

## Resource Mining Corporation Limited ("RMC" or "Company")

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Papua New Guinea Wowo Gap: Nickel-Cobalt

# MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT

For the period ended 31 March 2018

Resource Mining Corporation Limited ("RMC") is a Perth-based specialist mineral exploration company aiming to create wealth from mineral commodities using innovative technical, marketing and financial skills as it explores for economic metal deposits in Papua New Guinea ("PNG").

### QUARTERLY REPORT

#### **SUMMARY**

#### **Corporate Update**

The Company continued to focus activities on cost control and the main asset of the Wowo Gap Nickel/Cobalt Project. The key objective continues to be the preservation and maintenance of its interest in the wholly owned Wowo Gap Nickel/Cobalt Project ("the Project").

The licence period for EL 1165, the Wowo Gap Project exploration licence, expired on 28 February 2018. (Exploration licences in Papua and New Guinea have a 2-year life). The Company has completed all the necessary documentation in relation to application for the renewal of the EL 1165 exploration licence and EL 1165 remains in full force and effect whilst the renewal application is being processed.

The first stage of the renewal process is the conduct of a Warden's Court hearing in villages adjacent to the EL 1165 tenement. The purpose of the Warden's Court Hearing is to provide an opportunity for local landowners to express their views regarding the licence renewal. Hearings are held in two villages namely Embessa and Obea, locations from where most of the local labour is sourced for work on tenement activities.

Advice has been received from the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) that a date for the Warden's Court Hearing cannot yet be provided until funds to conduct the hearing are available. The Papua New Guinea national government recently enacted legislation *Public Money Management Regularisation Act 2017* which came into force on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The act effectively restricts availability of funds to Government Departments and Corporations as the national government seeks to improve budgeting by the various departments and corporations.

The Company has been advised by the MRA, that the MRA is operating in a transition period from the previous funding model to the new model and until the transition is completed and funding in place, no definite date for the planned Warden's Court Hearing can be advised. The Company continues to retain full ownership of the tenement during this transition period.

The Company continues to work closely with the MRA with regards the exploration licence renewal process.

#### **Financial**

Funding for the Company's ongoing operations continues to be provided from RMC's largest shareholder, Sinom (Hong Kong) Limited. Funds are being provided interest free and are not repayable before 31 December 2019.

#### **Commodity Markets**

Both nickel and cobalt prices continued to rise on the London Metal Exchange during the quarter as illustrated in Figure 1 below.

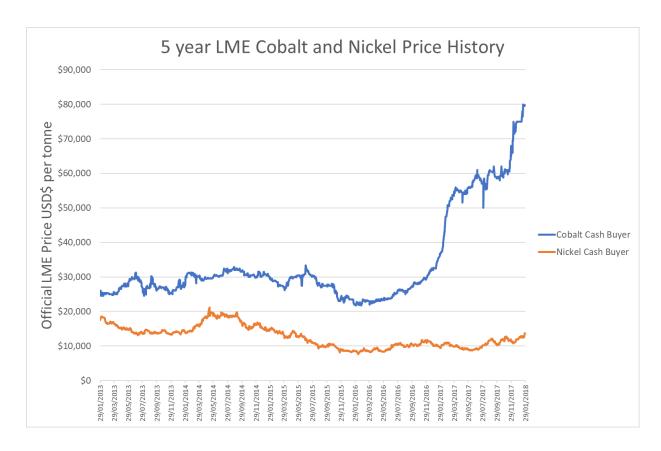


Figure 1: 5 Year Nickel and Cobalt Cash Price History

According to market report, Chinese demand in conjunction with lower metal output has seen nickel prices remain elevated whilst at the same time, LME stocks decline as demonstrated in Figure 2 below. Nickel prices have also been influenced by fears of sanctions against Russia and an increase in the relative value of the US\$.

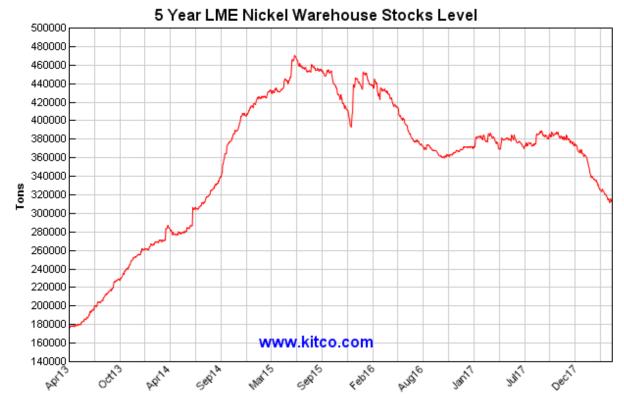


Figure 2:5 Year LME Nickel Stocks

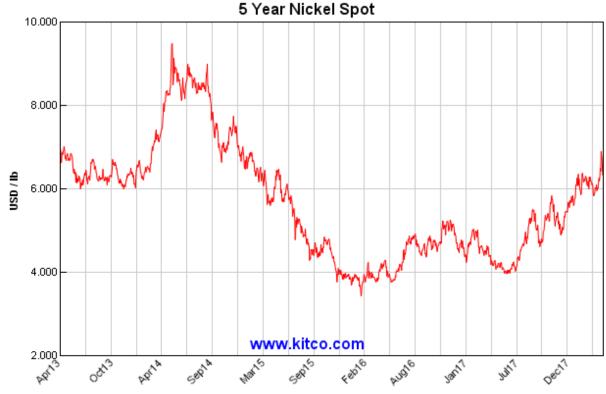


Figure 3:5 Year Nickel Spot Price

Figure 3 provides evidence of nickel price movement over the past 5 years with the steady upward movement since July 2017.

Wood Mackenzie forecasts that nickel usage in electric car batteries will be between 60,000 and 80,000 tonnes this year, and 220,000 tonnes in 2025. Meanwhile, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence says nickel supply will need to reach 350,000 tonnes by 2026 to meet increasing demand from the electric car sector.

Cobalt prices continued to climb during the quarter from USD75,000 per tonne on 1 Jan 2018 to USD93,250 at the end of March 2018. This represents a 24.3% increase during the quarter which follows the previous quarters approx. 30% cobalt price increase.

W J Davies

Managing Director Dated: 27 April 2018

#### **SCHEDULE OF TENEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2018**

Tenement	Tenement No.	RMC Interest
Wowo Gap	EL1165	100%