

Augusta Resource Corp. Clarifies Hudbay's Misleading Statements, Responds to Extension of Offer

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[Augusta Resource Corp.](#) (TSX and NYSE MKT: AZC) ("Augusta" or the "Company") clarifies the misleading statements made by [HudBay Minerals Inc.](#) ("HudBay") on Augusta's shareholder rights plan in its press release of this morning and responds to the extension of HudBay's offer to purchase common shares of Augusta. Notwithstanding the extension of HudBay's offer to May 16, 2013, Augusta's shareholder rights plan will remain in full force and effect until the Company's next annual general meeting of shareholders in 2015.

In accordance with the decision of the British Columbia Securities Commission, Augusta's shareholder rights plan will only be cease traded if HudBay extends its offer until July 16, 2014 and HudBay further extends its offer for an additional 10 days following any take up of Augusta shares thereunder. If HudBay complies with these conditions, Augusta's shareholder rights plan will be cease traded effective as of 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on July 15, 2014.

Reject HudBay's Offer – No Action Required

To REJECT HudBay's offer, no action is required on the part of shareholders. The board of directors' recommendation that Augusta's shareholders REJECT HudBay's unsolicited offer and NOT TENDER their Augusta shares thereto, as well as a more detailed discussion of the reasons for rejecting HudBay's offer is set forth in the directors' circular issued by the board of directors that was mailed to Augusta's shareholders and filed with securities regulatory authorities. Shareholders are advised to read the directors' circular carefully and in its entirety, as it contains important information regarding Augusta, HudBay and HudBay's offer. The directors' circular is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on Augusta's website at www.augustaresource.com.

How to Withdraw

If you have already tendered your Augusta shares to HudBay's offer, you can withdraw your shares by contacting your broker or Laurel Hill Advisory Group, the Information Agent retained by Augusta. Laurel Hill can be reached at 1-877-452-7184 (Toll Free within North America), or by bank and brokers and collect calls outside North America at 416-304-0211 or via email at assistance@laurelhill.com.

About Augusta

[Augusta](#) is a base metals company focused on advancing the Rosemont Copper deposit near Tucson, Arizona. Rosemont hosts a large copper/molybdenum reserve that would account for about 10% of U.S. copper output once in production (for details refer to www.augustaresource.com). The exceptional experience and strength of Augusta's management team, combined with the developed infrastructure and robust economics of the Rosemont project, propels Augusta to becoming a solid mid-tier copper producer. Augusta's shares are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE MKT under the symbol AZC.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward Looking Information

Certain of the statements made and the information contained in this news release constitutes "forward-looking statements" under United States federal securities laws or "forward-looking information" under Canadian securities laws. These statements and information relate to future events and Augusta's future performance, business prospects or opportunities, including information concerning the unsolicited offer of HudBay and the strategic review process of Augusta, which are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements and forward-looking information include, but are not limited to statements concerning Augusta's plans at the Rosemont project, including the timing for obtaining

final permits, construction and estimated production, expectations surrounding future financings and refinancings, capital and operating cash flow estimates, changes in market conditions, changes or disruptions in the securities markets and market fluctuations in the prices for Augusta's securities, the lack of any alternative transactions or the terms and conditions of any alternative transactions not being acceptable.

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Although Augusta has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events, results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements or information contained in this news release, there may be other factors that cause actions, events, results, performance or achievements not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements or information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Such forward-looking statements and information are made or given as at the date of this news release and Augusta disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required under applicable securities law. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information.

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