

Amerigo and Codelco/El Teniente Sign Agreement Extending Tailings Processing to 2037

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Apr 22, 2014) - [Amerigo Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX:ARG) ("Amerigo" or the "Company") announced today that its Chilean subsidiary Minera Valle Central ("MVC"), has entered into a definitive agreement (the "Master Agreement") with the El Teniente division ("DET") of Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile ("Codelco") for the purchase of the processing rights to the Cauquenes tailings deposit and extending MVC's rights to process DET fresh tailings to 2037.

Codelco's El Teniente is the world's largest underground mine. It has been in operation for over a century, and DET is currently undertaking expansion projects to extend El Teniente's mine life by at least 50 years.

During the 23 year term of the Master Agreement it is expected that MVC will produce approximately 1.7 billion pounds of copper and 43 million pounds of molybdenum and the expansion project will have positive employment and environmental effects in the region. Major terms of the Master Agreement include the following:

- Extension of the existing fresh tailings and Colihues contracts from 2021 to 2037
- Sliding scale royalty to DET for Cauquenes tailings
- Change to a sliding scale for the fresh tailings royalty, with an increase in the minimum copper price at which this royalty is payable and the elimination of exchange rate provisions that increased royalty costs
- At a copper price of approximately \$3.10 per pound the new and amended royalty formulas are estimated to result in the same royalties as the existing formulas, but with improved downside protection
- Three early exit options for DET that are only exercisable in the event of changes that were unforeseen as of the date of the Master Agreement

Dr. Klaus Zeitler, Amerigo's Chairman and CEO, stated "We are extremely pleased to announce this major milestone in the history of the Company. The processing of tailings from the Cauquenes deposit will require a major expansion of the Company's operations in Chile and result in a number of new direct and indirect jobs over the life of the project. We estimate that, upon reaching full production levels from Cauquenes, the Company's annual copper production will increase to approximately 90 million pounds, or double current levels, and production cash costs will decrease by close to 20%, both of which are expected to have a significantly positive effect on Amerigo's financial results for years to come".

Rob Henderson, Amerigo's President and Chief Operating Officer, added "Bank due diligence in respect of the Cauquenes expansion project is at an advanced stage and we anticipate receiving the remainder of required environmental approvals in the near future. Engineering is well underway so that construction can begin after receipt of environmental approvals and proceeds from financing are available."

Additional details can be found in the Master Agreement and an English translation of the Master Agreement which are being filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR. The Company also plans to file a National Instrument 43-101 compliant report on the Company's mineral resources on SEDAR in the near future.

[Amerigo Resources Ltd.](#) 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; Listing: ARG:TSX

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