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NQ Minerals Plc

NQ Minerals Reports Hellyer Mine's 2020 Provisional Unaudited Financial Results

A\$63.3 million - 2020 FY Gross Revenues
A\$24.0 million – 2020 FY Operating Profit
A\$22.7m – 2020 FY Net Income

London listed NQ Minerals Plc (AQSE: NQMI, OTCQB: NQMLF, OTCQB:NQMIY), (“NQ” or the “Company”) the base and precious metals producer from its 100% owned flagship Hellyer Mine (“Hellyer”) and the 100% owner of the Beaconsfield Gold Mine, both in northern Tasmania, Australia, is pleased to report its 2020 Full Year (“FY”) provisional and unaudited operating financial results and production results from NQ’s wholly owned subsidiary Hellyer Gold Mines Pty Ltd (“Hellyer”). These results do not factor in associated costs at the Plc level.

Provisional 2020 Full Year Unaudited Financial Summary:

(Note: Results reported in Australian dollars (“A\$”))

Improved tonnage throughput from the mining and processing operations at Hellyer realised provisional 2020 FY gross revenues of A\$63.3m, operating profits from operations of A\$24.0m and net income of A\$22.7m to 31 December 2020.

Worthy of note is the progress on the TSF2 construction with a 2020 yearly capex spend of A\$8.8m representing 60.8% completion to 31st December 2020. Note: These unaudited results may vary post audit completion.

NQ Minerals’ Chairman, Mr David Lenigas, said.

“Hellyer’s strong financial performance last year was driven by increased tonnage and steadily improving commodity prices, and when we consider that the operations were only turned up from around 110 tonnes per hour (“tph”) to 150 tph through the plant in the middle of the year and around 180 tph in December, these results were excellent.

The last quarter (Q4) of 2020 was especially pleasing, with gross revenues of A\$19.2m, operating profits of A\$9.4m and net income of A\$7.4m. This performance was largely due to the Hellyer plant throughput rates increasing to 180 tph when permissible, noticeably reducing unit operating costs into an overall stronger commodity price environment.”

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About NQ Minerals

NQ Minerals Plc is listed on London's Aquis Stock Exchange (AQSE) under the ticker NQMI and has its 1:100 ADR traded on the US OTC QB under ticker NQMIY and its ordinary shares are dual traded on the US OTC QB under the ticker NQMLF.

NQ Minerals operations are in Australia. NQ commenced base metal and precious metal production in 2018 at its 100% owned flagship Hellyer Gold Mine in Tasmania. Hellyer has a published JORC compliant Mineral Resource estimated as of the end of August 2020 at 7.57 Mt which is host to Gold at 2.60 g/t Au for 633,600 oz Au, Silver at 94 g/t Ag for 22,873,600 oz Ag, Lead at 3.01% Pb for 228,000 tonnes and Zinc at 2.33% Zn for 176,700 tonnes. In addition to these resources, the Hellyer assets include a large mill facility and full supporting infrastructure. The Company is also planning to re-open the historic high-grade Beaconsfield Gold Mine in Tasmania, which has a JORC (2012) compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 1.454 Mt at 10.3 g/t Au for 483,000 ounces of gold. Regular updates on the progress of the Hellyer Gold Mine and Beaconsfield can be viewed on NQ's website at www.nqminerals.com.

Competent Person's Statement

The information in this report that relates to the Hellyer project is based on information compiled by Mr. Roger Jackson, an Executive Director of the Company, who is a 25+ year Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (MAusIMM) and a Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr. Jackson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr. Jackson consents to the inclusion of the data contained in relevant resource reports used for this announcement as well as the matters, form, and context in which the relevant data appears.

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