMCO and the South Boulder Board.

The signing of the Shareholders Agreement enables the joint venture company, Colluli Mining Share Company (CMSC), to be formally incorporated and established. This in turn will pave the way for all the relevant licenses to be transferred to CMSC, which will own and operate the Colluli Potash Project.

Key terms of the Shareholders Agreement are outlined below:

- ENAMCO and STB will each hold a 50% ownership in the Project through a newly formed company, Colluli Mining Share Company, ("CMSC");
- It is proposed that Project Development Costs for initial development will be funded 70% by debt and 30% by equity;
- To the extent that third party commercial debt is not available for 70% of Project Development Costs, STB will be required to provide the debt to CMSC on arms' length commercial terms;
- The balancing 30% project equity required for initial Development Costs will be funded by STB. STB will be entitled to recoup 50% of this equity as a preferential payment from 50% of the Project cashflows (subject to ongoing funding requirements of CMSC) that would have otherwise been available to all equity holders; and:
- CMSC will have a Board of 5 being 3 members from STB and 2 from ENAMCO.

South Boulder's CEO, Paul Donaldson, said the completion of the Shareholders Agreement represented an important milestone for the Colluli Project, crystallising the arrangements first outlined in May this year and providing significant certainty regarding the economic and fiscal basis on which the Project can be developed.

"We are pleased to have signed this material agreement, which secure and clarify the project ownership structure and will assist us in discussions with strategic investors and potential financiers," he added.



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#### **About South Boulder Mines Ltd**

South Boulder is an ASX-listed (ASX: STB) resources company currently developing the emerging, world-class Colluli Potash Project located in Eritrea, Africa. The Colluli Potash Project is located in the Danakil Depression region of Eritrea ~65km from the coast comprising approximately 500km². South Boulder Mines Limited has been actively exploring for potash at the Colluli Potash Project in Eritrea since 2009. Colluli is the world's shallowest potash deposit (starting at 16m), facilitating the low capex open pit mining and favourably positioned to supply the world's fastest growing markets.

The JORC/NI43-101 Compliant Mineral Resource Estimate for the flagship Colluli Potash Project now stands at 1.08 billion tonnes @ 18% KCl for 194Mt of contained potash. Substantial project upside exists in higher production capacity and market development for other contained products. Engineering Scoping Study (ESS) results were favourable, proving that an economic 2Mt p.a. potash mine can be built at a materially lower cost than typical potash development. The start-up capital cost for Colluli is one of the lowest in the industry; couple this with cheap expansion capability via open pit mining methods, excellent infrastructure and location, and it becomes even more attractive, ensuring South Boulder gains a high level of investment interest for the long term. South Boulder Mines Ltd is working steadily towards developing the world's first, modern, open pit potash mine.

### **Competent Persons and Responsibility Statement**

The Colluli Potash Project has a current JORC/NI43-101 Compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 1,079.00Mt @ 17.97% KCl or 11.35% K2O (total contained potash of 194.09Mt KCl or 122.61Mt K2O). The resource contains 261.81Mt @ 17.94% KCl or 11.33% K2O of Measured Resources, 674.48Mt @ 17.98% KCl or 11.36% K2O of Indicated Resources and 143.50Mt @ 18.00% KCl or 11.37% K2O of Inferred Resources.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Greg Knox using estimates supplied by South Boulder Mines Ltd under supervision by Ercosplan. Dr Henry Rauche and Dr Sebastiaan Van Der Klauw are co-authors of the JORC and NI43-101 compliant resource report. Greg Knox is a member in good standing of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Dr.s' Rauche and Van Der Klauw are members in good standing of the European Federation of Geologists (EurGeol) which is a "Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation" (ROPO). A ROPO is an accredited organisation to which Competent Persons must belong for the purpose of preparing reports on Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves for submission to the ASX.

Mr Knox,Dr Rauche and Dr Van Der Klauw are geologists and they have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they have undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Knox, Dr Rauche and Dr Van Der Klauw consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

## **Quality Control and Quality Assurance**

South Boulder Exploration programs follow standard operating and quality assurance procedures to ensure that all sampling techniques and sample results meet international reporting standards. Drill holes are located using GPS coordinates using WGS84 Datum, all mineralisation intervals are downhole and are true width intervals. Assay values are shown above a cut-off of 6% K2O. The samples are derived from HQ diamond drill core, which in the case of carnallite ores, are sealed in heat sealed plastic tubing immediately as it is drilled to preserve the sample. Significant sample intervals are dry quarter cut using a diamond saw and then resealed and double bagged for transport to the laboratory. Halite blanks and duplicate samples are submitted with each hole. Chemical analyses were conducted by Kali-Umwelttechnik GmBH Sondershausen, Germany utilising flame emission spectrometry, atomic absorption spectroscopy and ionchromatography. Kali- Umwelttechnik (KUTEC) Sondershausen1 have extensive experience in analysis of salt rock and brine samples and is certified according by DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 by the Deutsche
Akkreditierungssystem Prüfwesen GmbH (DAR). The laboratory follow standard procedures for the analysis of potash salt rocks • chemical analysis (K+, Na+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cl-, SO42-, H2O) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis of the same samples as for chemical analysis to determine a qualitative mineral composition, which combined with the chemical analysis gives a quantitative mineral composition.

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