

Crusader secures \$20 million finance facility with Macquarie

The directors of Crusader Resources Ltd ("Crusader" or "Company") are pleased to announce that it has agreed terms with Macquarie Bank Limited ("Macquarie") for an interim funding facility for up to \$20 million available in two tranches. The facility will strengthen the Company's financial position and provide flexibility of funding for the development of the Borborema Gold Project, the Posse Iron Ore Project and general working capital purposes.

The terms of the facility are similar to other market funding facilities of this nature. Technical due diligence required for tranche 1 of the facility has been completed and Crusader has received credit approval to draw down the first \$10 million tranche upon satisfactory completion of legal due diligence and satisfaction of condition precedents. Final documentation and condition precedents are expected to be completed over the next few weeks.

The second \$10 million tranche is subject to a separate approval process. This is earmarked for development works associated with the possible expansion of the Posse Iron Ore project (to increase the Ore reserve and mine life) and the Borborema Gold Project (for engineering and design works, site works, procurement and plant expenditure).

Crusader managing director, Rob Smakman, said, "This finance facility gives Crusader tremendous flexibility to advance its flagship Borborema gold project towards production and provide additional flexibility to further develop the Posse Iron Project."

"Overall Crusader is now in a really strong position to take the next big step towards becoming a multi-commodity, multi-mine production company. On top of that we have huge exploration potential for major new gold discoveries in Brazil to complement the Borborema project."

Australian Securities Exchange Information

ASX Code: CAS

- Ordinary Shares 126,646,041
- Options 3,460,000 (exercise prices: \$0.44 to \$1.30)
- Market Capitalisation ~\$38M
- Treasury \$4.5M (31 December 2012)
- Share price \$0.30 (12 month closing range: \$0.265 to \$0.935)

Board of Directors

Non-Executive Chairman
Stephen Copulos

Managing Director
Rob Smakman

Executive Director
Paul Stephen

Non-Executive Directors
Justin Evans
David Netherway

CAS Investment Opportunity in Brazilian Projects

- Near term producing DSO asset - Posse
- Large Borborema gold project - BFS underway
- Underexplored and high potential exploration portfolio
- In-country Management (inc. MD, COO and Exploration Manager)
- Extensive network into new opportunities

Commenting on the facility, Crusader Chairman, Stephen Copulos said,

“Macquarie has completed technical due diligence on the company and its projects. This financing facility provides the company directors a strong endorsement of the quality of the assets in Crusader as it focuses on the imminent sales and production of the Posse Iron Ore mine and the valuation of the existing gold reserve at Borborema”.



Photo 1: Product stockpiles at Posse

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About Crusader

Crusader Resources Limited (ASX:CAS) is a minerals exploration and mining company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Its major focus is Brazil, a country Crusader believes is vastly underexplored with high potential for the discovery of world class mineral deposits.

Crusader's key asset is the Borborema Gold Project in north eastern Brazil. The company has >4,400 km² of exploration tenements in the Seridó Belt, a highly prospective geological structure which hosts the Borborema Gold Project. This region is under explored and could provide Crusader with a pipeline of high growth, greenfields gold discoveries.

Crusader also owns the Posse Iron Ore Project near Belo Horizonte which will produce high-quality iron ore for consumption in the Brazilian domestic iron industry.

About Borborema

The Borborema gold project is in the Seridó area of the Borborema province in north-eastern Brazil. It is 100% owned by Crusader Resources Ltd and consists of three mining leases covering a total area of 29 km² including freehold title over the main prospect area.

The Borborema Gold Project benefits from existing on-site facilities and excellent infrastructure, such as buildings, grid power, water, sealed roads and is close to major cities and regional centres. The Project's Maiden Ore Reserve was announced in November 2012. Proven and Probable Ore Reserves of 1.61Moz of mineable gold from 42.4Mt @ 1.18g/t (0.4 & 0.5g/t cut-offs for oxide & fresh). The Mineral Resource remains open in all directions.

A Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS), completed in September 2011, into the economic and technical merits of the Borborema Gold Project, revealed a robust investment case based on an open-cut mine development of 3Mtpa. A Bankable Feasibility Study is underway and will consider a larger throughput of 4Mtpa.

About Posse

The Posse Iron Ore Project is located 30km from Belo Horizonte, a city acknowledged as the mining capital of Brazil and the capital of Minas Gerais state. The project has a Mineral Resource of 36Mt @ 43.5% Fe.

With an experienced mining workforce amongst a population of over 2.3 million people, the infrastructure and access to the domestic steel market around the Posse Project is excellent.

First sales are expected in Q1 of 2013.

Competency Statement

The information in this report that relates to:

- a) Exploration Results is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr Robert Smakman who is a full time employee of the company;
- b) Borborema gold Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Lauritz Barnes and Mr Brett Gossage and independent consultants to the company;
- c) Borborema gold Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Linton Kirk, independent consultant to the company;
- d) Posse Fe Mineral Resources is based on and accurately reflects, information compiled by Mr Bernardo Viana who is a full time employee of Coffey Mining Pty Ltd,

and who are all Members of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Rob Smakman and Linton Kirk being Fellows), and who all have sufficient experience that is relevant to the type of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which they are undertaking 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. Each of Mr Smakman, Mr Lauritz Barnes, Mr Kirk, Mr Viana and Mr Brett Gossage consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.