
Malian Government Approval Received for the Goulamina Transaction

- **Malian Government approves the Goulamina Transaction**
 - **Final remaining condition precedent of Chinese regulatory approval is imminent**
 - **Ganfeng and Firefinch are progressing an updated DFS which will underpin an expedited FID, anticipated during the December quarter 2021**
-

Firefinch Limited (**ASX: FFX**) (**Firefinch or the Company**) is pleased to announce it has received a letter of non-objection from the Malian Government to the joint venture (**JV**) transaction between Firefinch and Jiangxi Ganfeng Lithium Co. Ltd. (**Ganfeng**) who intend to develop and operate the Goulamina Lithium Project (**Goulamina Transaction**).

In considering the Goulamina Transaction, The Malian Minister of Mines, Energy and Water highlighted the significant advantages for Mali:

“The Goulamina Transaction will materialise the development of the first producing spodumene concentrate operation in West Africa, and on the Malian territory. It will allow Mali to attract new investments focused on metals used for the manufacture of batteries and the field of renewable energies. In addition, as part of the transaction, there is a focus on the creation of local jobs, the establishment of local infrastructure and the rapid monitoring of community engagement plans to meet the needs of local communities, which also aligns with the Malian Mining Code in terms of local content.”

The final condition precedent is the receipt of Chinese regulatory approvals which will allow the transfer of the Exploitation Licence for the Goulamina Lithium Project (**Goulamina**) to the JV company. The Company’s advice is that this is imminent.

On satisfaction of the conditions precedent, Ganfeng will provide the first US\$39 million cash investment for the Goulamina project, with the remaining US\$91 million to be received following the Goulamina Final Investment Decision (**FID**).

As previously announced on 16th August 2021, Firefinch and Ganfeng are working collaboratively to fast-track an update of the October 2020 Definitive Feasibility Study (**Updated DFS**). The Updated DFS will enable FID, Ganfeng’s second cash investment of US\$91 million, and subsequent debt funding of up to US\$64 million, all to be received earlier than initially anticipated. The Company anticipates completion of the Updated DFS and the FID during the December quarter 2021.

Firefinch Managing Director, Dr Michael Anderson commented:

“The support of the Malian Government and local community is key to the success of Goulamina and we are delighted to receive their formal support of our plans to develop this world class project.

Goulamina will be the next large scale global lithium hard rock project to enter production, and the first of its kind in West Africa, with production targeted for 2023.

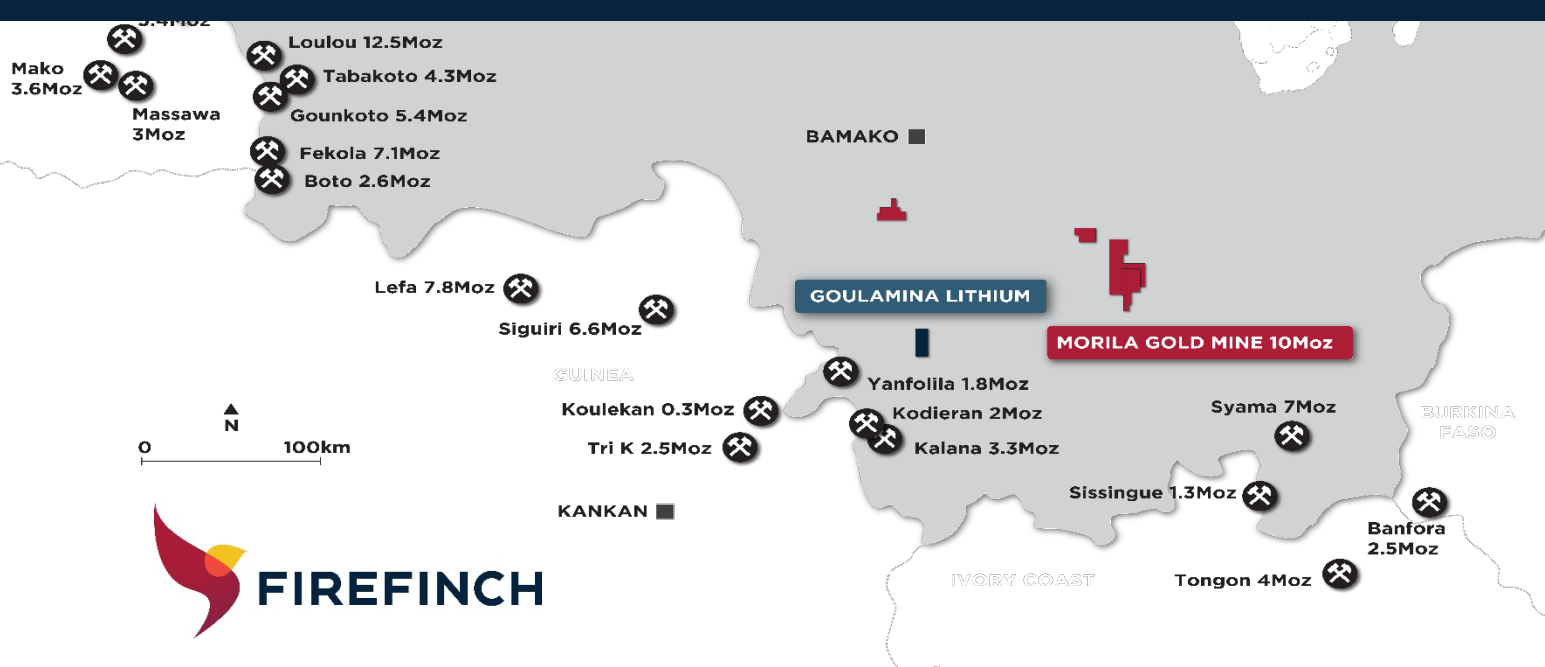
Together with our partner, Ganfeng, the world's largest lithium chemicals producer, we are working to expand the scale and production capacity of Goulamina and look forward to updating shareholders on the revised DFS in the coming weeks."

This announcement has been approved for release to the ASX by the Board.

For Enquiries

Dr Michael Anderson
Managing Director
Firefinch Limited
info@firefinchlimited.com
+61 8 6149 6100

Dannika Warburton
Principal
Investability Partners
dannika@investability.com.au
+61 401 094 261



Firefinch (ASX: FFX) is a Mali focussed gold miner and lithium developer. Firefinch has an 80% interest in the Morila Gold Mine (**Morila**) and it currently owns 100% of the Goulamina Lithium Project (**Goulamina**).

Goulamina is one of the world’s largest undeveloped high quality spodumene deposits. In partnership with Ganfeng, Firefinch will bring the project into production. A 50/50 incorporated joint venture has been established, with Ganfeng contributing US\$194 million in development funding, comprising US\$130 million in equity funding and US\$40-64 million in debt funding. All permits are in place and the Definitive Feasibility Study confirmed Goulamina as a long life, large scale and low-cost open pit project expected to produce 436ktpa of spodumene concentrate at an average cash cost of US\$281/t. An initial mine life of 23 years is underpinned by a high grade, low impurity Ore Reserve of 52Mt at 1.51% Li₂O for 0.79Mt contained Li₂O comprising 8.1 million tonnes of Proven Ore Reserves at 1.55% Li₂O and 44.0 million tonnes of Probable Ore Reserves at 1.50% Li₂O. Goulamina has a Mineral Resource of 109Mt at 1.45% Li₂O for 1.57Mt contained Li₂O comprising 8.4 million tonnes at 1.57% Li₂O in the Measured category, 56.2 million tonnes at 1.48% Li₂O in the Indicated category and 43.9 million tonnes at 1.45% Li₂O in the Inferred category. The Company is in the process of demerging Goulamina into a new ASX listed entity, Leo Lithium.

The Morila Gold Mine is one of the world’s great open pit gold mines, having produced over 7.5Moz of gold since 2000 at grades that were among the highest in the world, earning it the moniker “Morila the Gorilla”. Firefinch acquired Morila for just US\$28.9m in late 2020 with the strategic intent to rapidly increase production; initially targeting 70-90kozpa of gold from a combination of satellite pits, stocks and tailings, and thereafter growing production to 150-200kozpa of gold by mining the Morila Superpit. Morila’s current Global Resource is 2.43 million ounces of gold (Measured: 1.73Mt at 0.5g/t gold for 0.03Moz, Indicated: 26.7Mt at 1.49g/t gold for 1.28Moz and Inferred: 22.1Mt at 1.58g/t gold for 1.12Moz). However, Morila’s geological limits have not been tested. Exploration is therefore a major focus at the existing deposits and multiple targets on the 685km² of surrounding tenure.

Firefinch is a responsible miner. We support positive social and economic change through contributing to the communities in which we operate. We seek to buy local, employ local and back local socio-economic initiatives, whilst operating in a manner that safeguards the environment and places our team’s safety and wellbeing as our first priority.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Mineral Resources at Goulamina and Morila and the production estimates for Goulamina. The Company also confirms that all material assumptions and parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource estimates and production estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. Please refer to ASX Announcements of 8th July 2020 and 20th October 2020 (Goulamina), 8th February 2021 (Morila Resource), 7th September 2020 and 28th April 2021 (Morila Tailings), 24th November 2020, 3rd May 2021, and 10th August 2021 (N’Tiola, Viper, Domba, Koting, Morila Pit 5), and 5th May 2021, 6th July 2021 and 29th July 2021 (Morila Gold Production, Ore Reserves and Production Targets).