



## NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CEO COMMENCES

Barra Resources Limited (Barra) is pleased to announce that Sean Gregory has commenced full time work as Managing Director and CEO of Barra today 5 February 2018. Mr Gregory has been assisting the company in a part time capacity since his appointment and credentials were announced to the market on 16 November 2017. In the interim, he has completed his notice period with his previous employer, leading lithium, iron ore and mining services company, Mineral Resources Limited.

"It is the quality and tremendous value uplift potential of Barra's projects that have attracted me to join the Company.

"The Mt Thirsty cobalt-nickel project scoping study was announced to the market on 5 October 2017. The results of the study are robust, reflecting many years and iterations of metallurgical test work and design. The study provides a very solid base case to launch into the next stage of studies in 2018 and progress swiftly up the project development curve. The input assumptions were appropriately conservative; compared with the current spot price for cobalt of US\$80,000/t, \$72,000/t was used as the 21 year life of mine average price in the study to deliver an NPV of A\$290M. The next phase of detailed studies will further improve the study economics in all areas. For example, metallurgical test work of alternative, yet still simple, flow sheets will target higher cobalt and nickel recoveries.

"Mt Thirsty is well positioned to take advantage of strong cobalt market fundamentals. Electric vehicle demand is on the cusp of a period of significant growth as the cost of battery power units falls to become competitive with internal combustion engines. The supply of cobalt is expected to be constrained by sustainability concerns of existing suppliers in the Democratic Republic of Congo that made up 53% of the global market in 2016. The supply response is expected to be muted as 97% of cobalt production is a by-product to copper and nickel production. Most new projects will also require higher copper and nickel prices to justify investment in new supply.

"The Coolgardie Gold Projects are centered on productive historical mining centers at Phillips Find and Burbanks. Our recent review of the historical exploration and mining has identified large gaps between and below known deposits that has yet to be tested by drilling. We are finalising our plans to test these areas systematically with drilling campaigns during 2018 consistent with our dual commodity strategy.

"We have a multi-channel marketing program planned for launch in 2018. Speaking slots have been confirmed at 5 industry leading conferences over the first half of 2018, commencing with the RIU Explorers Conference on 22 February.

"Barra has some outstanding projects that are set for a renewed project development and promotional focus during 2018. I am looking forward to 2018 being a milestone year for our shareholders."

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Gregory".

**Sean Gregory**

Managing Director & CEO