

# Agua Resources Limited: Update on Big Ranch Drilling and Três Estradas Permitting

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## Highlights:

Geological map of the Rio Grande Copper Belt. The Big Ranch target inset is detailed in Figure 2.

Induced Polarization Chargeability map of Big Ranch highlighting the drilling campaign targets.

- Diamond drilling well underway at Big Ranch with 3 holes drilled and a 4<sup>th</sup> commencing this week
- Ground geophysics completed at Canhada copper target
- Community outreach continues in Rio Grande do Sul in anticipation of upcoming public hearings for Três Estradas

TORONTO, Nov. 13, 2018 - [Agua Resources Ltd.](#) (ASX: AGR, TSXV:AGRL) (“Agua” or the “Company”) is pleased to report that the 3,000 metre diamond drilling program at the Big Ranch copper prospect in Southern Brazil is advancing to plan with 3 holes now drilled and a 4<sup>th</sup> to commence this week. First assays are anticipated before the end of the year.

As previously announced, the Company has discovered a new zone of copper mineralisation on 23 tenements across 34,000 hectares on ground staked within the Rio Grande Copper Belt, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (Figure 1).

The drilling program is anticipated to take approximately three months. The main purpose of this campaign is to acquire more data on the geology and nature of the hydrothermally altered rocks at depth, which will provide the necessary information for a more accurate interpretation of the copper and base metals showings identified so far.

Figure 2 below shows the drill holes completed to date (BRD-001, BRD-002 and BRD-003) and the fourth target about to commence (BRD-004). The drill hole targets have been selected based on a thorough analysis of soil samples, trenching and ground geophysics completed earlier this year.

Meanwhile, further progress has been made on the exploration of the Canhada copper target with the completion of a ground geophysics program. Data collected from the survey is now being analysed, and as with Big Ranch, will be used to develop a better understanding of the rock at surface in order to efficiently target further exploration at depth.

## Três Estradas Project

In October, Brazilians elected Partido Social Liberal (“PSL”) party candidate Jair Bolsonaro as their new President, ending 13 years of rule by the leftist Workers’ Party. Markets reacted positively to Bolsonaro’s economic agenda, with the stock market surging and the Brazilian Real strengthening in the immediate aftermath, following months of economic uncertainty in the lead up to the election.

At Três Estradas, the Rio Grande State Environmental Agency (“FEPAM”) is currently engaged in environmental surveys at site with a team of biologists working in the field to collect samples and map springs. Once FEPAM has completed its analysis, two public hearings will be held, marking the final

steps to receiving approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment and granting of the Preliminary License.

Locally, Agüia has joined the Industry, Commerce and Services Chamber of Lavras do Sul to become an active participant in the local business community and later this month will be sponsoring Expolavras 2018, an annual agriculture and cattle fair now in its 74<sup>th</sup> year that is considered a major event for agribusiness in the region.

#### Corporate Update

Agüia's Annual General Meeting will take place, tomorrow, Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 9:30 am (AEDT). The AGM will be held at the offices of Automic Group, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney. All shareholders are welcome to attend. Justin Reid, Paul Pint and other Directors will be available to address all queries shareholders may have.

#### Commentary

Technical Director Fernando Tallarico commented: "Diamond drilling at Big Ranch is off to a great start and it is on schedule. We look forward to reporting first assays very soon.

"Meanwhile, we are staying very active in the local community as we approach the final public hearings for Três Estradas. The strong support we have seen from the local community and government gives us confidence that the public hearing process will be a positive undertaking which will lead to the approval of the EIA and the granting of the Preliminary License."

Managing Director Justin Reid added: "I am looking forward to providing shareholders with a full update at this year's AGM. With Três Estradas on the verge of a major permitting milestone, and the new opportunity presented by the Rio Grande Copper discovery, we believe there are significant inflection points in the near term that will deliver value to shareholders."

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The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Dr Fernando Tallarico, who is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario. Dr Tallarico is a full-time employee of the company. Dr Tallarico has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore

Reserves"; Dr. Tallarico consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### *Qualified Person*

*The technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Fernando Tallarico, who is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, Technical Director for Aguia and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Dr. Tallarico consents to the inclusion of his name in this release.*

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