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Dear Sirs

MERGER UPDATE – ELLENDALE RESOURCES NL AND HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY NAMED GREAT GOLD MINES NL)

Ellendale Resources NL (**Ellendale**) (ASX:ELL) is pleased to provide an update on the status of its proposed merger with Hawthorn Resources Limited (previously named Great Gold Mines NL) (**Hawthorn**) (ASX:HAW) being undertaken by schemes of arrangement.

Following approval of the draft scheme documents by ASIC, a hearing was held in the Federal Court today, 8 April 2008, with the Court ordering that the scheme meetings for shareholders and optionholders be convened to consider the merger. The Company is in the process of extracting the Court order and once done, the Court order will be lodged with the ASIC for registration.

The schemes booklet is currently being printed and will be sent to Ellendale shareholders and optionholders by 15 April 2008 and the meetings to consider the merger will be held on 15 May 2008. Should the schemes be approved by the requisite number of Ellendale shareholders and optionholders, the Court will convene a second hearing, currently scheduled for 23 May 2008, to hear an application to approve and implement the schemes.

The documentation in relation to the schemes is important and should be read in its entirety. Shareholders and optionholders are entitled to vote on the merger and are encouraged to do so either by completing and returning the requisite proxy forms or attending the requisite meeting and voting.

Yours faithfully

ELLENDALE RESOURCES NL

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