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MONARCH SECURES WA NICKEL, GOLD PROJECTS

FIELD EXPLORATION TO COMMENCE AT LAKE JOHNSTON

Perth-based Monarch Resources Limited (**ASX: MRS**) has added further weight to its project portfolio with the strategic acquisition of nickel and gold projects located near the historic Coolgardie and Yerilla mining centres in the Kalgoorlie region of Western Australia.

Monarch's Chairman, Mr Colin Smith, said both projects were located in areas with proven mineralised potential and represented attractive exploration targets complementary to the Company's nickel and gold focus at its main Lake Johnston Project in WA's Southern Cross region.

The acquisitions coincide with the imminent commencement of a field exploration program starting with an induced polarisation (IP) survey at the Lake Johnston tenements. The program will focus on nickel targets identified from a recently completed high-resolution airborne magnetic survey and subsequent geological interpretation.

Both new acquisitions are the subject of agreements between Monarch and the private company Selmac Minerals Pty Ltd.

The first, the Londonderry Project, comprises 6 Prospecting Licences located 10 kilometres south of Coolgardie and 12 kilometres north of the old Nepean Nickel Mine (1.1 million tonnes at 3% nickel) covering an area of approximately 10 square kilometres.

Mr Smith said the tenements covered approximately 5 kilometres of prospective ground along the eastern margin of the SSW trending Coolgardie-Nepean greenstone belt, an important regional geological structure.

"The area is prospective for Nepean Mine style nickel mineralisation over a considerable strike length of ultramafic contacts," Mr Smith said. "In addition, the tenements have not been adequately tested for gold mineralisation, although scout drilling in the mid-1990's returned anomalous gold values."

The Coolgardie-Nepean area has been a recent focus of exploration with the announcement of a $1.4 million nickel exploration joint venture between Sipa Resources and Austminex.

The second acquisition, the Yerilla Project, is located just to the east of the old Yerilla mining centre and comprises 11 Prospecting Licence applications over an 18.5 square kilometre area. It will be targeted for its gold potential. Best results from previous drilling in the 1990's included 17 metres at 5.7 g/t, 3 metres at 2.5 g/t, 4 metres at 2.1 g/t and 2 metres at 3.2 g/t from three areas.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Londonderry project

The Londonderry project comprises 6 prospecting licences (PL15/4389-4390, PL15/4399, PL15/4404 and PL15/4406-4407) covering an area of approximately 10 square kilometres, located 10 kilometres south of Coolgardie in Western Australia.

Monarch is acquiring a 100% interest in the Londonderry tenements for a cash consideration of $30,000, subject to expenditure exemptions currently sought by Selmac Minerals being granted within a period of 3 months.

Yerilla project

The Yerilla project comprises 11 prospecting licence applications (PLA 1642-1651 and PLA 1654) covering an area of approximately 18.5 square kilometres, located 150 kilometres north north-east of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

Monarch has entered into an option over the Yerilla tenements. Under the terms of the option agreement, Monarch has paid an option fee of $10,000 and provided the tenement applications are granted within a period of 8 months, will undertake an 800 metre drilling programme to decide whether to exercise the option. The option period is six months from the date of granting of the tenements. Monarch will pay a purchase consideration of $80,000 for a 100% interest in the tenements if it elects to exercise the option during the option period.

Competent person statement

So far as it relates to ore and mineralisation, this media release is based on information compiled by Mr Robin Vivian who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and who has had more than five years relevant experience in the field of activity being reported on. This media release accurately reflects the information compiled by Mr Vivian. Mr Vivian has consented to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this media release.