



Market Announcement

27 December 2018

Castillo Copper Limited (ASX: CCZ) – Suspension from Official Quotation

Description

The securities of Castillo Copper Limited ('CCZ') will be suspended from quotation immediately under Listing Rule 17.2, at the request of CCZ, pending the release of an announcement regarding the status of its exploration tenements.

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Australian Securities Exchange Limited
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Attention: Elizabeth Harris
By email only: elizabeth.harris@asx.com.au

Dear Madam,

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION

Castillo Copper Limited (ASX: CCZ, “the Company”) requests a voluntary suspension of its securities effective from the commencement of trading on Thursday, 27 December 2018 in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.2, pending an announcement by the Company in respect to status of its exploration tenements.

The Company notes an announcement by the Resources Regulator regarding suspension notices issued to the Company’s subsidiaries Total Minerals Pty Ltd and Total Iron Pty Ltd (holders of exploration licences EL 8625 and EL 8635 respectively) pursuant to which exploration activity at the Company’s Cangai Copper project will be suspended pending rectification of compliance issues identified by the Resources Regulator during a recent inspection.

The Company has engaged with the Resources Regulator and is confident that it will be in a position to address the Resources Regulator’s concerns in a timely fashion. A number of the Resources Regulator’s concerns are already being addressed and the Company is confident that the suspension will not unduly delay its exploration program for 2019.

Furthermore, the Company is actively conferring with its contractors to ensure all compliance requirements are adhered to, and best practice methods are applied to the Company’s projects moving forward once the suspension is lifted.

A copy of the Resources Regulator’s media release is attached to this announcement.

The Company requests that the voluntary suspension remain in place until the Company makes an announcement to the market, which it expects to make pre-market on Monday, 14 January 2019.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the voluntary suspension should not be granted or any other information necessary to inform the market about the voluntary suspension.

Yours sincerely



Tim Slate
Company Secretary



Resources & Geoscience

Resources Regulator suspends exploration licenses

21st December 2018

The NSW Resources Regulator has suspended all operations on two exploration licences held by mining companies Total Mineral Pty Ltd and Total Iron Pty Ltd.

Exploration Licences 8625 and 8635 were being operated by Castillo Copper Limited, about 45km northwest of Grafton, in the North Coast Region of NSW.

The Resources Regulator's Director of Compliance Operations, Matthew Newton, said action was taken to suspend the operations due to a number of serious compliance issues being identified at a recent inspection.

"The contraventions related to alleged non-compliance with conditions of both exploration licences, which were uncovered during an inspection on November 22, 2018," Mr Newton said.

Mr Newton said the November inspection identified alleged issues in relation to:

- a lack of sediment and erosion controls;
- poor management of drill cuttings/waste materials;
- clearing and excavation works undertaken outside of approved limits;
- the drilling of five bore holes without approval; and
- a failure to progressively rehabilitate in approved time frames.

"The Regulator will take strong action on titleholders who fail to comply with their obligations, particularly in relation to environmental management and rehabilitation," Mr Newton said.

"In this instance the Regulator has issued statutory directions to both titleholders to implement immediate controls to address the impacts and prevent further harm to the environment - and we have taken the step of suspending operations until these works are completed," he said.

The statutory directions include engaging a suitably qualified independent environmental expert to assist in remediation / rehabilitation and an independent expert to complete a compliance audit of the exploration activities.

The suspension of exploration licences 8625 and 8635 takes effect immediately and will remain in force until the Regulator is satisfied Total Iron Pty Ltd and Total Mineral Pty Ltd have complied with the statutory notices.

Failure to comply with the suspension may result in a maximum fine of \$1,100,000 for a company and \$220,000 for an individual.

The suspension excludes any activities required to maintain a safe workplace and/or to undertake environmental rehabilitation of the exploration licences.