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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

UPDATE ON BFS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Additional Sampling

Trenching and sampling on an infilled grid pattern to upgrade the resource to JORC standard will be completed by mid December processing of the samples for grade estimation will be completed by the first quarter 2005. Rain in the project area has had no significant impact on this activity to date.

Metallurgical Testwork

A programme of metallurgical test work has commenced at Roche MT. This work is to confirm the final flowsheet and is based on outcomes from the demonstration plant run earlier this year. Potential to increase the yield of products is the basis for some of this work. The estimated cost of this programme is approximately \$190,000.

Wet Plant Design and Cost Estimate

Parties capable of producing an estimate of wet plant costs to +15% are being approached with a view to commencement of activities in late January 2005.

John Holland Development and Investment (JHDI)

Under the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), Monto and JHDI are in discussion to resolve issues associated with project risk and payment contributions.

Market Update

Monto's fine ground feldspar product has been well evaluated for use as a raw material for paint manufacture. Its extremely low free silica content (below level of detection) is a quality which is increasingly sought after in industrialised countries. Market studies are progressing with particular initial focus on European and Japanese markets. The results of this work are not expected until early 2005.

The full-scale plant trial of Monto's glass grade feldspar at ACI's Brisbane bottle making facility is continuing with good results to date.

Letters of Intent and other forms of commitments have been obtained for all of the initial years production of ilmenite and apatite.

By Order of the Board

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