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ASX Release

PENNY'S FIND GOLD PROJECT

APPROVAL TO COMMENCE MINING OPERATIONS

Empire Resources Ltd ('Empire', ASX code: ERL, the "Company") has received notification from the West Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum that they have assessed the Company's Project Management Plan for the Penny's Find gold project.

The document satisfies the requirements under section 42 of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* and regulations 3.12 and 3.13 of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995*.

This will allow development for Empire's 60% owned Penny's Find gold project to proceed.

The project is situated 50 kilometres northeast of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. The Company has previously announced a high grade reserve that it intends to mine initially by open-pit and is likely to be followed by underground development.

Empire is currently progressing the Penny's Find gold project through a Bankable Feasibility Study, with a view to commencement of open-pit mining from mid-year and first gold production in the second half of 2016.

Empire's Managing Director, Mr David Sargeant:

"This is a critical approval that means that there are no technical impediments for our plans to mine at Penny's Find upon the completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study and financing arrangements.

With a high grade open pit planned to a depth of 80m, this project represents an excellent near term production opportunity for Empire given the current high gold price.

We also believe there is substantial upside at Penny's Find once an ongoing study into development of the underground resource has been completed. This along with exploration potential at depth bodes well for the long term future of the project."

**DAVID SARGEANT
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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About Empire Resources Limited

Perth-based Empire Resources Ltd. (ERL) is an Australian publicly listed resources company dedicated to the exploration for and development of gold and base metal deposits, primarily across Australian jurisdictions.

The Company has completed a feasibility study on the Penny's Find gold project situated east of Kalgoorlie in WA and is currently advancing the development and maiden mining of the project.

Exploration is continuing on a number of other base metal and gold projects. These include the Yuinmery copper-gold project in Western Australia where a resource has been previously announced by Empire for the Just Desserts prospect.

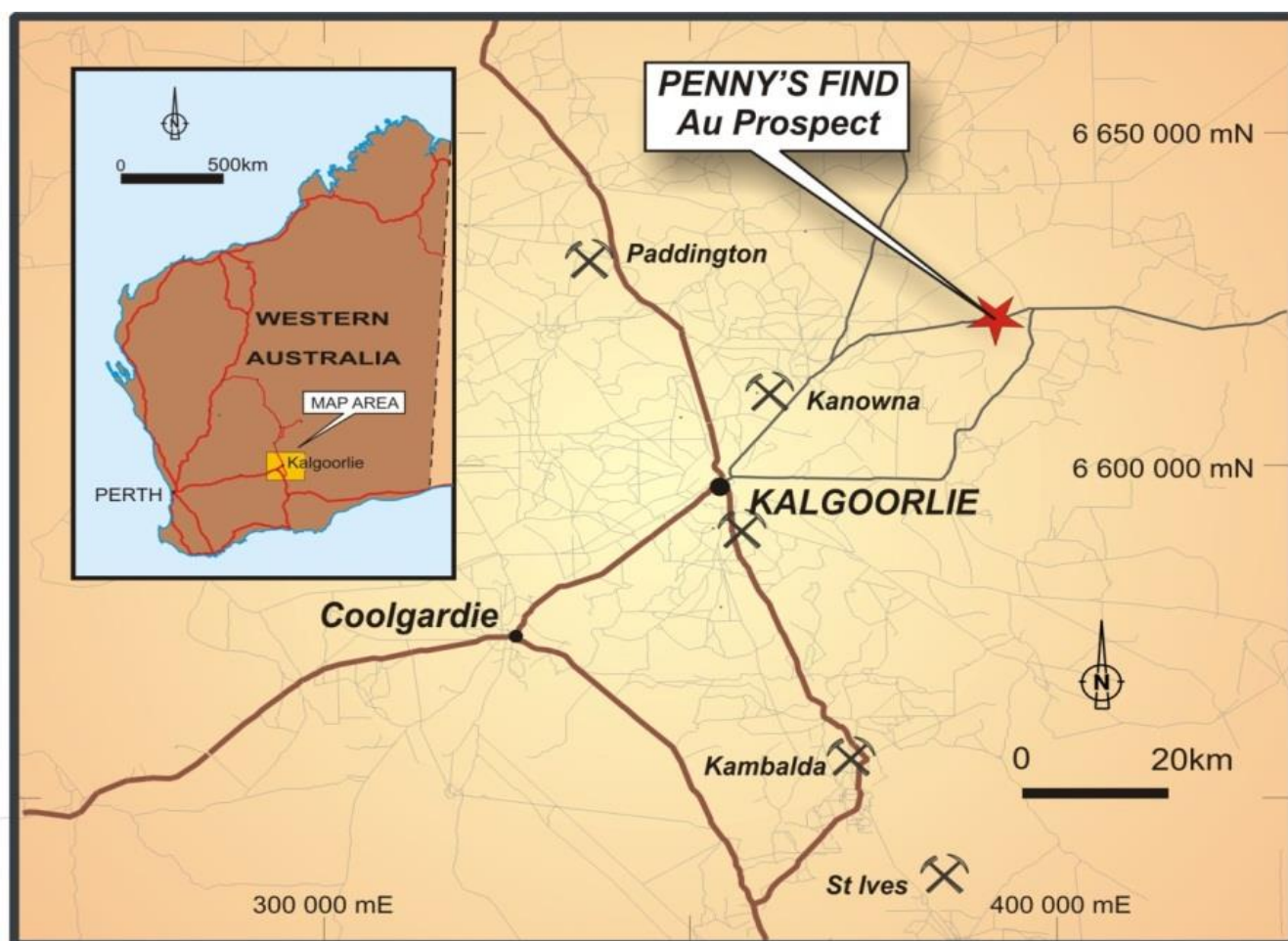


Figure 1 – Location Penny's Find deposit