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Reed Resources' Meekatharra Gold Operation to be officially opened by The Hon. Norman Moore MLC, Minister for Mines and Petroleum

- **Bluebird open pit exceeding production target**
- **Gold produced from the Bluebird open pit exceeding target**
- **Planned mill throughput rate comfortably achieved**
- **Bluebird mill achieving target mill recovery**
- **Gold produced in line with target**
- **Total unit cash costs meeting target**
- **Hedging program to deliver floor price of A$1,626/oz for 110,000 ounces**

Western Australian gold producer, Reed Resources Ltd (**ASX: RDR**) (**"Reed"** or **"the company"**), is pleased to announce that its Meekatharra Gold Operation (**"MGO"**) will be officially opened today by the Hon. Norman Moore MLC, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Fisheries and Electoral Affairs, and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

Reed commenced mining operations at MGO in late October 2012, commenced wet commissioning of the 3Mtpa Bluebird Processing Plant (**"Bluebird"**) on 20 December 2012 and poured its first gold bar on 11 January 2013.

Commenting on MGO's official opening, Reed Managing Director, Luke Tonkin, said: "I am pleased to say that the company has delivered on everything it said it would in relation to getting the Meekatharra Gold Operation functional and producing again. The company's transition to gold production at Meekatharra has not been without its challenges however the capital works program was delivered on schedule and on budget, and the site has already exceeded a number of key targets.

"Total material movement from operations to date has exceeded our target by 8 per cent and gold ounces mined have exceeded our target by 50 per cent, with ounces of gold produced in line with our production plan," Tonkin said.

"The Bluebird mill has comfortably achieved the planned throughput rate for the first quarter's commissioning phase and targeted metallurgical recoveries are now being achieved. Total unit cash costs to date have met expectations as the operation commences accessing higher grade and larger volumes of ore from the Bluebird open pit."

Furthermore, in November 2012, the company announced a hedging structure under which Reed would receive a gold floor price of A$1,626/oz (net of put premium costs) over 110,000 hedged ounces. As at the close of markets on Friday 22 February 2013, gold was trading at approximately A$1531/oz.

"Reed is delighted that the Hon. Norman Moore agreed to officially open Reed's Meekatharra Gold Operations. The Minister has been a strong catalyst for reinvigorating the industry in the region which has, with the support of shareholders, employees, contractors and suppliers, provided Reed with the confidence to commit significant funds refurbishing and upgrading plant and infrastructure, and commencing gold production at Meekatharra," Mr Tonkin concluded.

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About Reed Resources

Reed Resources Ltd (ASX: RDR, OTC: RDRUY) is a Western Australian gold producer.

Reed Resources' wholly owned Meekatharra Gold Operation is located in the prolific Murchison region of Western Australia and includes the 3Mtpa Bluebird processing plant.

Reed Resources' other projects include:

- **Mount Marion:** High-grade lithium project located 40km south of Kalgoorlie in JV with Mineral Resources Limited (ASX: MIN).
- **Barrambie:** Currently in approvals process and evaluating recovery of titanium, vanadium and iron units via a proprietary hydrometallurgical processing route.
- **Comet Vale:** Currently on care & maintenance. High grade gold resource.
- **Mount Finnerty:** Iron ore JV with Cliffs Natural Resources and nickel option with Barranco Resources NL.

Reed Resources' American Depositary Receipts (ADR's) trade under the code RDRUY (CUSIP Number: 758254106). Each Reed Resources ADR is equivalent to 10 ordinary shares of Reed Resources as traded on the ASX. The Bank of New York Mellon is the depository bank.

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