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## **RIQUEZA DRILL PERMIT UPDATE**

Further to my MD's Letter released to the market on 4 February 2021, on behalf of the Company I would like to provide a further update concerning progress in securing the requisite permits for drilling at Riqueza.

As previously reported in ASX announcements of 15 January 2021 and 4 February 2021, the all-important FTA drill permit was granted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines (**MINEM**) in favour Inca. In accordance with MINEM regulations, the granting of an FTA permit allows companies to then submit a Certificate to Commence Work application, also known as an Exploration Permit (**EP**), and a Water Permit application. Inca duly submitted both on 5 February 2021.

Regrettably, due to an internal MINEM oversight the normal 5-business day assessment period was not applied to Inca's EP application, rather a 30-day assessment period. The Company is fully aware of the nature and cause of the oversight and understands how it came about. This understanding is helping us proactively remedy the situation, so that the normal five business day assessment period may be reinstated.

Suffice to say the MINEM is a tremendously large national utility that is facing unprecedented pressures due to COVID-19 lock-down measures and other impositions. The Company acknowledges such difficulties in the current environment but recognises its obligations to inform its shareholders of outcomes effected by such events.

Inca and its drill permit service provider are working closely with MINEM to re-instate the normal 5-business day assessment period for the EP. I would like to clearly state that we are unlikely to recoup the 5-business day schedule (as of the date of EP lodgement) as that period ends in the next few days. We are hoping that applied remedies will materially shorten the 30-business day schedule that was determined incorrectly due to the departmental oversight. Based on the proactive work being undertaken by our Peru staff, in close consultation with the relevant Government agencies, the Company is hopeful that all permitting requirements will be fully satisfied within a couple of weeks. Whilst this delay is frustrating and was beyond the control of the Company, Inca is well prepared and can commence drilling as soon as all prerequisites are satisfied. The Company will advise shareholders, and the market once the requisite permits are fully secured and drilling is to commence.

The Water Permit application has not been affected.

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### **Competent Person's Statements**

The information in this report that relates to exploration activities for the Riqueza project, located in Peru, is based on information compiled by Mr Ross Brown BSc (Hons), MAusIMM, SEG, MAICD Managing Director, Inca Minerals Limited, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the exploration activities, style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration, and to the activity which has been 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". Mr Brown is a fulltime employee of Inca Minerals Limited and consents to the report being issued in the form and context in which it appears.