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Empire doubles gold exploration footprint at Penny's Find gold deposit near Kalgoorlie

A new joint venture has doubled Empire Resources Ltd's (ASX: "ERL") gold exploration stakes adjoining one of the Company's key gold assets near Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

Empire announced today it had secured an interest in a joint venture with Rubicon Resources Ltd whereby it may earn a 51% interest in Rubicon's Mt McLeay tenements, 50 kilometres northeast of Kalgoorlie.

The under-explored joint venture gold acreage lies adjacent to and along strike from Empire's 100%-owned Penny's Find gold deposit in M27/156 and on which Empire has already outlined a gold resource of **314,000 tonnes @ 5.2g/tAu**.

Under the terms of the Mt McLeay Joint Venture, Empire must spend \$220,000 within 18 months to earn the 51% interest in the 40 sq km of tenements that comprise the joint venture. At Rubicon Resources' election, Empire may then earn a further 19% interest to take its total holding to 70% by spending an additional \$500,000 over the following two years.

Empire will assume the interests and obligations of Bluestar Resources Limited (an unlisted public company) in the Mt McLeay Joint Venture and Rubicon has agreed to this assignment subject to final legal documentation.

Commenting on the Mt McLeay Joint Venture, Empire's Managing Director David Sargeant, said:

"Several historical gold workings occur on the Mt McLeay tenements with previous shallow exploration drilling returning a number of significant intercepts. Intersections such as 4m @ 4.05g/tAu, 8m @ 1.15g/tAu and 8m @ 0.46g/tAu present immediate drill targets.

"The joint venture doubles to 80 square kilometres the area of ground available to Empire for exploration around Penny's Find - offering an excellent opportunity to expand our resource base and further enhance the economics of the project. No deep drilling has been undertaken on any of the old Mt McLeay gold workings and Empire will be following a similar exploration model to Penny's Find where surface leaching has depleted gold in the first 10 - 20 metres from surface.

"Scoping studies completed earlier this year by Empire also indicate that at present day gold prices in excess of US\$1,000 an ounce, a highly profitable mining operation could be established on the existing Penny's Find resource. The location of any additional gold resources in the vicinity of

Penny's Find, such as the Mt McLeay expansion, could only enhance the economics of any such mining operation."

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results has been compiled by Mr. David Ross B.Sc(Hons), M.Sc. who is an employee of the Company. He is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. He has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity to which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". David Ross consents to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report concerning the Mineral Resources for the Penny's Find Deposit have been estimated by Mr Peter Ball B.Sc who is a director of DataGeo Geological Consultants and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) . Mr Ball has sufficient experience which is relevant to the styles of mineralization and types of deposit under consideration and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Ball consents to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Notes on the Penny's Find Resource

An updated resource estimate for the Penny's Find gold mineralisation was completed and announced to the market on 8 August 2007 and 12 October 2007. There has been no change to the resource since that time.

The mineral resource by category is 314,000 tonnes averaging 5.2 g/t gold down to a vertical depth of 150m below surface. The mineral resource above 0.5 g/t gold is summarised in the following table.

Penny's Find - Classified mineral resources – August 2007

Category	Tonnes	Grade*	Ounces
Measured	79,000	4.40	11,177
Indicated	132,000	3.98	16,893
Inferred	103,000	7.33	24,276
TOTAL	314,000	5.18	52,316

**grades are based on a minimum cut-off of 0.5g/tAu and high assays cut to 25g/tAu*

Resource modelling consultants Datageo calculated a JORC compliant in situ resource estimate, utilising all drill hole information available on mining lease M27/156 up to the end of June 2007.

The resource grade was estimated using ordinary kriging based on the drill hole data composited downhole to 1m intervals within constraining shapes representing the mineralisation. Assumed specific gravity values used were:- oxide 2.0t/m³; transitional 2.2t/m³; fresh 2.5t/m³.

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