



INCA MINERALS LTD

Targeting a new generation of Tier-1 mineral discoveries in Australia and Peru



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INCA MINERALS TO CEASE OPERATIONS IN PERU AND TO FOCUS ON OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Key Highlights

- Inca Minerals to close its Peru operations following no progress in extended discussions with potential joint venture partners for the Riqueza project in Peru;
- The Riqueza project will be put up for sale, for any interested parties;
- All existing assets will be sold as quickly as possible; and
- As part of this close down process, Inca will complete outstanding rehabilitation

Inca (**ASX: ICG “Inca Minerals” or “the Company”**) announces that the Board has resolved to commence the cessation of its operations in Peru.

Inca’s Peru project, the Riqueza project is a prospective for potential Tier 1 deposits but the cost of doing business in Peru is high and the regulatory and legal framework, within which Inca has been operating, is both complex and expensive.

The Company has been in discussions with an overseas group for funding by an earn-in-partner and potential Joint Venture partners for its Peruvian projects for the last 18 months but with no success, despite a number of parties indicating preliminary interest. The cost of maintaining the Peruvian operations, even with little to no exploration activities, is considered too high and unsustainable by the Inca board, especially given that there is no guarantee that a joint venture funding partner will emerge.

Thus, the decision reflects the Company’s commitment to focus its exploration efforts in Australia and to prudently manage operating expenditure.

As previously announced in the December 2023 quarterly, on-ground work at the Riqueza Project has been confined to the re-engagement with the local communities in the Riqueza region and the commencement of rehabilitation programs from prior work, to comply with environmental rehabilitation requirements. This re-engagement has been well received by the relevant communities and the rehabilitation works will be completed this month.

As part of the cessation of the Peruvian operations, the Company will put the Riqueza project asset up for potential sale to any interested party. Discussions with potentially interested parties, including those that previously expressed an interest in the project, have been initiated to determine whether there is any potential to sell the project.

In addition, property plant and equipment will be sold with funds used towards the expenses associated with the wind up including compensation of consultants in Peru and any other outstanding liabilities.

Inca's Peruvian team and related expenses represents the largest cost base of the Company and the winding up of Peru operations will therefore significantly decrease Inca's monthly expenditures and more importantly allow these funds to be directed at priority exploration activities on the Company's' Australian projects.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Inca Minerals Limited.

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