Indochine Aims to Increase Development Rate into High-Grade Gold Zones at Mt Kare Project

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Mt Kare project development and funding update

Indochine Mining Limited (ASX & POMSoX: IDC, “Indochine”) advises that it will now aim to increase the development work targeting the high grade gold zones* at the Company’s flagship Mt Kare Project, PNG. The acceleration of the ongoing program follows the completion of the Landowner Investigation Study (“LIS”) in January, a major milestone for Indochine.

Initial horizontal geotechnical and hydrological drilling was completed on the adit portal in December 2013, with drillholes reinforced and grouted for roof support within the initial 25 metres of oxidised rock. Planned drilling and portal development was temporarily halted during the Christmas-New Year period to allow for the completion of the LIS which had over 400 people on-site.

Further development of both the portal and adit are planned in the current quarter. Now that the LIS is completed, Indochine is confident that through underground development it can advance to mining sooner and target +10 gram/tonne gold ore, for an estimated project capex of <$100 million*.

Update on Financing Options

Indochine is also aggressively exploring a range of funding options for its Mt Kare Project. These include potential short and long term debt funding options, in conjunction with the Company’s placement capacity to enable additional funds to be raised for ongoing exploration, project development and working capital. As previously stated, Indochine is working towards the key milestone of a decision to mine mid-year, followed by a mining lease application, with debt funding options considered to complete mine construction*.

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* Targets and timelines are based on a series of assumptions including financing, permitting, approvals, grade, recoveries and related aspects of similar projects. Please review the Forward Looking Statements disclaimer.
Competent Persons Statement:

Anthony W. Burgess, a qualified consultant for Indochine Mining Limited, is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity undertaken, being reported herein as Mineral Resources and Exploration Results, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code, 2004 Edition). Anthony W. Burgess has consented to the public reporting of these statements and results and the form and context in which they appear.

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