

SouthGobi Resources Announces Select 2013 Operating Results

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HONG KONG, CHINA--(Marketwired - Jan 16, 2014) - [SouthGobi Resources Ltd. \(TSX:SGQ\)\(HKSE:1878\)](#) (the "Company" or "SouthGobi") today announced select 2013 operating results. All figures are U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated.

Select Operating Results

The Company's select operating results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2013, including comparative periods, are summarized in the table below:

	Three months ended			Year ended	
	31-Dec 2013	30-Sep 2013	31-Dec 2012	31-Dec 2013	31-Dec 2012
Raw coal production (<i>millions of tonnes</i>)	1.73	1.13	-	3.06	1.33
Sales volumes (<i>millions of tonnes</i>)					
SouthGobi premium semi-soft coking coal	0.21	0.04	0.03	0.54	0.78
SouthGobi standard semi-soft coking coal	1.40	0.87	-	2.27	0.47
Thermal coal	0.11	0.03	-	0.45	0.73
Total	1.72	0.94	0.03	3.26	1.98

The Company resumed operations at the Ovoot Tolgoi coal mine on March 22, 2013 after having been fully curtailed since the end of the second quarter of 2012. The Company completed the fourth quarter of 2013 in line with the coal sales and production guidance provided in November 2013.

Other Information

Cash Position and Liquidity

The Company's cash position and liquidity as at December 31, 2013, including comparative periods, is summarized in the table below. Amounts are presented in millions of U.S. Dollars.

	As at			
	31-Dec 2013	30-Sep 2013	30-Jun 2013	31-Dec 2012
Cash	\$ 21.8	\$ 16.1	\$ 19.2	\$ 19.7
Short term money market investments	-	-	-	15.0
Total cash and short term money market investments	\$ 21.8	\$ 16.1	\$ 19.2	\$ 34.7

The Company's total cash and short term money market investments:

- Increased by \$5.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 compared to a decrease of \$3.1 million in the third quarter of 2013;
- Decreased by \$12.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The changes in the Company's cash position and liquidity noted above are inclusive of cash interest paid on the China Investment Corporation convertible debenture in the amount of:

- \$8.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$4.1 million in the third quarter of 2013;
- \$16.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The increase in the cash position and liquidity from September 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013 reflects the Company's focus on resuming operations in 2013 in a cost effective, cash positive and sustainable manner. The Company continues to minimize uncommitted capital expenditures, exploration and operational expenditures in order to preserve its financial resources.

Outlook

The Company expects sales volume in the first quarter of 2014 to decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Sales volume is generally lower in the first quarter of each year due to the seasonal holidays of Mongolian Tsagaan Sar and Chinese New Year, which result in border closures at the Shivee Khuren-Ceke crossing at the Mongolia-China border and a general decrease in the level of economic activity at the Shivee Khuren-Ceke border crossing. The rate of production in the first quarter of 2014 will be paced to meet contracted sales tonnages.

About SouthGobi

SouthGobi is listed on the Toronto and Hong Kong stock exchanges, in which [Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd.](#) ("Turquoise Hill"), also publicly listed in Toronto and New York, has a 56% shareholding. Turquoise Hill took management control of SouthGobi in September 2012 and made changes to the board and senior management. Rio Tinto has a majority shareholding in Turquoise Hill.

SouthGobi is focused on exploration and development of its metallurgical and thermal coal deposits in Mongolia's South Gobi Region. It has a 100% shareholding in SouthGobi Sands LLC, the Mongolian registered company that holds the mining and exploration licenses in Mongolia and operates the flagship Ovoot Tolgoi coal mine. Ovoot Tolgoi produces and sells coal to customers in China.

Forward-Looking Statements: This document includes forward-looking statements. Forward- looking statements include, but are not limited to: the Company expects sales volume in the first quarter of 2014 to decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2013; and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "plan", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although SouthGobi believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements are disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in SouthGobi's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2012 which is available at www.sedar.com.

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