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## **AGUIA EVALUATING OPTIONS TO UNLOCK VALUE OF RIO GRANDE COPPER ASSETS**

### **Highlights:**

- **Assessing all options to realise the potential value of Big Ranch and Canhada Prospects including funding inside Agua, joint venture/strategic partner or spinning out into a new listing**
- **Diamond drill program at Big Ranch targeted for completion by end of year with drilling at Canhada scheduled to commence in Q1 2019**
- **Mineralisation hosted in a 100km long x 60km wide belt with historical production from Iron Oxide Copper Gold deposits**
- **Good mining jurisdiction with excellent infrastructure, mining service providers and skilled manpower in place**
- **Copper market forecast to be undersupplied while demand for copper from electric vehicle sector is growing**

**SYDNEY, Australia, November 30, 2018** - Agua Resources Limited (ASX: AGR, TSXV: AGRL) ("Agua" or the "Company") is currently evaluating opportunities to enhance shareholder value through its Big Ranch and Canhada copper prospects in Rio Grande do Sul. As announced previously, Agua has discovered a new zone of copper mineralisation and staked 23 tenements, totalling 34,000 hectares within the Rio Grande Copper Belt, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Agua believes that the market for copper will be positive over the next few years and could be in undersupply globally as early as next year.

Earlier this year, Agua's field crews reviewed potential targets in the Rio Grande copper belt which is a 100km by 60km wide belt with historical production from Hydrothermal-Magmatic Copper deposits. After identifying copper mineralisation, Agua was able to secure the ground at Big Ranch and Canhada through application to the Brazilian Mining Authority (DNPM) and commence exploration. The geological environment in this region is considered highly prospective and includes the past producing Camaqua copper mine, a new Zinc-Lead project being permitted by Nexa Resources (Votorantim Group) and the Andrade copper deposit owned by Brazilian based Referencial (see Figure 1). Camaqua was an open pit operation and both of the new operations being developed are amenable to open pit.

Drilling is currently underway at Big Ranch with completion targeted by the end of the year which will be followed up with a drill program on the Canhada claims in Q1 of 2019.

The Big Ranch and Canhada targets could have significant potential advantages due to the extensive infrastructure already in place related to the pre-existing operations in the belt, including power and paved roads and the claims are in close proximity to the cities of Caçapava and Lavras do Sul where Agüia already has a presence. The region has a strong history in mining with experienced service providers and skilled manpower readily available.

In the coming weeks, Agüia will be investigating strategic alternatives to unlock value of the Rio Grande Copper prospects for our shareholders including a new listing on the ASX, a joint venture or strategic investment with parties that have expressed an interest in the project, securing funding to more aggressively pursue exploration opportunities and developing a copper division within Agüia. All options are being considered equally.

Meanwhile, Agüia remains very engaged with FEPAM, the environmental regulator in Rio Grande do Sul in the final analysis and approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Três Estradas phosphate project.

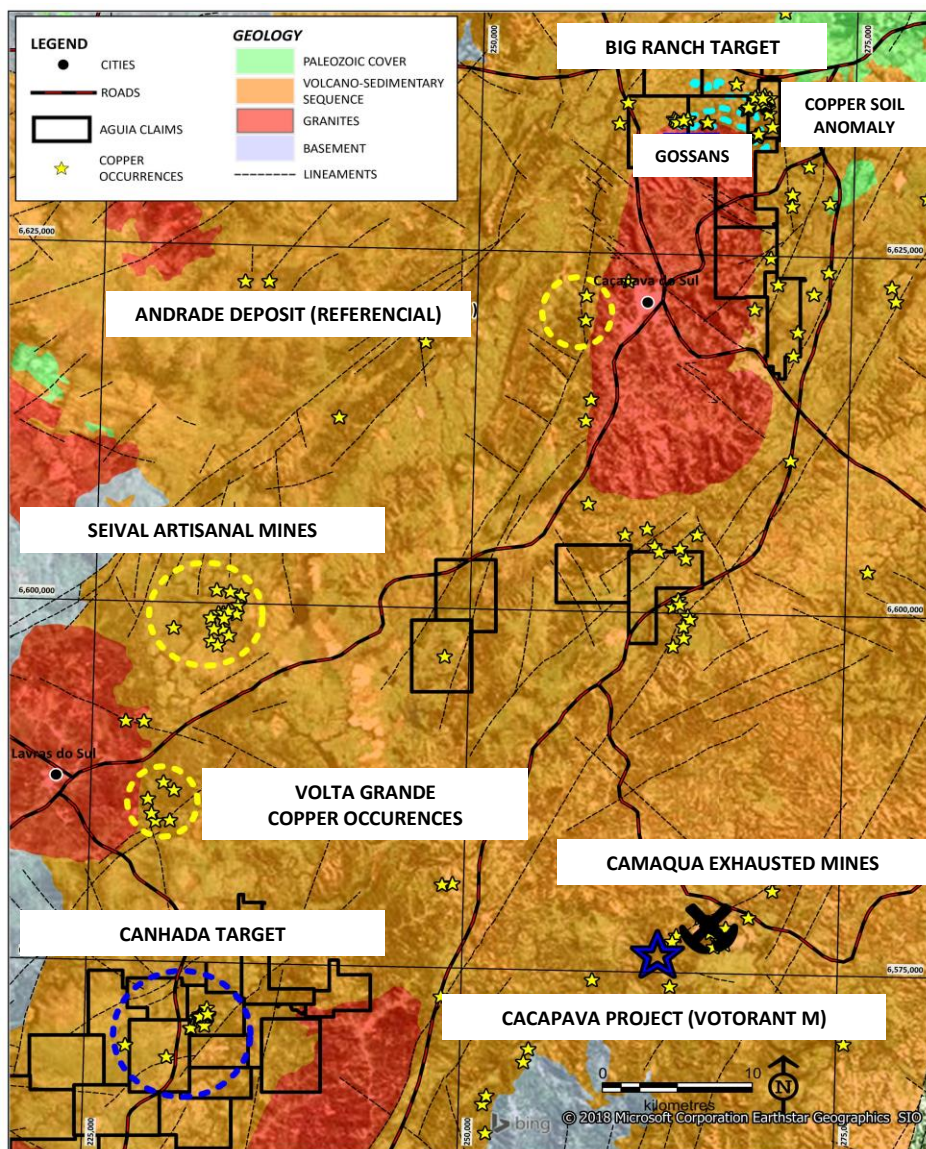


Figure 1. Regional geological map of the Rio Grande Copper Belt, highlighting the distribution of Agüia's Claims.

## Commentary

**Managing Director Justin Reid commented:** “Promising exploration results have encouraged us to start formulating plans on how best to develop these exciting new assets as we take exploration activities to the next level. The Board is now actively evaluating options to fund further exploration and determine how best to unlock value for Aguia’s shareholders. This may include spinning out the asset into a new company at the appropriate time and given market conditions, a joint venture or strategic partner among other options. Ultimately we want to make sure that current Aguia shareholders participate in any value that could be created from our current exploration activities in addition to the potential upside from our more advanced Três Estradas phosphate project.”

“Copper remains a major focus of exploration and acquisition for major producers such as BHP Billiton. We are fortunate to have Brian Moller on the Board of Directors of Aguia as he is also the Chairman of SolGold (LON, TSX: SOLG), which is developing the Cascabel copper-gold project in Ecuador. Brian’s insight and advice will be invaluable as we consider the optimal path to deliver value to our 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 Agua 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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