## Marengo Announces Closing of Financing Transaction with Its Major Shareholder

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TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwired - Dec. 22, 2014) - Marengo Mining Limited ("Marengo" or the "Company") (TSX:MRN) (ASX:MMC) (POMSoX:MMC) is pleased to announce that it has completed the previously announced issuance (the "Transaction") of US\$7,500,000 principal amount of convertible unsecured debentures (the "Debentures") to its major shareholder, Sentient Executive GP IV, Limited, acting as the general partner of Sentient GP IV, L.P., itself acting as the general partner of Sentient Global Resources Fund IV, L.P. (collectively, "Sentient") pursuant to a debenture purchase agreement dated November 14, 2014, between the Company, its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Yandera Mining Company Limited and Marengo Mining (PNG) Limited (collectively, the "PNG Subsidiaries") and Sentient (the "Agreement").

The Debentures will mature on June 30, 2017 (the "Maturity Date") and bear interest from and including the date of issuance at the rate of 9% per annum, payable on the Maturity Date. The Debentures are convertible, at the option of Sentient, into common shares or Chess Depositary Interests ("CDIs") of the Company at a conversion price of CDN\$0.01 per common share or CDI. The conversion price of the Debentures will be adjusted in the event there is a reorganization of capital or an issue of new common shares below the conversion price.

The Debentures were jointly issued by the Company and the PNG Subsidiaries and are guaranteed by Marengo Mining (Australia) Limited and Yandera Mining Company (Holdings) Pty Limited (both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company). The conversion price for existing outstanding debentures of the Company held by Sentient pursuant to the terms of prior debenture financings between the Company and Sentient completed earlier this year (the "Prior Financings"), were also adjusted to CDN\$0.01 per common share or CDI.

Sentient and its related entities currently hold approximately 22% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company and would hold approximately 88% of the common shares of the Company, assuming the conversion of all the Debentures issued in connection with the Transaction and the conversion by Sentient of all debentures issued and issuable pursuant to the Prior Financings.

The Transaction received disinterested shareholder approval at the annual and special meeting of shareholders of the Company held on December 18, 2014, and is subject to final approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The use of proceeds will primarily be for a new drilling program, operations, working capital and general corporate purposes. The Company has previously described efforts to increase geological knowledge of the site and is pleased to report that this work has resulted in the identification of drilling targets which the Company will now pursue. Marengo has identified a new prospect named Rima that is located due west of the Yandera Central deposit, following an extensive mapping and rock chip sampling program. The Company initiated a 10-hole drill program on November 11, 2014 to test the mineralization, and has completed more than 950m of diamond core drilling since. No assay results are available yet, but will be announced separately as and when they become available, which is expected to be in early 2015. Identification and mapping of further prospective areas of EL1335 is set to continue as part of the ongoing assessment of the mineral potential of the core Yandera tenement.

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Factors that could cause actual results to vary materially from results anticipated by such forward-looking statements include the actual results of exploration activities, changes in market conditions, risks relating to international operations, fluctuating metal prices and currency exchange rates, and other risks of the mining industry. Although Marengo has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Marengo undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates or opinions should change except as required by applicable securities laws. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Statements concerning mineral reserve and resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed. Reference is made to the most recent annual information form of Marengo filed with Canadian securities regulators which includes further discussion of the risk factors which may impact the business and operations of Marengo.

Scientific and technical information in this report, including that relating to drilling intercepts and mineralization were prepared by Mr. John Mears. Mr. Mears is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full-time employee of Marengo Mining Limited. Mr. Mears has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is 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 (The JORC Code, 2004 Edition). Mr. Mears consents in writing to the issue of this press release, to the extent of matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Except to the extent not set out herein, for a (i) summary description of rock types, geological controls and dimensions of mineralised zones, and the identification of any significantly higher grade intervals within a lower grade intersection; (ii) a summary of the relevant analytical values, widths and, to the extent known, the true widths of the mineralised zones; (iii) a summary description of the geology, mineral occurrences and nature of the mineralization found; and (iv) a summary description of the type of analytical or testing procedures utilized, sampled, sample size, the name and location of each analytical or testing laboratory used and any relationship of the laboratory to the issuer please refer to the Company's technical report filed on SEDAR and dated November 9, 2007. There is no drilling, sampling, recovery or other factors that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the data referred to herein.

For further information on the Project and the resources contained therein, please refer to the Company's Canadian NI 43-101 and Australian JORC technical report "Yandera Copper Project, Madang Province, Papua New Guinea" (dated April 2012) which is available on the Company's website and at the (Canadian) SEDAR website.

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