

Commerce Resources Corp. Reports 80% Reduction in Consumption of Key Reagents in Testwork for the Ashram Rare Earth Deposit

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VANCOUVER, March 24, 2015 /CNW/ - Commerce Resources Corp. (TSXv: CCE, FSE: D7H) (the "Company" or "Commerce") is pleased to announce that a significant reduction in the consumption of three principal flotation reagents has been achieved in bench scale development testwork for the Ashram Rare Earth Deposit.

The flotation testwork discussed herein is part of a separate set of metallurgical development programs being conducted on the bench scale, and is in addition to the flotation piloting currently underway to demonstrate the entire flowsheet through to the production of several kilograms of mixed rare earth concentrate (REO and RECI).

Since the bench scale development program began in Q3 2014, three of the flotation circuit's principle reagent consumptions (carbonate depressants and pH modifier) have been reduced by ~80%, with flotation performance being maintained (<25% mass pull with >80% recovery). These reagents represent the vast majority of all flotation consumables. Therefore, their reduction has resulted in a considerable decrease in the circuit's anticipated reagent acquisition costs, as well as shipping, handling, and storage requirements.

Potential remains for additional optimization of the flotation reagent scheme and will be further assessed as part of the ongoing Pre-feasibility Study (PFS). Upon completion of the bench scale flotation development work, the intention will be to scale-up to the pilot level, using the refined reagent scheme, and continue to further optimize the downstream processes. The piloting will either be completed during the PFS or Feasibility (FS) study periods. In either case, such flowsheet improvements, including a reduced reagent dosage, may still form the baseline parameters for the PFS if considered robust and representative on the bench scale.

Bench scale development work will continue in other areas as the flowsheet demonstration is advanced, and will focus on key circuits where strong potential for optimization exists, and minimal testing is required. The work completed to date has resulted in reduced reagent consumption during flotation (as noted above), as well as a simplified HCl circuit with reduced retention time and neutralizing agent volumes required. The development work for the Wet High Intensity Magnetic Separation (WHIMS) circuit is underway in preparation for its pilot run.

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About Commerce Resources Corp.

Commerce is an exploration and development company with a particular focus on deposits of rare metals and rare earth elements. The Company is focused on the development of its Ashram Rare Earth Element Deposit in Quebec and the Blue River Tantalum-Niobium Deposit in British Columbia.

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