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Chatree Gold Mine Operational Update

Kingsgate Consolidated Limited ASX:KCN (“Kingsgate” or the “Company”) can advise that the refurbishment of Plant #1 is substantively complete.

Some minor parts including piping for the cyclone (sourced and fabricated in three different countries) and custom screens for the processing circuit need to be installed. These items were due to arrive at Chatree earlier, however they have been impacted by longer than anticipated delivery timeframes and are currently in transit.

New Mining Equipment

Kingsgate is pleased to advise that the first tranche of new mining equipment is expected to arrive later this month. Akara Resources (“Akara”) has secured a deal with MetroCAT, the authorised Caterpillar dealer in Thailand, to Hire-Purchase 41 new pieces of equipment to be delivered in a series of tranches that will replace the existing mining equipment that dates back to 2016.

The new equipment will deliver significant operational efficiencies including:

- 25% less fuel usage based on upgraded fuel system technology;
- A Full Maintenance Contract (FMC);
- Guaranteed machine availability;
- Machine health and production tracking technology;
- Caterpillar Tier One customer support; and
- A saving of more than \$20 million that would have been spent refurbishing older, outdated equipment.

The repayment period for the acquisition of the new equipment can be spread over 48 months, and Kingsgate is working with MetroCAT to take advantage of additional Board of Investment incentives relating to exemptions for import duties on the new equipment to deliver additional cost savings.

While the remaining tranches will be finalised shortly, Kingsgate is also pleased to advise that in a strong showing of local support, Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited is underwriting the equipment purchase via MetroCAT.

Chatree Staff Recruitment

Kingsgate advised on 30th January 2024 (See ASX:KCN release titled “Chatree Plant #1 Overhaul Update) that Akara was recruiting 100 additional staff for various operational positions at the mine. The recruitment process is nearing completion with over 430 applications received. The new recruits are due to commence work at Chatree later this month, to coincide with the ramp up to full operations. Pleasingly, a large number of these new employees come from villages in and around Chatree, which underscores our ongoing commitment to local employment.

Tailings Storage Facility #2 Lift Update

As part of the Kingsgate’s ongoing Chatree expansion plan, the initial earthworks for a lift of Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) #2 is now complete. A series of lifts are planned over the next two years to ensure that TSF #2 has adequate capacity to store tailings with both plants operating at more than 6 million tonners per annum for at least the next 5 to 7 years.

Jamie Gibson, Kingsgate’s Managing Director and CEO said “The deal to secure the new Caterpillar equipment is another significant milestone for Chatree. This new equipment will enable significant operational efficiencies, and our experienced and reliable mining contractor LotusHall Mining will work with Akara to put the new equipment to work as soon as it arrives.

Having this level of local support is also a huge confidence booster going forward, and we look forward to continuing to work with MetroCAT and Bangkok Bank to grow Chatree”.

Jamie Gibson
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