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## **COPPER CONCENTRATE SALES CONTRACTS**

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO SALES PROCESS REFLECTS STRONG DEMAND FOR PREMIUM PRODUCT

Sandfire Resources NL (ASX: **SFR**; "Sandfire") is pleased to announce that it has signed the first sales contract for copper concentrate to be produced from its 100%-owned DeGrussa Copper-Gold Mine in Western Australia, marking another key milestone ahead of the start of plant commissioning later this Quarter.

The sales contract, with an international metals trading house, follows a highly successful off-take marketing process for DeGrussa concentrate, during which firm offers were received from a range of smelters and traders short-listed to receive the final invitation to bid.

Sandfire is aiming to finalise product sales agreements with 4 concentrate customers for up to 3-year terms to cover the majority of its annual concentrate production, while allowing for delivery of a targeted 10-15% of production into the spot market.

Sandfire's Managing Director, Mr Karl Simich, said the premium quality and grade of its concentrate has resulted in strong market demand from potential customers predominantly in the Asian region, enabling the Company to obtain superior smelter terms including discounted treatment and refining costs. "We are looking forward to concluding the remaining contracts over the coming weeks, ahead of the anticipated commencement of concentrate deliveries," he added.

Product sales agreements are already in place for all of the high-grade chalcocite Direct Shipping Ore currently being mined and shipped from the open pit mining operation at DeGrussa.

Over 30,000 tonnes of massive sulphide ore grading 5% Cu has been mined from underground and stockpiled on the ROM pad ready for plant commissioning.

"Everything is now rapidly coming together at DeGrussa as we prepare for plant start up later this Quarter," Mr Simich said. "The Project is on time and on budget and we are now moving inexorably towards our objective of becoming a leading Australian copper-gold producer by the end of this year. Shareholders can look forward to an active and exciting period over the next six months."

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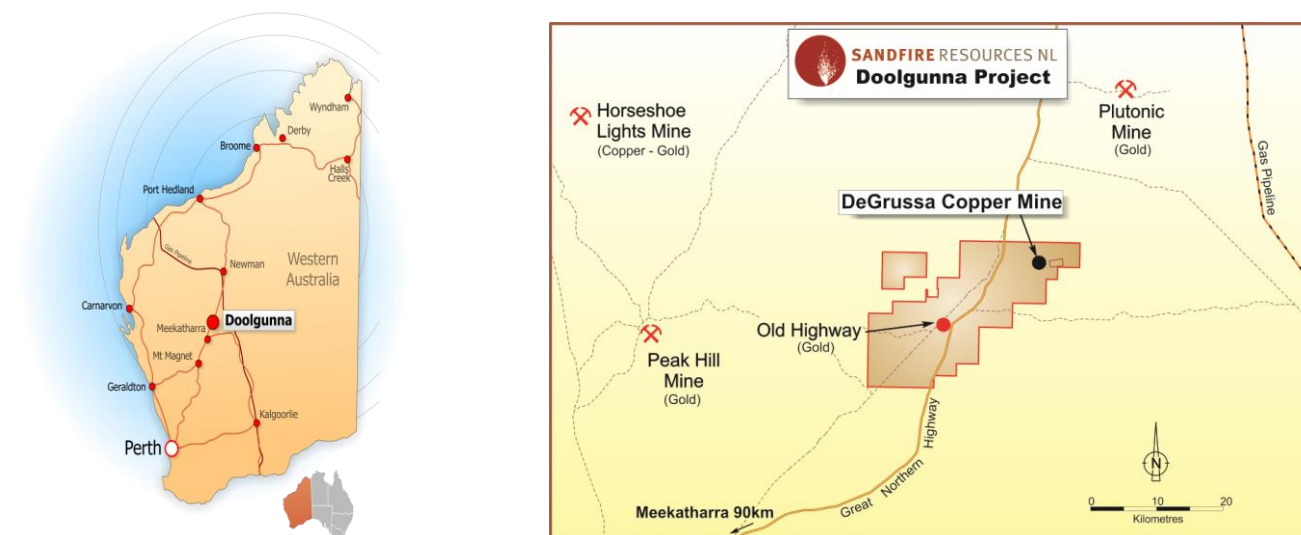
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**Figure 1 – DeGrussa Copper Mine location****Forward-Looking Statements**

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**Exploration and Resource Targets**

Any discussion in relation to the potential quantity and grade of Exploration Targets for the DeGrussa Project is only conceptual in nature. While Sandfire is confident that it will report additional JORC compliant resources for the DeGrussa Project, there has been insufficient exploration to define mineral resources in addition to the current JORC compliant resource inventory and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of additional JORC compliant Mineral Resources.