

# Crusader experiences strong investor demand – raises \$5.5m in Placement

Brazil focused gold development company Crusader Resources (ASX: CAS) ("Crusader" or "the Company") is pleased to advise that following significant global demand, it has arranged a Placement to raise a total of \$5.5 million (before costs). Patersons Securities Limited acted as Lead Manager to the Placement.

The Company plans to issue a total of 55 million Ordinary CAS shares at \$0.10 per share, in two tranches:

- Tranche 1 13,644,920 shares to be issued under the Company's existing capacity. Completion is expected on 8 March 2016; and
- Tranche 2 41,355,080 shares to be issued once shareholder approval has been obtained at a General Meeting anticipated in April 2016. Completion of tranche 2 will occur as soon as practical following the meeting.

The Placement, to sophisticated investors, funds and High Net Worth individuals globally, exceed the expectations of the Company and reinforces its view that its Brazilian assets have the opportunity to realize significant value to shareholders. The Placement was well supported by Crusaders existing shareholders and Chairman Mr Stephen Copulos.

Commenting on the Placement, Crusader Executive Director Paul Stephen said, "It is acknowledged that the current market conditions for resources companies is tough, but to have generated such strong interest in this Placement, in my view speaks volume for our assets, our strategy and what we plan to do to generate shareholder value over the short to medium term."

"We have generated significant global interest in our company and its assets, and as part of this Placement we have also seen this interest turn into tangible involvement as shareholders of the Company."

Crusader has a strong portfolio of resources projects with a focus on Brazil. Crusaders assets are diversified across a range of commodities including Gold, Iron Ore and Lithium. Crusader is currently producing Iron Ore from the Posse mine and is developing two advanced gold projects. With gold in Brazilian Reals recently reaching all-time highs, Crusaders shareholders are exposed to a portfolio of assets which have a significant growth potential.

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## **About Crusader**

Crusader Resources Limited (ASX:CAS) is a minerals exploration and mining company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Its major focus is Brazil; a country Crusader believes is vastly underexplored and which offers high potential for the discovery of world class mineral deposits. Crusader has three key assets:

#### Juruena Gold

The Juruena Gold Project is located in the highly prospective Juruena-Alta Floresta Gold Belt, which stretches east-west for >400km and has historically produced more than 7Moz of gold from 40 known gold deposits.

The Juruena Project has been worked extensively by artisanal miners (garimpeiros) since the 1980s, producing ~500koz in that time. Historically there is a database of more than 30,000 meters of drilling and extensive geological data.

#### **Posse Iron Ore**

The Posse Iron Ore Mine is located 30km from Belo Horizonte, a city acknowledged as the mining capital of Brazil and the capital of Minas Gerais state. The project had an indicated and inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 36Mt @ 43.5% Fe when mining began in March 2013. Posse is currently selling DSO into the domestic market. With an experienced mining workforce amongst a population of over 2.5 million people, the infrastructure and access to the domestic steel market around the Posse Project is excellent.

### **Borborema Gold**

The Borborema Gold Project is in the Seridó area of the Borborema province in north-eastern Brazil. It is 100% owned by Crusader and consists of three mining leases covering a total area of 29 km<sup>2</sup> including freehold title over the main prospect area.

The Borborema Gold Project benefits from a favourable taxation regime, existing on-site facilities and excellent infrastructure such as buildings, grid power, water, sealed roads and is close to major cities and regional centres. The project's Ore Reserve includes Proven and Probable Ore Reserves of 1.61Moz of mineable gold from 42.4Mt @ 1.18g/t (0.4 & 0.5g/t cut-offs for oxide & fresh).

The measured, indicated and inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 2.43Moz @ 1.10g/t gold, remains open in all directions.

#### **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Juruena Gold Project exploration results, Posse Iron Ore Project exploration results and Borborema Gold Project exploration results released after 1 December 2013, is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr. Robert Smakman who is a full time employee of the company and is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources at the Juruena Gold Project is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr. Lauritz Barnes and Mr. Aidan Platel who are independent consultants to the company and Members of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Each of Mr. Smakman, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Platel have sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Smakman, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Platel consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to:

- a) Borborema Gold Project and Posse Iron Ore Project Exploration Results released prior to 1 December 2013 is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr. Robert Smakman who is a full time employee of the company;
- b) Borborema Gold Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr. Lauritz Barnes and Mr. Brett Gossage, independent consultants to the company;
- c) Borborema Gold Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr. Linton Kirk, independent consultant to the company;
- d) Posse Fe Mineral Resources is based on and accurately reflects, information compiled by Mr. Bernardo Viana who was a full time employee of Coffey Mining Pty Ltd,

and who are all Members of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Rob Smakman and Linton Kirk being Fellows), and who all have sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Each of Mr. Smakman, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Viana, and Mr. Brett Gossage consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information was prepared and disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.