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MOU FOR ACQUISITION OF LADY LORETTA

Consolidation of Mt Isa and Cloncurry Copper Continues

Highlights:

- Austral Resources Australia Ltd (ASX:AR1) has executed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to acquire the Lady Loretta mining lease and associated EPMs.
- This acquisition will enable Austral to extract additional copper ore from its existing Lady Annie Mine which adjoins Glencore's Lady Loretta mining lease boundary.
- Ore mined from Lady Annie would be processed at Austral's Mt Kelly processing plant.
- This acquisition directly supports Austral's North-West Queensland Regional Copper Consolidation Strategy by adding to the land holding of Austral in the area and expanding Austral's mining portfolio.
- Lady Loretta zinc operations will continue to operate until its planned closure date of December 2025.
- Further information will be provided in the coming weeks following the execution of binding documentation, including a comprehensive transition and integration process.

Copper producer Austral Resources Australia Ltd (**ASX:AR1**) ("**Austral**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("**MOU**") to acquire the Lady Loretta mining lease and associated Exploration Permits for Minerals ("**EPM**"s) ("**Lady Loretta**") from wholly owned subsidiaries of current owner and operator Glencore plc ("**Glencore**").

This MOU will enable Austral to extract additional copper resources from its existing Lady Annie Project tenement which adjoins Glencore's Lady Loretta mining lease boundary, further contributing to the development of vital copper resources in the Northwest Queensland region.

Lady Loretta underground zinc operations will continue to operate until its original planned closure date of December 2025.

Austral's Chairman, David Newling, commented:
"We are extremely excited with the acquisition of Lady Loretta and the strongly beneficial impact it could have as a part of our long-term copper production profile.

"Lady Loretta is an eminently sensible acquisition for us, given its tenements and ours abut, and that it enables a meaningful extension of copper mining from our Lady Annie deposit, which will support production from our Mt Kelly SX-EW processing facility.

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"Lady Loretta, together with our own Mt Kelly processing plant and recently acquired Rocklands project and processing plant from Copper Resources Australia Limited reveal our ambition to consolidate sensible parts of the Mt Isa and Cloncurry copper region. We are of the belief that many of the regional assets would strongly profit from the benefits that consolidation can bring, such as blended mining and processing strategies, along with the reduced cost profile that a larger organisation can bring."

TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

Further transaction details will be provided once the Company has agreed and executed final binding documentation, conditional on renewal of the mineral lease and other terms standard to this type of transaction. The transaction to acquire Lady Loretta is anticipated to be structured as an acquisition of the relevant operating entity of Glencore that owns and operates Lady Loretta, along with several related EPMs held within the Glencore group.

LADY LORETTA MINE

The Lady Loretta Mine is situated 150km by road north-west of Mount Isa in Queensland. The high grade Pb-Zn orebody is mined at a rate of 1.6 million metric tonnes/year which, once crushed and loaded onto road trains, is hauled by road to Glencore's processing operations in Mount Isa.

It is intended that Austral will assume responsibility for the ongoing mining operations at Lady Loretta, as well as the progressive rehabilitation of the mine, from completion of the transaction.

PORTAL AT LADY LORETTA



PROCESSING PLANT



Bell Potter Securities Limited is acting as corporate adviser to Austral in relation to the Lady Loretta transaction.

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This announcement is authorised for market release by Austral's chairman, David Newling.

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