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Alara's Al Wash-hi – Majaza JV Project in Oman Power and Water Supplies Commence

Perth, Australia: Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ), a base and precious metals explorer and developer with projects in Oman, is pleased to announce the achievement of a key milestone and commencement of commissioning activities at the Al Wash-hi – Majaza Copper-Gold Project in Oman (**Project**). Alara holds a 51% interest in Project owner Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (**AHRL**).

Coinciding with this achievement, Alara has also launched a new logo and a brand identity, marking a new beginning in the Company's journey as a Copper Concentrate Producer.

Highlights

- **Al Wash-hi – Majaza copper concentrate production plant energised**
- **Project water supply commenced**
- **Plant commissioning commenced**
- **Production of first concentrate expected mid-Q4 of calendar 2023**
- **Operational readiness almost achieved**

Power Supply

AHRL's Wash-hi Majaza copper gold project has on site 3x6 MVA transformers, part of a 33/11 KV power substation now connected to the Mudhaibi power grid, owned by NAMA Electricity Distribution Company SAOC (**NAMA**).

AHRL has executed an electricity connection agreement with NAMA, the licensed distribution system operator in Oman for a continuous, reliable power supply to the Project.

Commissioning activities of individual segments of plant will now commence, and continue for the next four weeks, with hot commissioning of the plant expected to commence mid-Q4 of calendar 2023 with ore feed.



Electricity Sub-Station



Power lines

Water Supply

A freshwater storage pond constructed at the Project site with a capacity of 15,000 m³ has commenced receiving water from a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Al Mudhaibi. The STP was upgraded by AHRL under a public-private partnership agreement with Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company SAOC (OWWSC).¹

Several water supply contracts for tankers transporting water from the STP to the project site have been awarded to local communities as part of the company's strategic CSR and in-country value commitments.



Water storage tank receiving first water fill

Operational Readiness

The Project has made satisfactory progress with regards to planned process plant commissioning and subsequent plant operations. Key aspects of this are:

- Process Department: 94% recruitment of key Executive and Non-Executive roles complete
- Mechanical Department: 100% of recruitment complete
- Electrical Department: 82% recruitment complete
- Instrumentation Department: 30% recruitment complete
- 30-35% workforce Omanisation level maintained
- Operational SOPs and SMPs have been prepared by the respective departments

¹ Refer announcements dated 20 Jan 2022 & 5 Dec 2022

- The majority of staff onboarded have undergone safety training including Permit to Work System, LOTO Procedures, Emergency Response Planning, Working at Height, Confined Space Entry and Manual Handling, etc.
- Graduate engineers are being trained exhaustively on all sections of the processing plant
- MIBC, SIPX & SMBS required for plant commissioning have been procured and will be delivered to site shortly
- Flocculants required for thickener operation have been delivered to site
- Requisite lime procured and delivered
- Ceramic grinding media for regrind mill delivered
- Forged steel grinding media for SAG mill and hi chrome grinding media for ball mill in transit from China.



Some Operations and Maintenance Team Members

Managing Director Atmavireshwar Sthapak commented, *“I am very pleased and excited to see this Project achieve two major milestones despite several unforeseen challenges. Securing sustainable water and power supplies to the Project through strategic private-public partnerships and community engagement are remarkable achievements for Team Al Hadeetha. I would like to congratulate and thank all Government Authorities, contractors, consultants and our partners in AHRL for making extraordinary efforts over the last several weeks to get Project power infrastructure activated and water deliveries to site commenced. We now look forward to expediting the commissioning of the plant and the production of copper concentrate.”*

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About Alara Resources

Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) is an Australian-based precious and base metals explorer and developer.

Alara is currently focused on developing the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold project in Oman, where it is in the process of constructing copper-gold mining and processing facilities. The Company is also

continuing exploration activities at its other Oman projects, the Block 7 exploration licence under the Daris JV and the Mullaq and Al Ajal exploration licences under the Al Hadeetha JV.

Alara's mission is to become a mid-tier minerals producer which will deliver maximum shareholder value through profitable growth driven by low-cost, sustainable operations.

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