

### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# RM Research Report - Retraction of Statements

On 3 September 2018, RM Research Pty Ltd ("RM Research") published a report regarding the Company's Nelly Vanadium Mine and Burraga Copper Project ("Report"). The Report was commissioned by Hardey Resources Ltd ("Hardey", the "Company") (ASX:HDY).

Following discussions with the ASX, Hardey hereby retracts the below statements made in the Report.

#### **Retracted Statements:**

## Nelly Mine Potential (Page 6)

"Assuming a strike length of approximately 1.1km, an average width of around 3.0 metres, a depth of 15 metres, an SG of 2.65 and grades averaging 0.82% V2O5, we arrive at a resource target of around 0.1Mt @ 0.82% V2O5. This is a reasonably conservative set out assumptions as ore mineralisation may persist at depth and there may also be parallel structures that are not visible on surface or in the existing workings. The effect of weathering and concentration of oxide minerals near surface may serve to increase grades in the weathering zone, so the persistence of grade at depth requires detailed drilling to resolve this question."

## Burraga Copper Project (Page 11)

"A tailings resource of 234Kt @ 1.2% Cu is the focus of a Scoping Study with preliminary metallurgical testing indicating recoveries of around 70% are possible. Together with other slag material, financial metrics appear favourable with a CAPEX of around \$10.8 million and generating a net profit after tax of \$75 million over a 4.4 year mine life."

The Company would like to advise investors that the following historical announcements to the market included the statement above in relation to its Burraga Copper Project:

| Date             | Title  | Notes                                  |
|------------------|--|--|
| 10 November 2014 | Encouraging copper grades from first drilling at Lloyds      | Contained in standard project overview |
| 24 November 2014 | Copper intercepts from Lloyds continue to impress            | Contained in standard project overview |
| 3 December 2014  | Metallurgical drilling –<br>abundant chalcopyrite in<br>core | Contained in standard project overview |
| 7 January 2015   | Drilling recommences at Burraga                              | Contained in standard project overview |
| 24 February 2015 | Final Lloyds development drilling results                    | Contained in standard project overview |
| 4 March 2015     | Second high grade copper<br>shoot takes shape at<br>Burraga  | Contained in standard project overview |

| 23 June 2015 (and republished update) | Burraga copper project resource estimate                     | Contained in standard project overview |
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| 8 October 2015                        | Burraga copper project<br>metallurgical test-work<br>results | Contained in standard project overview |
| 7 August 2017                         | Elysium extends copper mineralisation at Burraga             | Reference 23 June 2015                 |
| 2015-present                          | Hardey Resources website                                     | To be taken down                       |

Hardey advises that the publication of Resource and Production Targets as contained in the above-mentioned statements is contrary to the principles of the JORC Code, on the basis that the Company has not released a Mineral Resource for the Nelly Vanadium or Burraga Projects, and has not completed the necessary studies that would support the release of Resource or Production Targets.

Hardey has informed RM Research of the discussions with ASX and has requested that the report be updated and republished. Hardey understands this has now occurred. Investors should not rely on the retracted information as a basis for an investment decision in relation to Hardey's shares.

For and on behalf of the Board

Terence Clee

**Executive Chairman**