

Troy Resources Limited: Half Year Ended 31 December 2013 Financial Results

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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA -- (Marketwired - Feb. 23, 2014) - [Troy Resources Limited](#) ("Troy") (ASX:TRY) (TSX:TRY) has today reported a net loss of A\$6.8 million for the six month period ending 31 December 2013 ("half-year"). The half-year financial statements are available on the Troy website at www.troyres.com.au and will also be available under the Company's profile on SEDAR.

In the previous six months ended 30 June 2013, a profit of A\$5.1 million resulted from similar gold equivalent production. The 18.2% and 12.2% fall in the realised silver and gold prices was the primary driver in the A\$18.1 million reduction in revenue in this half-year.

The key driver of the lower profit compared to the previous corresponding half year ending 31 December 2012, was a A\$33 million fall in revenue. Approximately A\$25 million of this reduction was due to the fall in prices realised, with gold being 23% and silver 33% lower. Revenue was also impacted by lower production. Casposo's ore production in the previous corresponding period was from the open cut mine in a higher grade part of the ore body. Casposo's half-year production was sourced from lower grade open cut and underground ore and, despite a 36% increase in the ore tonnes processed due to increased milling capacity, gold equivalent production was 8% lower. Andorinhas, which is nearing the end of its life, also processed lower grade ore resulting in lower gold production.

Overall, the Company's total gold equivalent production of 60,334 oz Au_Eq was 9% lower compared to the previous corresponding period. As expected, with access to higher grade underground ore at Casposo in the December quarter, the average grade processed has started to increase and will continue to increase over the remainder of the financial year.

The Company successfully completed the off-market takeover of Azimuth Resources Limited during the half-year. Troy's strategy is to fast track development at West Omai and to this end, exploration has been focused on infill drilling designed to increase the confidence levels of the Mineral Resource. A preliminary economic assessment/scoping study for West Omai was released subsequent to the end of the half-year.

The net loss for the half-year reflected the following compared to the previous corresponding half:

- Revenue decreased by 31% to A\$75.7 million.
- Gold equivalent production decreased by ~9% to 60,334 ounces.
- Costs relating to the acquisition of Azimuth Resources Limited of A\$2.7 million.
- Expensing A\$1.4 million of exploration expenditure and A\$16.9 million for amortisation and depreciation.

Commenting on the results Troy CEO Paul Benson said: "Reporting a loss is never pleasing, but it is particularly hard when so much progress has been made by our workforce on many fronts. With the successful installation of new grinding capacity at the Casposo plant, throughput increased by 36% compared to the corresponding half-year and US\$ unit costs per tonne processed dropped 22%, but this was not enough to offset the 32% fall in the gold equivalent grade. Obviously the biggest driver on reduced profitability has been the significant falls in gold and silver prices, 23% and 33% respectively compared to the previous corresponding half year, accounting for 76% of the A\$33 million fall in revenue."

"The recent pick up in metals prices is obviously welcome, but we also continue to make good progress at our operations which will lead to improved profitability. At Casposo the change over from Contractor to "Owner Miner" has seen an increase in productivity and reduction in mining costs. We started to see the impact of higher grades from the high grade INCA 1 ore zone entering the mill feed in the December quarter."

"At Andorinhas we will complete waste development to the lowest level of the main orebody during the current half year and will start to reduce the size of the workforce, thereby reducing costs."

"Obviously some costs incurred this half-year were an investment in the future. The result includes a one-off

charge off A\$2.7 million associated with the takeover of Azimuth Resources. This delivered Troy the West Omai project in Guyana which we believe will be Troy's next mine and a key driver of the Company's profitability over the next decade."

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Troy does not undertake to update any forward-looking information or statements, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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