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COPPER MINE FEASIBILITY NEARS COMPLETION IN FINLAND

Universal Resources Limited (ASX: URL, Universal) today announced the progress of several key areas of the Company's Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS, study) on the 100%-owned Outokumpu project.

Located in Eastern Finland, the Outokumpu project is sheltered from the Australian Federal Government's proposed super profits mining tax.

Universal's Managing Director, Dr Alistair Cowden, said Finland was very supportive of the mining industry.

"Our development of a copper mine in Finland has attracted interest from Finnish government agencies which may assist with infrastructure grants and support of or participation in financing," said Dr Cowden.

"Finland has excellent geological databases, good infrastructure, stable mining legislation and readily available mining and engineering services and equipment providers."

"While we understand patience has been required during our optimisation of the prior study which was completed in 2008, we are heading into a very exciting September quarter as the optimised study nears completion," he said.

The Company utilised its strong balance sheet when markets were depressed to snap up the established 550,000tpa Luikonlahti concentrator and processing plant in Finland. This strengthened the project's overall economics by removing the need for construction of an all new plant and transformed the project.

The Outokumpu project comprises the refurbishment of Luikonlahti and the development of a new underground copper mine at Kylylahti some 43km by road from the plant.

The project aims to produce concentrates containing 8,000-9,000t of copper, 8,000-10,000oz of gold and approximately 2,000t of zinc each year from Kylylahti. There is potential for additional production centres to be developed from our portfolio of resources.

The update to this study commenced in February and is expected to be completed early next quarter.

Dr Cowden said the beauty of the new study is that it addresses a greatly simplified project. The 2008 study envisaged the construction of an all new plant at the minesite.

"The copper mine is very straightforward now - we would mine the Kylylahti deposit, truck the ore to the Luikonlahti plant and produce conventional copper-gold and zinc concentrates for sale," he said.

"Additionally, the utilisation of an existing permitted plant greatly reduces capital costs and construction risk."

Work is well advanced in a number of areas.

Resource Estimation

A revised resource estimate is being completed, the new estimate is focussed on the higher grade semi-massive sulphide that is expected to provide the bulk of the feed from the mine.

Metallurgy

All testwork required for the minor amendments to be made the flowsheet have been completed and physicals, equipment sizing and automation requirements are being finalised.

The project will produce low grade cobalt-nickel concentrates which will be stored on site. The Company will investigate various options for further processing of this product.

Luikonlahti Plant Refurbishment

All work is complete other than finalising automation, electrical and concentrate storage designs.

Kylylahti Mine Infrastructure

New water management design was required for the Kylylahti mine. Initial design for water management ponds etc are completed with final design pending completion of subsoil testing.

Mine Design

Mine design work is near completion with a focus on higher head grades than the prior DFS and a production rate of 550,000tpa.

Financing

The Company also has had strong interest in the copper-gold concentrate to be produced from potential financiers and offtakers and has had fruitful discussions with Finnish government agencies that may assist with infrastructure grants and financing.

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Competent Person Statement

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About Universal

Listed ASX base metal companies Universal Resources Limited and Vulcan Resources Limited merged on 19 February 2010. It is intended to rename the merged group Altona Mining Limited (Altona). . The group has two major copper assets and a clear strategy to build a profitable copper business producing from multiple mines in historic major copper mining camps.

With two high quality advanced stage copper projects (Outokumpu in Finland and Roseby near Mt Isa in Queensland), over 1Mt of contained copper in Resources, near-term production potential, and a strong balance sheet, Altona is poised to deliver significant shareholder value.