# **Bauxite Resources Limited: March 2016 Quarterly Activities and Cashflow Report**

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Perth, Australia - <u>Bauxite Resources Ltd.</u> (ASX:BAU) (OTCMKTS:BXRDF) announce the March 2016 Quarterly Activities and Cashflow Report with the following highlights.

- Completion of the sale of BRL's interest in the BAJV occurred on 21 January 2016. Key Changes made as a consequence of this were as follows:
- o BRL received net cash funds of \$6m from the sale of its interest in the BAJV for \$7.15m and the buy-back by BRL of Yankuang's shares for \$1.15m;
- o BRL will receive a royalty from the sale of all bauxite mined from the BAJV tenements and the Fortuna tenement (equivalent to 50c/tonne up to 100 million tonnes);
- o BRL completed the buy-back and cancelled 19.7m shares held by Yankuang; and
- o Yankuang's representative Mr Cunliang Lai resigned from the BRL Board.
- Cash at bank at 31 March 2016 was A\$27.3 million and no debt
- Exploration activities were minimal for the quarter in its remaining joint venture with HD Mining (HDJV) under which all exploration and study costs are met by HD Mining, as issues relating to future operations are discussed in detail. The current resource base is 87.8Mt HD Mining have an 'earn in' of up to 60% on decision to mine.
- BRL actively considering capital management initiatives and new investment opportunities within and outside the mining sector
- BRL's ongoing costs have been substantially reduced and the company will continue to review all costs going forward

## **EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE JOINT VENTURE WITH HD MINING**

## **Background**

In 2010 the Company entered into a JV with HD Mining & Investment Pty Ltd (HD Mining) a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Shandong Bureau No1 Institute for Prospecting of Geology & Minerals (Shandong) to explore for bauxite. The JV provides for HD Mining to fund 100% of exploration and feasibility costs for HD Mining to earn:

- (a) a 40% interest in any defined area of exploration on the making a binding commitment by HD Mining to undertake a detailed feasibility study for the commercial mining of the defined area; and
- (b) a further 20% interest in a defined area upon completion of the feasibility study and the making by the JV committee of a decision to commence mining.

# **Current Activities**

Current fiscal restraints advised in the last quarter have led to HD Mining deferring a decision to commence a feasibility study, and a reduction of exploration to minimal levels.

Negotiations are being undertaken to determine the way forward for the HDJV following continued delays from HD Mining in meeting its JV contribution commitments over the last two quarters.

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Completion of Sale of Yankuang Joint Venture Interest and Buy-Back of Shares

As announced on 21 January 2016, following shareholder approval on 18th January 2016, completion occurred on the sale of BRL's interest in the joint ventures with its Chinese partner Yankuang Resources for \$7.15m and the buy-back of Yankuang's 19,700,000 shares for \$1.15m.

As a consequence of the transaction the following changes have occurred:

o BRL's net cash funds increased by \$6m, being the difference between the sale price of \$7.15m received for its interest in the BAJV and the buy-back sum of \$1.15m paid by BRL for Yankuang's shares in BRL;

o BRL has a royalty right of 0.9% of the FOB price (presently estimated to be worth approx. 50 cents per tonne) from the sale of the first 100 million tonnes of bauxite mined from the Felicitas and Fortuna tenements. Mercator Metals Pty Ltd executed the Deed of Variation & Assumption on the Fortuna tenement required under the Yankuang Sale Agreement to approve the assignment of the Fortuna bauxite rights on 20 April 2016, which will now be included in the royalty;

o Following the cancellation of the 19,700,000 shares the subject of the buy-back, the total shares on issue have been reduced to 214,302,336 shares;

o Yankuang's representative Mr Cunliang Lai has resigned from the BRL Board; and

o BRL has no further obligations under the BAJV to continue to fund the joint ventures, which has substantially reduced BRL's ongoing costs of operation.

#### **Cash Position and Shareholder Information**

Bauxite Resources is in a strong financial position with significant cash reserves and no debt. As at 31 March 2016 the Company held AU\$27.3 million in cash.

## **Future Operations**

The Board is now focussed on identifying new oportunities both within and outside the mining industry and is undertaking reviews of new projects.

The Company's current cash burn rate has been reduced significantly, and it is expected to maintain these levels in the near term with surplus assets continuing to be reviewed and rationalised in an orderly manner as markets allow for reasonable prices to be achieved.

The Board will continue to manage the Company in the best manner in which to maximise returns to shareholders and these may include various capital management initiatives.

To view the full report, please visit: http://abnnewswire.net/lnk/0JT0C8Q9

## **About Bauxite Resources Limited:**

Bauxite Resources (ASX:BAU) (OTCMKTS:BXRDF) was established with a substantial tenement holding in Western Australia to develop new bauxite supply for the global alumina/aluminium industry. The Company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in October 2007.

The Darling Range in the south-west of Western Australia (WA) is the world's largest bauxite mining and alumina refining region producing around 20% of the world's alumina. This area has mined bauxite and refined alumina since the 1960s. These industries are leaders in sustainable resource development and represent the fifth largest sector of WA's resource industry.

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