

# Amerigo Announces 2013 Financial Results

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**- Revenues of \$143.6 million**

**- Operating cash flow of \$19.1 million**

**- \$13.1 million yearend cash balance**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Feb 26, 2014) - [Amerigo Resources Ltd. \(TSX:ARG\)](#) ("Amerigo" or the "Company") reported today results for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Amerigo's Chairman and CEO, Dr. Klaus Zeitler, stated "We are pleased to announce that 2013 was a positive year financially for Amerigo, with revenues in excess of \$143 million and operating cash flow of \$19 million. The Company ended the year with more than \$13 million in cash and free of long term debt, and is now well positioned to proceed with the Cauquenes expansion project. Negotiations for the formal agreements granting the Company the rights to the Cauquenes tailings deposit and extending its fresh tailings contract from 2021 to 2037 are in their final stages, we anticipate receiving required environmental approvals by the end of the current quarter and the due diligence process in respect of the loan for the majority of the capital cost of the expansion project is well underway. As a result, we continue to expect to break ground on the Cauquenes expansion during Q2. The Company's guidance for 2014 is for production of 45 million pounds of copper and 800,000 pounds of molybdenum, with cash costs projected to be between \$2.15 and \$2.25 per pound of copper."

## Comparative Annual Overview

	2013	Years ended December 31,		%
		2012	Change	
			\$	
Copper produced, million pounds	45.7	51.7	(6.0 )	(12 %)
Copper sold, million pounds	45.4	51.6	(6.2 )	(12 %)
Molybdenum produced, pounds	809,057	1,057,717	(248,660 )	(24 %)
Molybdenum sold, pounds	797,444	1,170,703	(373,259 )	(32 %)
Percentage of copper production from old tailings	40 %	47 %		(7 %)
Revenue (thousands)	143,592	181,761	(38,169 )	(21 %)
Cost of sales <sup>1</sup> (thousands)	137,556	182,851	(45,295 )	(25 %)
EI Teniente royalty costs (thousands)	33,815	43,874	(10,059 )	(23 %)
Gross profit (loss) (thousands)	6,036	(1,090 )	7,126	654 %
Net profit ( loss) (thousands)	993	(8,192 )	9,185	112 %
Operating cash flow (thousands)	19,136	12,284	6,852	56 %
Cash flow paid for plant expansion (thousands) <sup>2</sup>	(13,391 )	(23,708 )	10,317	(44 %)
Cash and cash equivalents (thousands)	13,148	9,250	3,898	42 %
Bank debt (thousands)	-	1,483	(1,483 )	(100 %)
Average realized copper price per pound	3.32	3.58	(0.26 )	(7 %)
Cash cost per pound <sup>3</sup>	2.08	2.46	(0.38 )	(15 %)
Total cost per pound <sup>3</sup>	3.22	3.62	(0.40 )	(11 %)

<sup>1</sup> Includes EI Teniente royalty costs

<sup>2</sup> Excluding working capital changes

<sup>3</sup> Cash and total costs are non-GAAP measures, refer to the Company's MD&A for a reconciliation to cost of sales .

## **Financial results**

- Revenue was \$143.6 million compared to \$181.8 million in 2012. Revenues decreased 21% due to lower copper and molybdenum sales and lower metal prices.
- Cost of sales was \$137.6 million, compared to \$182.9 million in 2012, a decrease of 25%, driven by lower production and reduced power costs mainly as a result of the change in the Company's power contract from a variable to a lower fixed rate.
- Gross profit was \$6 million, compared to gross loss of \$1.1 million in 2012.
- Net profit was \$1 million compared to a net loss of \$8.2 million in 2012.

## **Production**

- The Company produced 45.7 million pounds of copper, 12% lower than the 51.7 million pounds produced in 2012.
- Molybdenum production was 809,057 pounds, 24% lower than the 1,057,717 pounds produced in 2012.
- Production was adversely affected by a mine slide and pit wall failure in the Colihues deposit during April 2013 and by low process plant recoveries from both fresh tailings and Colihues.

## **Revenue**

- Revenue decreased to \$143.6 million from \$181.8 million in 2012. The Company's selling prices fell from \$3.58/lb in 2012 to \$3.32/lb for copper and from \$12.64/lb to \$10.13/lb for molybdenum, and copper and molybdenum sales volume decreased 12% and 32%, respectively, from 2012 levels.

## **Costs**

- Cash cost (a non-GAAP measure equal to the aggregate of smelting, refining and other charges, production costs net of molybdenum-related net benefits, administration and transportation costs, see the Company's MD&A) before El Teniente royalty was \$2.08/lb, compared to \$2.46/lb in 2012. Cash costs decreased mostly as a result of lower power costs.
- Total cost (a non-GAAP measure equal to the aggregate of cash cost, El Teniente royalty, depreciation and accretion, see the Company's MD&A) was \$3.22/lb compared to \$3.62/lb in 2012, as a result of lower cash cost and El Teniente royalties.
- Power costs in 2013 were \$23.8 million (\$0.0939/kwh) compared to \$50.7 million (\$0.1895/kwh) in 2012, Similar lower power costs are expected at least to December 31, 2017, the end of the term of MVC's current power contract
- Total El Teniente royalties were \$33.8 million in 2013, compared to \$43.9 million in 2012, due to lower production and metal prices.

## **Cash and Financing Activities**

- Cash balance was \$13.1 million at December 31, 2013 compared to \$9.2 million at December 31, 2012.

## **Investments**

- Cash payments for capital expenditures ("Capex") were \$13.4 million compared to \$23.7 million in 2012. Capex payments have been funded from operating cash flow and cash at hand.
- Capex incurred in 2013 totaled \$10.4 million (2012: \$22.2 million) and included project investments in connection with Cauquenes engineering and permitting (\$3.6 million) and sustaining Capex projects (\$6.8 million).
- The Company's investments in [Candente Copper Corp.](#) and [Los Andes Copper Ltd.](#) had an aggregate fair value of \$3.2 million at December 31, 2013 (December 31, 2012: \$4.1 million).

## **Outlook**

- In 2014 MVC is expected to produce approximately 45 million pounds of copper and 800,000 pounds of molybdenum, not accounting for the Company's Cauquenes expansion. In addition, the tolling contract with Minera Maricunga is expected to contribute a further 2 million pounds of copper. The 2014 production budget anticipates continued low grades in Colihues as the area to be mined contains recent DET tailings deposited in 2006.
- Cash cost is projected to be between \$2.15/lb and \$2.25/lb in 2014.
- 2014 Sustaining Capex at MVC is estimated to be approximately \$3.8 million. Capex for the Cauquenes expansion project is estimated to be approximately \$140 million (see the Company's MD&A).

The information in this news release and the Selected Financial Information contained in the following page should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, which will be available at the Company's website at [www.amerigoresources.com](http://www.amerigoresources.com) and at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

[Amerigo Resources Ltd.](http://www.amerigoresources.com) produces copper and molybdenum under a long term partnership with the world's largest copper producer, Codelco, by means of processing fresh and old tailings from the world's largest underground copper mine, El Teniente near Santiago, Chile. Tel: (604) 681-2802; Fax: (604) 682-2802; Web: [www.amerigoresources.com](http://www.amerigoresources.com); Listing: ARG:TSX

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## **Amerigo Resources Ltd. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

All figures expressed in US Dollars and presented under IFRS

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	December 31, 2013 \$	December 31, 2012 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	13,148	9,250
Property, plant and equipment	116,601	138,337
Other assets	56,360	56,829
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>186,109</b>	<b>204,416</b>
Total liabilities	64,370	72,218
Shareholders' equity	121,739	132,198
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>186,109</b>	<b>204,416</b>

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	Year ended December 31, 2013 \$	Year ended December 31, 2012 \$
Total revenue, net of smelter and refinery charges	143,592	181,761
Cost of sales	(137,556 )	(182,851 )
Other expenses	(4,236 )	(3,751 )
Finance expense	(626 )	(1,056 )
Income tax expense	(181 )	(2,295 )
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>(8,192 )</b>
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(11,504 )	7,214
<b>Comprehensive loss</b>	<b>(10,511 )</b>	<b>(978 )</b>
EPS (LPS) - Basic and Diluted	0.01	(0.05 )

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	December 31, 2013 \$	December 31, 2012 \$
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,523	22,726
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,391 )	(23,708 )
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(1,497 )	(10,193 )
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow)</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>(11,175 )</b>

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