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**SHAMBESAI GOLD PROJECT SANITARY PROTECTION ZONE APPROVED  
SHAMBESAI ENTERS FINAL STAGE OF DESIGN PERMITTING**

Manas Resources Limited (ASX-MSR) is pleased to announce that the Sanitary Protection Zone (SPZ) for the Company's Shambesai Gold Project in the Kyrgyz Republic has been approved by the State Ministry of Health and the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry. The SPZ is the final part of the Kyrgyz Republic Environmental and Social Impact Assessment process and allows the completion of final design permitting and community consultation for Shambesai.

"Approval of the SPZ for Shambesai is an important milestone for the project as we now enter the final stages of permitting with only design-related submissions remaining" said Managing Director Stephen Ross. "We will now complete the design, infrastructure and construction permitting in anticipation of project financing, and also finalise our ongoing discussions with the local community."

The SPZ is a buffer zone established around industrial and mining facilities under Kyrgyz environmental legislation where activities are controlled to ensure any potential possible environmental impacts are limited. For the Shambesai project the SPZ, which is established through independent modelling, doesn't extend over any of the local village areas and confirms the project is likely to have minimal impact on any current agricultural and residential use, thus reducing the level of compensation claims which possibly could be considered.

Manas continues to work on approval of the final design and infrastructure permits required to commence construction. The first of these, the environmental audit of the Process Plant Basic Engineering was successfully completed, and the technical and safety review is currently underway. Manas has recently received the Basic Engineering design for the mine infrastructure and the open pits from its Kyrgyz Republic consultant Asia Rudd Project and will submit the final detailed design for approval shortly.

Manas is also pleased to advise discussions regarding financing the capital requirements for the low-cost, high-margin Shambesai Gold Project continues with a number of institutions, and the issuing of these further permits is another major milestone that assists in progressing the financing of Shambesai.

Details of the Manas Resources 100%-owned Kyrgyz Gold Projects can be found at the Company's website  
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