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March was another record revenue month for Austral: Despite the extreme rain event in Mt Isa, Austral continues to produce exceptional results

Highlights

- Outstanding sales revenue in Q1 2023 of A\$35.55 million sees Austral reduce senior debt to A\$21.1 million, Thiess repaid A\$5.66 million (and total payables down at 60 days to A\$8.9 million).
- March 2023 sales revenue of A\$11.6 million despite the extreme rain event in Mt Isa. Total operating costs for March 2023 are expected to be substantially lower than previous months.
- Total costs for January and February 2023 (including selling costs, royalties, and exploration expenditures) were ~US\$2.76 per lb. The company's copper operation had more than 1,000 mm of cumulative rainfall since the start of 2023.
- Another exceptional month in March 2023 saw Austral successfully continue plating copper cathode and resume mining in three days following a suspension due to an access road issue caused by more than ~500mm of rain. There were also zero safety and environmental incidents to report, a testament to the focused and dedicated Austral team and our contractors. Thiess remain over 11% ahead of the mining schedule.
- Every month in 2023 has resulted in positive operational cashflows for Austral despite the Mt Isa Shire being declared a natural disaster zone. The Company's EBITDA for January and February 2023, excluding March, was A\$6.6 million. Detailed financials shall be available in the upcoming Quarterly report.

Copper producer Austral Resources Australia Ltd (ASX: ARI) ("Austral" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the Company has maintained steady state production rates in January, February, and March 2023 despite heavy rainfall, with the Company paying down debt and maintaining a healthy cash balance at the end of March. The Company is also pleased to announce that despite the highest aggregate weekly rainfall ever recorded in Mt Isa region during March 2023, the site team managed to mitigate the extreme rainfall events. March demonstrated the continued commitment to excellence of the site team, whilst zero safety, and environmental incidents were reported.

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Figure 1: Drilling continues at Anthill ready for next blast



Figure 2: Evaporators installed for water management



Figure 3: Stockpiling at Anthill ROM Pad continues



Figure 4: Copper bundles ready for dispatch 30 March

Austral's Managing Director and CEO, Dan Jauncey, commented:

"I am delighted to update you that Austral had another exceptional month in March 2023 despite facing unprecedented wet weather challenges. We continued plating copper while experiencing record rainfall whereas surrounding mine operations are still not fully operational. This achievement is a testament to the Austral team, contractors and all our suppliers. I can't thank them enough.

I am also pleased to report zero safety and environmental incidents during this period. Due to road closures, truck access to the site was a challenge in loading plated copper, causing delays, but we are working through this. This result reflects our unwavering commitment to safety and sustainability in all our operations and supporting those who support us."

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This announcement is authorised for market release by Managing Director and CEO, Dan Jauncey.

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About Austral Resources

Austral Resources Australia Ltd (ASX:ARI) is a copper cathode producer operating in the Mt Isa region, Queensland, Australia. Its Mt Kelly copper oxide heap leach and solvent extraction electrowinning (SX-EW) plant has a nameplate capacity of 30,000tpa of copper cathode. Austral has developed its Anthill oxide copper mine which has an Ore Reserve of 5.06Mt at 0.94% Cu. The Company expects to produce 40,000t of copper cathode over a four-year period from mid-2022.

Austral also owns a significant copper inventory with a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 60Mt@ 0.7% Cu (420,000t of contained copper) and 2,100km² of highly prospective exploration tenure in the heart of the Mt Isa district, a world class copper and base metals province. The Company is implementing an intensive exploration and development program designed to extend the life of mine, increase its resource base and then review options to commercialise its copper resources.

To learn more, please visit: www.australres.com

Detailed information that relates to Ore Reserves and Mineral Resource Estimates is provided in Austral Resources Prospectus, Section 7, Independent Technical Assessment Report. This document is available on Austral's website: www.australres.com and on the ASX released as "Prospectus" on 1 November 2021. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the exploration results and estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves as cross referenced in this release and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not changed.