

## **Besra welcomes improvements to Vietnam gold royalty law**

Toronto, Canada: 11 March 2015 – A new decree by the Government of Vietnam will provide for a much more reasonable method of calculating the royalty rate for gold producers in the country by allowing for much of the cost of production to be deducted before the 15% royalty on gold is applied.

The decree was issued on the 12 February 2015 and amends and clarifies the Law on Royalty and Decree 50 (Guiding Law on Royalty) that has been in place since 1 July 2010.

Besra CEO John Seton said, “This new decree represents a major step forward for the gold mining industry in Vietnam, and also provides some much needed relief from what was the highest taxing mining jurisdiction in the world. Being able to deduct most of the cost of production is likely to represent a reduction in royalty of more than 50% in real terms, although we are still awaiting details of exactly how that is to be calculated and whether it applies to all royalties paid since July 2010.”

The new decree brings royalty calculation for international operators more into line with the levels of royalty paid by local miners.

According to Seton, “In addition to the new decree, which will significantly reduce our previously unsustainable tax burden, Besra is developing a tax arrears payment plan for local authorities. Once agreed, this plan will enable the tax department to remove current sanctions allowing us to reopen our Phuoc Son mine, re-employ our local workforce and revive production in Vietnam.”

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