DSO Sampling and Site Upgrades Advance Horseshoe Lights Copper Project

- **Direct Shipping Ore ('DSO') sampling undertaken around the northern and north-eastern base of the C20 stockpile, with XRF analysis to follow as verification of grade control process *(images 2-4 below).***
- **Initial XRF grade control results due imminently.**
- **Former flotation crushed ore stockpile inspected to assess opportunities to collect copper oxide and sulphate precipitate material during rehabilitation *(image 1 below).***
- **Preparation of one-tonne composite samples from Motters RC drilling progressing ahead of future column leach test work.**
- **Camp electrical upgrades completed, including power supply, generator connections, distribution boards, RCD protection and lighting for existing 14-person accommodation.**
- **Multiple non-binding indicative offers received from well-known potential offtake partners for DSO material; expected to be finalised near-term.**

Horseshoe Metals Limited (**ASX: HOR**) (the '**Company**') is pleased to provide an update on Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) sampling and site infrastructure upgrades at its 100%-owned Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project in Western Australia. These are key workstreams underway as part of the Company's plan to have the first 500 tonne copper DSO stockpile ready for sale in the very near term.

DSO Sampling and Stockpile Assessment

Sampling has been undertaken around the northern and north-eastern base of the C20 stockpile, which contains mixed chalcocite and lower-grade mixed ore material. Samples are intended for handheld X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis, pending verification of grade control practices.

This work forms part of the assessment of existing surface stockpiles to guide the identification and segregation of material for inclusion in DSO stockpiles. The technical team has also inspected the former flotation crushed ore stockpile to assess opportunities to collect copper oxide and sulphate precipitate material for further evaluation.

Camp Infrastructure Upgrades

Electrical upgrades have been completed to the camp power supply, including installation of new distribution boards and generator connections. Upgrades to the existing 14-person accommodation include power distribution boards, residual current device (RCD) protection and lighting. These works support accommodation of the workforce required for the increased DSO activities over the coming weeks.

The Company has also assessed further non-critical electrical upgrades, including requirements to recommission accommodation for an additional eight personnel.

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Image 1: Copper oxide and sulphate precipitate material within the former flotation crushed ore stockpile at Horseshoe Lights.







Images 2-4: DSO stockpile assessment and sampling at HSL

Motters Metallurgical Sample Preparation

Furthermore, the team has inspected oxide copper samples from RC drilling at the Motters Zone, which are being aggregated into one-tonne composite samples for future column leach test work.

The planned test work will contribute to the Company's assessment of the leaching characteristics of Motters oxide copper material and inform further evaluation of potential processing options including heap leaching and cementation along with surface oxide material.

The Company will provide further updates as grade control verification, stockpile assessment and metallurgical preparation activities progress.

With multiple activities now underway, the Company will continue to progress updates at regular intervals over the coming weeks.

For additional background on the Horseshoe Lights Project please refer to ASX releases:

12/09/2018	*"Exploration Update- Horseshoe Lights Project"*
06/08/2021	*"Horseshoe Lights Exploration Activities Update"*
10/09/2021	*"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 Auger Programme Completed"*
13/09/2021	*"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 RC Drilling Programme Completed"*
29/10/2021	*"Horseshoe Lights RC Drilling Results"*
26/11/2021	*"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 Stockpile Results Received"*
21/02/2022	*"Horseshoe Metals Successful Relisting"*
03/03/2022	*"Horseshoe Lights Activities Update"*
11/03/2022	*"Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Resource Grade-Tonnage Review"*
21/04/2022	*"RC Drilling Underway at Horseshoe Lights Project"*
19/05/2022	*"RC Drilling Campaign Complete at HSL Project"*
11/08/2022	*"Significant Drilling Results in Copper-Gold Surface Material at Horseshoe Lights"*
31/08/2022	*"Outstanding Copper Results at Horseshoe Lights"*
11/10/2022	*"Review Confirms Broad Zones of Copper Mineralisation"*
27/10/2022	*"Broad Zones of Copper up to 8.3%"*
17/11/2022	*"RC Drilling Commences at Main Zone, Motters and North Dump"*
09/03/2023	*"Outstanding Copper Results – Main Zone and Motters at Horseshoe Lights"*
31/10/2023	*"High-Grade Surface Material Underpins DSO Strategy*
23/04/2024	*"DSO Strategy to Accelerate Horseshoe Lights Copper Project"*
26/05/2025	*"Infrastructure Recommissioning Well Advanced at HSL"*
28/11/2024	*"Horseshoe Lights Project Expanded – High-Grade Cu & Au Targets"*
20/01 2025	*"Horseshoe Lights Project Commercial Development""*
05/05/2025	*"Gold Surface Materials processing Update"*
26/05/2025	*"Infrastructure RecommissioOning Well Advanced at HSL"*
12/06/2025	*"Option Exercised – Gold Surface Materials Processing Rights"*
02/07/2025	*"DSO Mining Approval Granted for Horseshoe Lights"*
05/08/2025	*"Operations and Exploration Update Horseshoe Lights"*
11/08 2025	*"Appointment of General manager – Oxide Copper Operations"*
01/09/2025	*"RC Drilling Underway at Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project*
30/10/2025	*"RC Drilling Confirms Motters Upside"*
06/11/2025	*"New Assays Confirm Shallow, Broad Copper at Motters Zone"*
12/11/2025	*"More Shallow, Broad Copper Zones at Horseshoe Lights"*
11/12/2025	*"Drilling Continues to Deliver More Broad Oxide Copper Zones"*
18/02/2026	*"New Copper Exploration Target – Motters Zone"*
28/04/2026	*"Precious Metal Credits Add Significant Value to Copper DSO"*
11/08/2026	*"Copper Exploration Target Highlights Large-Scale Potential"*
19/08/2026	*"DSO Operations to Commence at Horseshoe Lights project"*
01/10/2026	*"DSO Operations update"*

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The Board of Directors of HOR has authorised this announcement to be given to the ASX.

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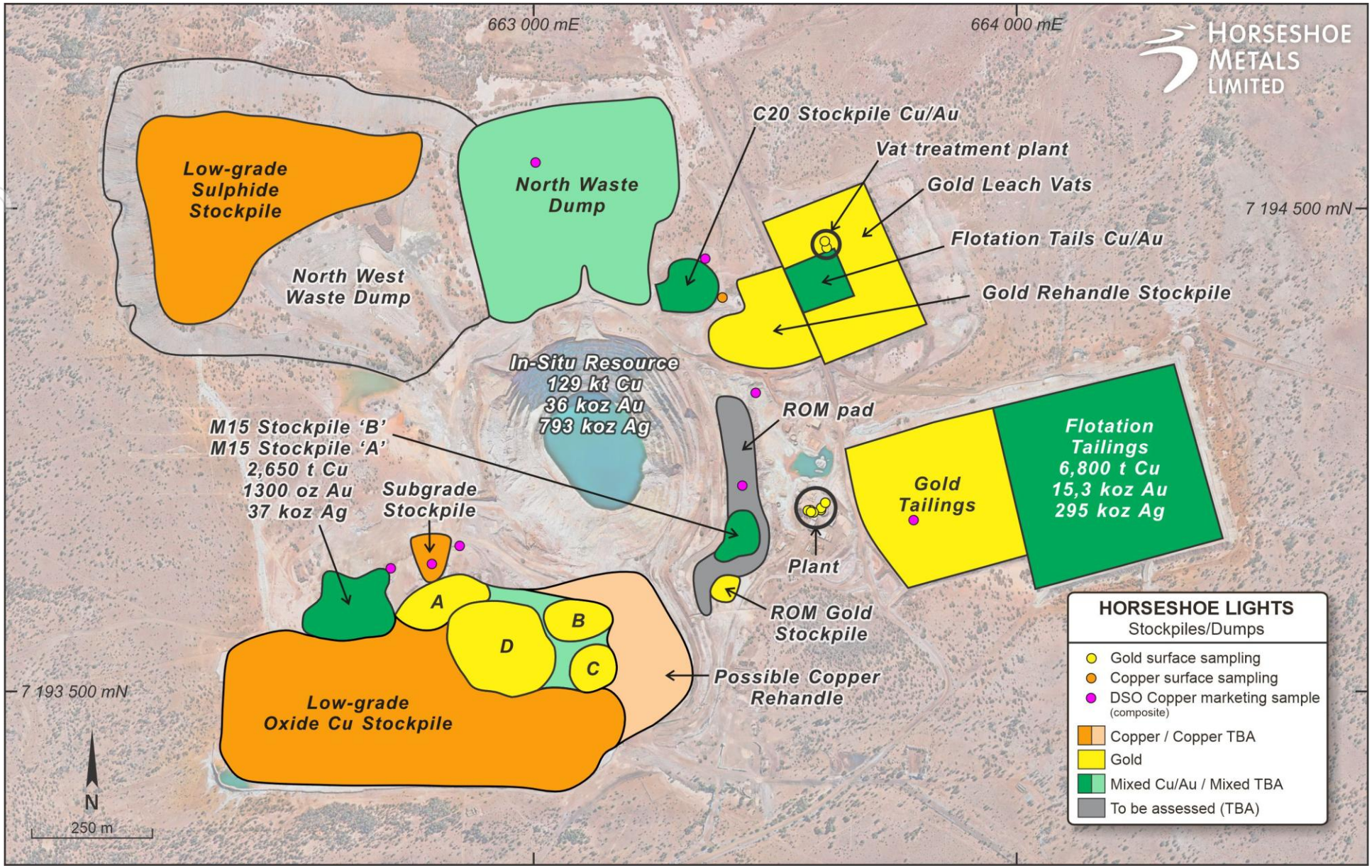


Figure 1 – Surface Stockpiles and Dumps showing Sample Locations

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About Horseshoe Metals Limited

Horseshoe Metals Limited (ASX:HOR) is a copper and gold-focused Company with a package of tenements covering approximately 500km^2 in the highly prospective Peak Hill Mineral Field, located north of Meekatharra in Western Australian and mineral interests in South Australia. The Company manages the Horseshoe Lights Project and the Kumarina Project in Western Australia, and the Glenloth Gold Project in South Australia.

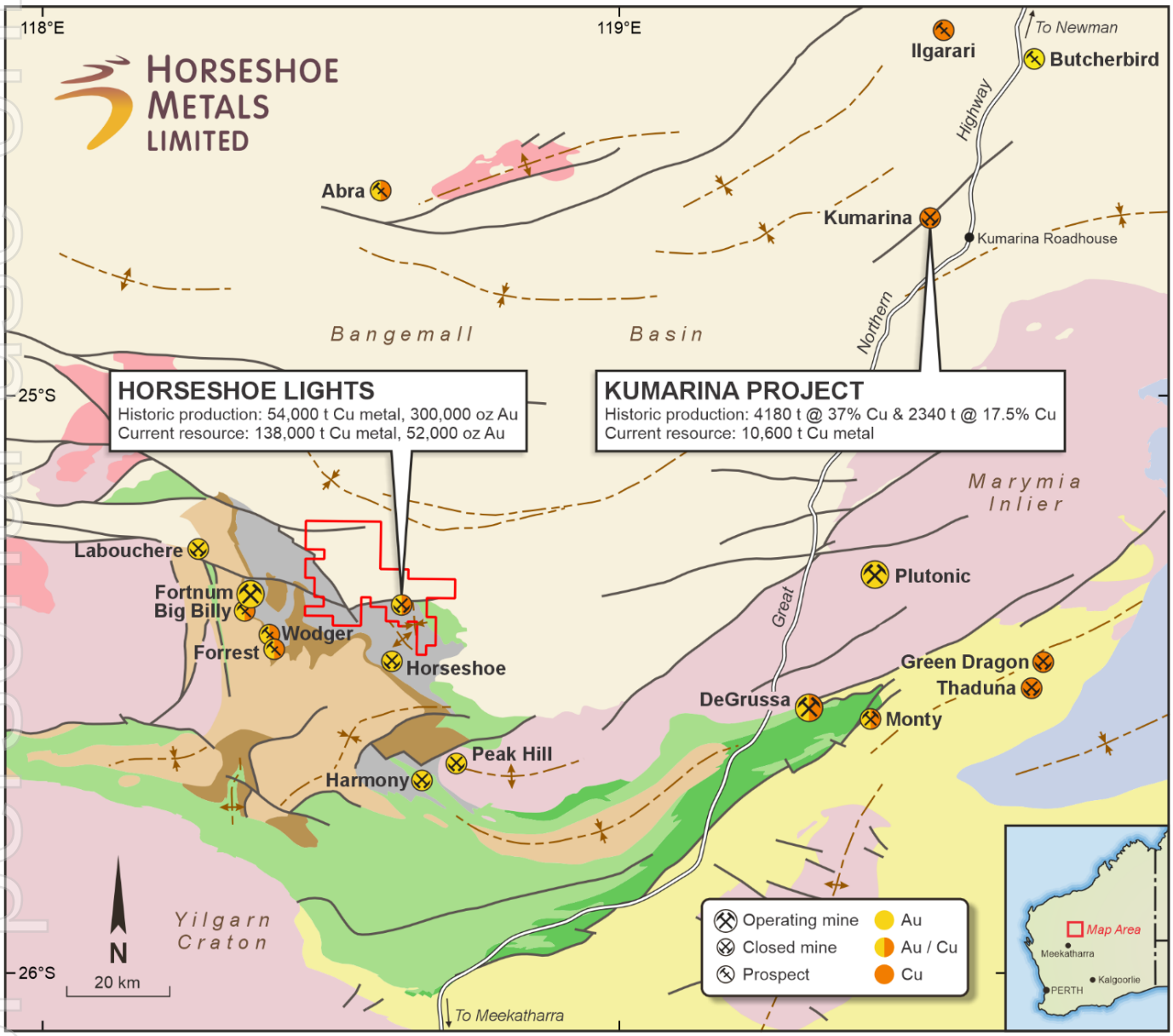


Figure 2: Location of Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project and Kumarina Project in the Murchison, WA

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About the Horseshoe Lights Project

The Horseshoe Lights Project includes the historic open pit of the Horseshoe Lights copper-gold mine which operated up until 1994, producing over 300,000 ounces of gold and 54,000 tonnes of contained copper, including over 110,000 tonnes of Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) which graded between 20-30% copper.

The Horseshoe Lights ore body is interpreted as a deformed Volcanogenic Hosted Massive Sulphide (VMS) deposit that has undergone supergene alteration to generate the gold-enriched and copper-depleted cap that was the target of initial mining. The deposit is hosted by quartz-sericite and quartz-chlorite schists of the Lower Proterozoic Narracoota Formation.

Past mining was focused on the Main Zone, a series of lensoid ore zones, which passed with depth from a gold-rich oxide zone through zones of high-grade chalcocite mineralisation into massive pyrite-chalcopyrite. To the west and east of the Main Zone, copper mineralisation in the Northwest Stringer Zone and Motters Zone consists of veins and disseminations of chalcopyrite and pyrite and their upper oxide copper extensions. Table 1 summarises the total Mineral Resources for the Horseshoe Lights Project.

TABLE 1
HORSESHOE LIGHTS PROJECT
SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCES
AS AT 30 June 2026

Location	Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu metal (tonnes)	Au metal (oz)	Ag metal (k oz)
In-situ Deposit (0.5% Cu cut-off grade)	*Measured*	*1.73*	*1.04*	*0.0*	*0.5*	*18,000*	*1,900*	*28.8*
	Indicated	*2.43*	*0.95*	*0.0*	*0.7*	*23,200*	*3,400*	*52.2*
	Inferred	*8.69*	*1.01*	*0.1*	*2.6*	*87,400*	*30,700*	*712.4*
	Total	**12.85**	**1.00**	**0.1**	**1.9**	**128,600**	**36,000**	**793.4**
Flotation Tailings	**Inferred**	**1.421**	**0.48**	**0.34**	**6.5**	**6,800**	**15,300**	**294.8**
M15 Stockpiles	**Inferred**	**0.243**	**1.10**	**0.17**	**4.7**	**2,650**	**1,300**	**36.7**
Note: At 0% Cu cut-off grade unless otherwise stated					**TOTAL**	**138,050**	**52,600**	**1,124.9**

The above Mineral Resource Estimates all meet the reporting requirements of the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".

About the Kumarina Project

The copper deposits at the Kumarina Project were discovered in 1913 and worked intermittently until 1973. The workings extend over nearly 5km as a series of pits, shafts and shallow open cuts. At the main Kumarina Copper Mine, the workings are entirely underground with drives from the main shaft extending for some 200m in the upper levels and for about 100m in the lower levels at a depth of 49m below surface.

Incomplete records post-1960s make it difficult to estimate the total copper production from the workings. However, indications are that the Kumarina Copper Mine was the second largest producer in the Bangemall Basin group of copper mines. Recorded production to the late 1960s is 481t of copper ore at a high-grade of 37.0% Cu and 2,340t at a grade of 17.51% Cu. An initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Rinaldi deposit was completed by the Company in 2013 (see 30 June 2013 Quarterly Report announced on 31 July 2013). The total Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate is shown in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2 KUMARINA PROJECT SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AS AT 30 June 2026				
Location	**Category**	**Tonnes (t)**	**Cu (%)**	**Cu metal (tonnes)**
Rinaldi Prospect (0.5% Cu cut-off)	*Measured*	*415,000*	*1.46*	*6,100*
	Indicated	*307,000*	*1.16*	*3,500*
	Inferred	*114,000*	*0.9*	*1,000*
	Total	**835,000**	**1.3**	**10,600**

The Mineral Resource Estimate meets the reporting requirements of the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves"

Forward Looking Statements

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Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to the Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Mineral Resources at the Horseshoe Lights and Kumarina Projects is based on information reviewed by Mr Michael Fotios, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Fotios is a consultant to Horseshoe Metals Limited and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2012)'. Mr Fotios consents to the inclusion of the information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to the Horseshoe Lights Project surface stockpile Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by a previous employee of Horseshoe Metals Limited and reviewed by Mr Fotios, who has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2012)'. Mr Fotios consents to the inclusion of the data in the form and context in which it appears. The information was previously issued in announcements released to the ASX on 26 February 2015 and 9 March 2015. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

The information in this report that relates to the Horseshoe Lights Project In-situ Mineral Resources is based on information originally compiled by Mr Dmitry Pertel, an employee of CSA Global Pty Ltd, and reviewed by Mr Fotios. This information was originally issued in the Company's ASX announcement "40% increase in Copper Resource at Horseshoe Lights Copper/Gold Project", released to the ASX on 5 June 2013, and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. This information was subsequently disclosed under the JORC Code 2012 in the Company's ASX release "Quarterly Report Period Ended 30 June 2013", released on 31 July 2013. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

The information in this report that relates to the Kumarina Project (Rinaldi Prospect) Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by or under the supervision of Mr Robert Spiers, an independent consultant to Horseshoe Metals Limited and a then full-time employee and Director of H&S Consultants Pty Ltd (formerly Hellman & Schofield Pty Ltd), and reviewed by Mr Fotios. The information was originally issued in the Company's ASX announcement "Horseshoe releases Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate for Kumarina", released to the ASX on 4 March 2013, and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. This information was subsequently disclosed under the JORC Code 2012 in the Company's ASX release "Quarterly Report Period Ended 30 June 2013", released on 31 July 2013. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

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