## **ASX Announcement**



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# **Orinoco Receives Final Funding Approval**

- Mining Team to Mobilise Immediately.
- Gekko Systems Appointed to Build Plant.
- Commissioning Targeted December 2015.

IronClad Mining Limited (ASX:IFE) notes that Orinoco Gold Limited (ASX:OGX) today informed the market that its shareholders had yesterday approved the funding package proposed to take the Company through to production at its high grade Cascavel Gold Project in Central Brazil by year end.

It also announced the appointment of Australian based Gekko Systems to construct a 15 tonne per hour gravity plant at the mine site. The target commissioning date is stated as December 2015.

IronClad is further encouraged by this news since, through its subsidiary Trafford Resources Limited, it currently holds 12.3 million shares in Orinoco Gold Limited and is one of its major shareholders.

Orinoco's full ASX announcement is appended.

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# Formal Execution of Cascavel Funding Construction Startup Imminent

## **Key Points:**

- Formal documentation for US\$8M Cascavel finance facility executed, with drawdown for construction to commence next week.
- Global gravity gold specialists, Gekko Systems, appointed to construct 15tph gravity gold plant.
- Mining team engaged for the sinking of the main incline shaft set to mobilise to site on 11 May 2015.
- Plant commissioning targeted for December 2015, with first gold production from Cascavel by year end.

Orinoco Gold Limited (ASX: OGX) is pleased to announce that it has executed the final documentation required to complete the US\$8 million finance facility which underpins development of its flagship high-grade **Cascavel Gold Project** in Brazil.

The key milestone – which follows the receipt of shareholder approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders held yesterday (6 May 2015) – clears the way for Orinoco to draw-down against the facility and commence construction activities on site.

The financing agreements have been executed with Cartesian Royalty Holdings (CRH), an associate of Chancery Asset Management. CRH is sponsored by Cartesian Capital Group, a US\$2b private equity group.

The finance facility encompasses an innovative gold sharing arrangement over the Cascavel Gold Project, as detailed in the Company's ASX Announcement dated 16 February 2015.

With this finance facility now formally in place, Orinoco has appointed gravity gold specialists, Gekko Systems, to construct the 15 tonne per hour gravity gold circuit for the Cascavel Mine. Gekko Systems manufactures quality, proven plant and equipment for gold operations all around the world.

Orinoco's Managing Director, Mr Mark Papendieck, said "The Company is delighted to be working with Gekko Systems for the construction of the Cascavel plant having achieved financing for the project after executing the final documentation for the US\$8 million gold streaming arrangement".

"Gekko are recognised experts in constructing gravity gold plants, and we take a great deal of confidence that, by having them on board, we will be able to maximise the recovery of gravity gold at Cascavel," he said.

With much of the equipment for the plant being manufactured in Brazil, Orinoco and Gekko are targeting commissioning of the gravity circuit by December 2015, putting the Company firmly on track to deliver first gold production from Cascavel before the end of the year.

The mining team engaged for the sinking and development of the main incline shaft, which will provide access to the high-grade ore zones at Cascavel, is scheduled to mobilise to site on 11 May 2015.

"The sinking of the main incline shaft at Cascavel represents a watershed event for Orinoco, providing the Company with an opportunity for early cash-flow as well as providing us with the necessary infrastructure to fully evaluate the high-grade Cascavel gold system and its potential to support a long term gold mining operation," Mr Papendieck said.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chancery Asset Management and the Cartesian Capital Group for their support through this innovative gold streaming arrangement," he added. "This is an ideal, fit-for-purpose and non-dilutive funding solution which will allow us to bring this exceptional high-grade gold asset into production, unlocking significant value for our shareholders."

### Update on placement of shortfall from Entitlements Issue

As announced on 1 May 2015, the Entitlements Issue to eligible shareholders to raise up to A\$2.7 million closed with a total of 16,198,085 shares being subscribed for by existing shareholders, resulting in a shortfall of 22,053,700 shares.

The placement of all shortfall shares is now very close to being finalised, and the Company will make an announcement in due course once this process has been completed.

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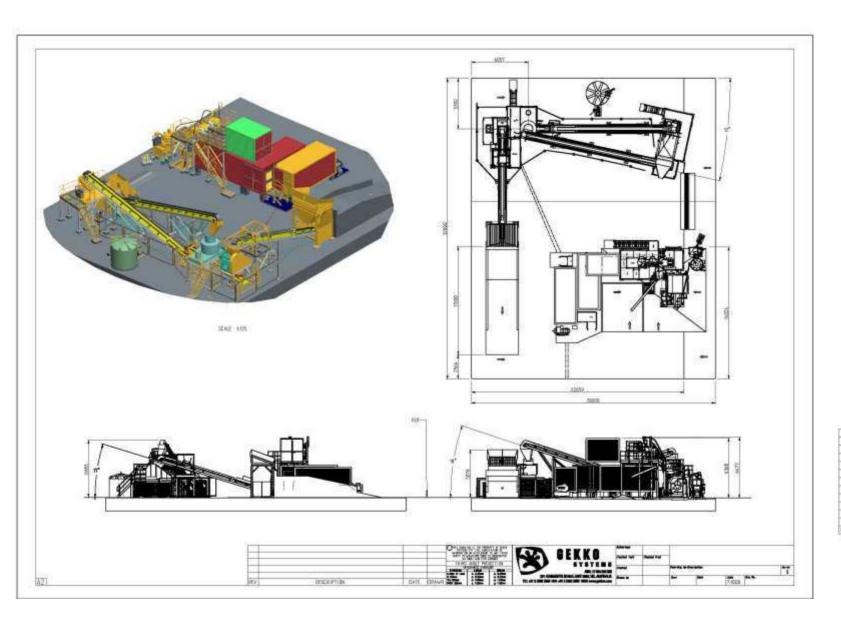
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Figures 1 & 2. Cascavel Plant Layout and Flowsheet

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