Perseus Mining Limited: \$41.2 Million Half Year Profit

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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA -- (Marketwired - Feb. 13, 2015) - Perseus Mining Limited ("Perseus" or the "Company") (TSX:PRU) (ASX:PRU) is pleased to report an after-tax profit of A\$41.2 million, or 7.69 cents per share, for the six-month period ended December 31, 2014 ("HY15"). The full half year financial statements are available for download from www.perseusmining.com, www.asx.com.au and www.sedar.com.

The key points relating to the financial result are as follows:

- The earnings result represents a material turnaround relative to the prior half year, mainly due to significant movements in the United States Dollar relative to the Australian dollar(1), (accounting for A\$39.0 million or 86% of the change), higher gold production at the Edikan Gold Mine in Ghana and cost reductions across the group.
- Operating cash flow for the half year was A\$11.0 million or 2.1 cents per share after reducing trade creditors by A\$16.5 million.
- Total market value of cash and investments at December 31, 2014 of A\$45.5 million, excluding A\$14.7 million of bullion at the refinery.
- Gold forward sales contracts valued at A\$35.5 million at December 31, 2014 were in place for 71,000 ounces of gold at an average price of US\$1,595/oz deliverable up to and including December 2015, representing 3% of the Company's Ore Reserves.
- Net assets of A\$534.0 million at December 31, 2014 and an excess of current assets over current liabilities of A\$125.3 million (an increase of 80% over the prior half year position).
- At December 31, 2014 the Company had no outstanding third party debt other than trade creditors and accruals.
- The level of VAT receivable from the Government of Ghana significantly reduced during the six months with GHS17.6 million (A\$6.1 million) in cash received during the half year as well as GHS30.0 million (A\$10.5 million) in treasury credit notes that were offset against employee and withholding taxes and gold royalty payments. These payments extinguished the debt owed by the Government on audited claims, following this, a total of GHS45.8 million (A\$17.5 million) of VAT refunds were outstanding at the end of the period and are currently in the process of being audited.
- The financial result was based on gold production at the Edikan Gold Mine in Ghana of 100,016 ounces at an all-in site cost (including production, royalties, investment in pre-stripping and inventory, development and sustaining capital) of US\$988/oz. Higher gold production than in the prior half year was due to higher process recoveries following a concerted effort pursuing sustainable efficiency improvements and a slightly higher grade of ore. A range of business initiatives targeting cost reductions were implemented during the period, with further improvements in progress.
- A re-evaluation of the Sissingué Gold Project in Côte d'Ivoire is underway with an updated feasibility study due to be completed in the March quarter.
- (1) Note: USD:AUD exchange rates (applicable to Balance Sheet) were 0.8158 (December 31, 2014) and 0.8874 (December 31, 2013) while average exchange rates (applicable to Income Statement) were 0.8910 and 0.9218 for HY2015 and HY2014 respectively.

Managing Director Jeff Quartermaine Comments:

"The Half Year result is positive and reflects our success in improving our operating efficiency and strengthening our balance sheet in an operating environment that has been challenging for many.

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The strong result also serves to provide us with a solid platform from which we can create further shareholder value by pursing our corporate strategy of transitioning from being a single mine-single income operation to a lower risk business that derives income from multiple operating sites."

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