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# **ALARA SECURES OMANI COPPER PROJECT WATER SUPPLY**

# **Key Highlights:**

- Al Hadeetha Resources LLC signs agreement with Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company SAOC to secure Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project process water supply.
- The water will be priced at a fixed rate for the first five years of the agreement.
- AHRL will make an investment in a Sewage Treatment Plant, which will be recovered over the life of the agreement via discounts to water charges.

**Perth, Australia:** Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) (**Alara** or **the Company**), a base and precious metals explorer and developer with projects in Oman, is pleased to announce that another key milestone in the rapidly progressing construction phase of the Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project.

## Omani project secures long-term water supply

Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (**AHRL**) has executed a binding agreement with Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company SAOC (**OWWSC**), to secure the process water supply for the life of the Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project. Key highlights of the agreement are:

- OWWSC will provide daily water supply to AHRL's copper concentrator plant via its Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), located in close proximity to the Project site.
- The water will be priced at a fixed rate for the first five years of the agreement.
- AHRL will invest in upgrading the capacity of one STP, located near the Al Mudhaibi township, to 1,800 cubic metres per day.
- AHRL's investment amount will be recovered over the life of the agreement via water charge discounts.
- Ownership of the upgraded plant will ultimately be transferred to OWWSC.
- AHRL will transport water from the STPs to the Project site in tankers.

Locking in the water supply agreement is a major achievement as AHRL progresses the construction of the Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project. Around 1,200 cubic metres of processed water per day will be supplied to the Project, transported by tankers. An 18,000 cubic metre water storage reservoir will be constructed on site. The agreement comes after





AHRL was able to reduce the water supply requirements incorporated in the Project's definitive feasibility study via the adoption of a dry tailings system.

The agreement was signed in a special ceremony organized by OWWSC, attended by senior officials from the Omani Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as well as AHRL shareholders' representatives Sayyed Khaled Al Busaidi, Farrokh Masani and Atmavireshwar Sthapak.

Alara Managing Director Atmavireshwar Sthapak said: "The water agreement is a strong positive on multiple fronts. From Alara's perspective, it represents the achievement of another milestone in the Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project construction phase, and provides further evidence of the strong public-private partnership between AHRL and OWWSC in Oman. AHRL's investment in a capacity upgrade for the STP located near the Al Mudhaibi township will ensure the Project's water requirements will be met over the longer term.

Importantly, the agreement also has a compelling ESG theme attached. Maximizing the industrial use of treated water not only reduces Oman's dependence on ground or desalinated water, it also mitigates environmental risks associated with inefficient use of effluent water.

AHRL is working towards the prompt delivery of other important components of the Project construction phase. We anticipate providing further updates to the market on progress over the coming weeks."



Avigyan Bera (right), CEO AHRL signs water agreement with OWWSC CEO Qais Al Zakwani







AHRL-OWWSC water supply agreement signing ceremony

#### **ENDS**

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# **About Alara Resources**

Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) is an Australian-based precious and base metals explorer and developer, with projects in Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Alara's active projects in Oman are the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold mining licence and Mullaq, Al Ajal exploration licences under the Al Hadeetha JV and the Block 7 exploration licence under the Daris JV. Alara maintains an interest in the Khnaiguiyah Zinc-Copper project in Saudi Arabia, with a Feasibility Study completed endeavours to secure a mining licence re-issue underway.

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.

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

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