

ASX Announcement

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Lumwana West Project – Seeking Restoration of Licence

Argonaut Resources NL (ASX: ARE) (*Argonaut or the Company*) advises that the Company is continuing to work cooperatively with the relevant Zambian authorities to achieve the reinstatement of exploration licence 22399-HQ-LEL, Lumwana West.

Following advice from the Minister for Mines and Mineral Development, the Hon. Paul Kabuswe MP, on 27 April 2022 that Argonaut’s appeal was under active consideration, the Company has assisted appropriately with investigations into shortcomings and illegalities in the Governmental processes that led to the purported licence cancellation.

The Company has also made presentations on the extent and quality of exploration and feasibility work completed on the project to date, as well as the Company’s investment track-record in Zambia.

Argonaut’s objective of completing a feasibility study into a two-phase copper/cobalt mine and processing facility at Lumwana West compliments the Zambian Government’s stated objective of greatly increasing copper production.

“Zambia benefits from a world-class copper endowment, considerable existing infrastructure, and a positive social attitude towards mining. It makes sound economic sense for projects like Lumwana West to stay in the hands of operators like Argonaut which has demonstrated its technical and financial capacity to promptly develop the Nyungu deposit.”

Lindsay Owler, Argonaut Resources NL

Background

- The Company became aware that large-scale Exploration Licence 22399-HQ-LEL, Lumwana West, was not renewed by the Zambian Government on 28 December 2021 as expected. This licence area contains the Nyungu deposit.
- Argonaut has been working with the Zambian authorities with a view to achieving the restoration of the Lumwana West licence.
- On 27 April 2022 the Minister of Mines and Mineral Development wrote to the Company’s Zambian lawyers to advise that the Company’s appeal of 3 January 2022 was currently under “active consideration”.
- At the time of the purported cancellation, the Company’s 90% held subsidiary, Mwombezi Resources Ltd, was operating in full compliance with all licence conditions and other regulatory requirements.
- Argonaut is ready to continue a fast-tracked feasibility study in the event the Lumwana West licence is reinstated.

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