

# Kingsgate Consolidated Limited

## Quarterly Report

For the period ending 30 June 2019

### KEY ISSUES

#### CORPORATE

- In March, Kingsgate settled Political Risk Insurance<sup>1</sup> proceedings for more than A\$82 million<sup>2</sup>.
- The settlement consisted of:
  - A cash payment of US\$55 million to be made to Kingsgate by mid-April 2019;
  - A requirement for the Insurers to contribute up to US\$3.5 million of future costs towards the TAFTA ("Australia Thailand Free Trade Agreement") Arbitration. The Insurers funding contribution will be paid on a pro-rata basis with Kingsgate; and
  - A sharing arrangement between Kingsgate and the Insurers for future distributions of TAFTA Claim proceeds.
- The insurance settlement funds of US\$55 million were received on 11 April 2019.
- The TAFTA Tribunal has adopted a Procedural Calendar which provides that the merits of the TAFTA Claim will be heard from 18 November to 29 November 2019.
- However, the Tribunal has also ordered that the proceedings are to be kept confidential, except where disclosure is required to fulfil a legal duty.
- Kingsgate remains committed to seeking a settlement of the matter with the Thai Government.

#### CHILE

- Kingsgate continues to explore options to either monetise or develop its Nueva Esperanza Gold/Silver Project in Chile. Expressions of Interest in the project are still being received and with the aforementioned insurance monies in hand, Kingsgate will continue to methodically work its way through all the options available for Nueva Esperanza to maximise the outcome for shareholders.

#### FINANCIAL

- **Kingsgate remains corporate debt free**, having repaid its Standby Loan Facility with Investec Australia Finance Pty Limited in full (A\$22.4m) on 12 April 2019, following the receipt of funds from the Political Risk Insurers.
- The Company intends to conduct a buy-back of its shares due to concerns that the current share price does not adequately reflect the potential upside of a successful conclusion of its international arbitration case against the Kingdom of Thailand.
- It is becoming increasingly clear that Kingsgate's case is stronger than initially thought, and numerous press reports in Thailand in recent weeks have highlighted this fact, with both mainstream media and social media reporting that the Thai Government has already lost the case.
- A share buy-back would have the effect of lessening the impact of sellers on the price whilst significantly enhancing the value of the investment of those investors who have held their shares and remained loyal throughout a particularly turbulent period.
- Cash at 30 June 2019 totalled A\$42.1 million.

1. Kingsgate had a Political Risk Insurance Policy in place at the time it is alleged that the Government of Thailand illegally expropriated its Chatree Gold Mine in May 2016; and  
2. A\$82,000,000 is based on an AUD-USD exchange rate of 0.71, and includes an estimate of the insurer's share of the TAFTA legal fees of US\$3.5million.

# June Quarter Review

## CHATREE GOLD MINE, Thailand

### Care and Maintenance

Akara Resources Public Company Limited ("Akara"), a subsidiary of Kingsgate, ceased operating the Chatree Gold Mine on 31 December 2016 in accordance with the closure order by the Thai Government. Chatree was placed on Care and Maintenance effective 1 January 2017. Approximately 25 full-time staff remain at the Chatree Gold Mine to manage the ongoing Care and Maintenance and rehabilitation works.

At mine closure, approximately US\$7.1 million of gold and silver inventory in the form of high-grade sludge remained at the Chatree site. Akara is still working towards having the sludge released for sale. However, there can be no guarantee that this will occur.

### Thai Media Reports

In March this year, Thailand held a general election to appoint a new Government. During the election campaign, one of Kingsgate's ASX releases was used by a political party for campaign purposes. The effect of this was that Kingsgate's claim against the Kingdom of Thailand received a large amount of attention from both the media and general public. So much so that one Twitter post in relation to the case was re-tweeted more than 40,000 times.

This significantly raised the profile of the matter across the country. It also led to many instances where it was reported that Kingsgate had already won the TAFTA case. While this is not correct and the hearings are scheduled for November this year, Kingsgate would like to clarify that it remains politically neutral in Thailand.

In addition, following the March election a new Cabinet has recently been appointed.

Kingsgate welcomed comments made by the newly appointed Minister of Industry, Mr Suriya Juangroongruangkit, who in a series of media interviews in the past week (23/24 July) indicated that he is willing to meet with Kingsgate/Akara Resources and look to negotiate a solution for the Chatree Gold Mine. Kingsgate still is and has always maintained that it remains open to a negotiated outcome with the Thai Government.

## NUEVA ESPERANZA PROJECT, Chile

Nueva Esperanza is a feasibility-stage development project with a resource base of approximately 1.9 million ounces gold equivalent (see "Notes for Mineral Equivalents").

Kingsgate has appointed a corporate advisor to advise and assist in identifying advantageous options to monetise the project.

However, now that Kingsgate has cleared its corporate debt, the Company is carefully considering its strategy around the Nueva Esperanza Project in Chile, which may include further development, joint venture opportunities or sale.

Work on the permitting process continued during the quarter, and all non-essential staff were made redundant to reduce the holding costs of the project, while other opportunities are being sought.

## CORPORATE & FINANCE

### Finance

At the end of June 2019, Kingsgate's Group Cash totalled A\$42.1 million excluding US\$7.1 million of gold and silver inventory in the form of high-grade sludge that remains at the Chatree mine site.

The Company will work with the Political Risk Insurers to fully prosecute its claims against the Kingdom of Thailand under the Australia Thailand Free Trade Agreement.

The Company remains open to settlement of the TAFTA Claim.

Kingsgate continues to reduce costs and review expenditure across the Group, and implemented a range of cost savings initiatives, including staff redundancies in Chile during the quarter.

# Corporate Directory

## Board of Directors / Senior Staff

<b>Ross Smyth-Kirk</b>	Executive Chairman
<b>Peter Alexander</b>	Non-Executive Director
<b>Peter Warren</b>	Non-Executive Director
<b>Ross Coyle</b>	Company Secretary

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## Share Details

As at 30 June 2019, there were 226,225,940 ordinary shares on issue.

## Exchange Details

ASX Code: KCN  
OTC Code: KSKGY

## Share Registry

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## ADR Depository (American Depository Receipts)

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ADR Division,  
240 Greenwich Street,  
New York, NY 10286, USA.  
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### Notes for Mineral Equivalents:

The resource base of 1.9 million ounces of gold equivalent is broken down as follows: Measured – 0.08 Moz, Indicated – 1.46 Moz and Inferred – 0.33 Moz. Gold Equivalent is based on the following: AuEq (g/t) = Au (g/t) + Ag (g/t) / 60. Calculated from prices of US\$1200/oz Au and US\$19.00/oz Ag, and metallurgical recoveries of 80% Au and 84% Ag estimated from test work by Kingsgate (See ASX:KCN released titled "Kingsgate Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves 2016" dated 7 October 2016).

### Forward Looking Statement:

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### Competent Persons Statement:

The information in this report that relates to the Nueva Esperanza Project in Chile, is based on information compiled by Ron James, who was previously an employee of the Kingsgate Group. Ron James is now a consultant geologist to Kingsgate, a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and qualifies as a Competent Person. Mr James has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation being reported herein, and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves." Mr James has consented to the public reporting of these statements and the inclusion of the material in the form and context in which it appears.