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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

## **Highlights**

- » **Gold equivalent production for 1H 2015 of 65,014 ounces (1H 2014: 60,334 ounces).**
- » **Cash costs of US\$706 per ounce (on a co-product basis) (1H 2014: US\$861 per ounce).**
- » **Revenue \$92.2 million up 22% on 1H 2014 revenue of \$75.7 million.**
- » **Gross Profit of \$10.8 million (1H 2014: Loss \$4.3 million).**
- » **EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$21.3 million (1H 2014: \$3.1 million).**
- » **Underlying profit after tax<sup>2</sup> of \$1.9 million and net loss after tax of \$26.7 million (1H 2014: Loss \$6.9 million) due primarily to a non-cash asset impairment of the Casposo gold and silver project in Argentina of \$28.0 million after tax.**
- » **Cashflow generated from operations \$12.9 million compared with an outflow of \$11.7 million in 1H 2014.**
- » **\$100 million debt facility approved by Investec Bank Plc.**
- » **Karouni project on track for first production in the June quarter 2015.**

## **Results**

Production for the half increased by 8% to 65,014 Au\_Eq ounces compared to the previous corresponding period, despite the 12% deterioration in the gold to silver ratio. Notwithstanding a 15% fall in the silver price and 5% fall in the gold price, revenue increased by 22% compared with the previous corresponding half-year figure, resulting in a gross profit of \$10.8 million.

The Group also recorded an 18% decrease in cash costs per ounce (on a co-product) basis to US\$706. Given that AISC were only first reported for the Group in the December quarter for FY14, no comparison is available for the previous corresponding half-year.

Net cash generated by operating activities totalled \$12.9 million representing a significant improvement on the cash outflow of \$11.7 million in the previous corresponding period. This was principally due to higher production and lower operating costs.



This was the first half-year reporting period where all mined production at Casposo came from underground operations. The mine processed a total of 263,002 tonnes at an average gold grade of 4.09g/t gold and 209.68g/t silver to produce 31,682 oz gold (1H 2014: 29,590 oz) and 1,429,647 oz silver (937,013 oz).

The Company recorded a net loss after tax of \$26.7 million after allowing for a \$28.6 million non-cash asset impairment charge, \$28.0 million which relates to the Casposo gold and silver mine.

As mining progresses deeper at Casposo the silver grade of the ore increases. During the first two years of operation, gold contributed about 80% of total revenue. Since processing of underground ore commenced in July 2013, the relative proportion of silver produced has increased significantly. The December 2014 quarter saw revenue split equally between gold and silver, and over the remaining life of mine, the proportion of revenue attributable to silver is expected to rise to about 60%. Consequently with the silver price falling at a higher rate compared to gold, a greater amount of silver is required to be produced for an equivalent ounce in gold.

As a consequence of this economic impost on the operation and the less favourable fundamentals for silver within the foreseeable future, the Board has decided to take a cautious view when considering the carrying value of Casposo. This has resulted in a non-cash, after tax impairment, of \$28.0 million being brought to account.

Underground activities at Andorinhas will cease this month and the operation is scheduled to close in the middle of the year. Andorinhas produced 12,582oz of gold during the half at an AISC of US\$1,103/oz. Production for the remainder of the operating life will come from the Coruja Open Pit as well as from existing surface stockpiles.

Significant progress continues at Karouni where plant construction is well advanced and open pit pre-strip is now in progress. The Company remains on track for first production in the June quarter 2015.

<sup>1</sup> EBITDA is 'Earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortisation and non-cash impairment charges'.

<sup>2</sup> Underlying profit after tax is 'profit after tax before non-cash impairment charges.'

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## THE “TROY STORY”

Troy (ASX, TSX: TRY) is a successful gold and silver producer with a track record of low cost mine development and production. The Company is unique amongst its peers having paid 13 fully franked cash dividends over the 13 years to 2012. The Company expects to recommence paying dividends once the Karouni Project is in production.

Troy has been operating in South America since 2002 and, following the development of the Casposo project in Argentina, has entered a renewed growth phase which has lifted the Company's annual gold production above 100,000oz of gold per annum. In July 2013 the Company acquired Azimuth Resources Limited which had discovered and delineated the Karouni Project, a high-grade gold Deposit in Guyana. The Company is fast tracking development of Karouni and expects first production before the end of FY2015.

Troy is a responsible corporate citizen, committed to the best practice of health and safety, environmental stewardship and social responsibility

## PROJECT LOCATIONS





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