

Amara Mining plc Commencement of Trucking of material from Segá

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM -- (Marketwired - Sep 17, 2013) - [Amara Mining plc](#) ("Amara" or "the Company") (AIM:AMA / TSX:AMZ), the West African focused gold mining company, is pleased to announce that it has begun trucking material from its Segá Gold Project ("Segá") in Burkina Faso to the neighbouring processing plant at its Kalsaka Gold Mine ("Kalsaka").

Segá is approximately 20km from Kalsaka and was acquired by Amara from Orezone Gold Corporation in Q2 2012. Since then, Amara has successfully permitted the project, receiving the Mining Licence on 18 July 2013. The first material from Segá reached Kalsaka yesterday.

The average head grade of the Segá material is 2.41g/t (i), a 113% increase on the head grade achieved from the Kalsaka ore in H1 2013 (1.13g/t) (ii). Amara re-optimised the mine plan for Segá in Q2 2013 at a gold price of US\$1,100 per ounce in order to adopt a lower risk approach during the current challenging market conditions. The material trucked from Segá is expected to strengthen production and generate robust cash flow in the near term. The re-optimised plan also has a positive impact on cash costs.

Peter Spivey, Chief Executive Officer of Amara, commented: "With the commencement of trucking, we are just days away from processing the first Segá material and stacking it on the heap leach pads at Kalsaka. We are firmly on track to deliver on our promise of successfully integrating the two projects and this is expected to strengthen production and reduce costs, as a result of the higher head grade of the Segá material. Production will continue in Burkina Faso in the near term and we remain focused on our strategy of using our cash flow to underpin our growth assets."

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About Amara Mining plc

[Amara](#) is a gold developer-producer with assets in West Africa. The Company generates cash flow through its Kalsaka gold mine in Burkina Faso, where the production profile has been enhanced by the acquisition of the neighbouring Segá project. Amara remains focused on its objective of becoming a mid-tier producer through the development of its Baomahun project in Sierra Leone and its Yaoure project in Cote d'Ivoire. With its experience of bringing new mines into production and a project pipeline spanning three countries, Amara aims to further increase its production profile with highly prospective opportunities across all assets.

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Peter Brown is a "Qualified Person" within the definition of National Instrument 43-101 and has verified the

data disclosed in this release and reviewed and approved the information contained within this announcement. Dr Brown (MIMMM) is the Group Exploration Manager.

(i) See press release entitled "H1 and Q2 Results 2013", dated 10 September 2013 [ii] See press release entitled "H1 and Q2 Results 2013", dated 10 September 2013

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