

Prophecy Contracts NewFields to Advance Permitting/EIS for Gibellini Vanadium Project, Sets Project Timetable

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Vancouver, British Columbia (FSCwire) - [Prophecy Development Corp.](#) (the "Company") (TSX:PCY, OTCQX:PRPCF, Frankfurt:1P2N) is pleased to announce that it has engaged NewFields Companies, LLC (the "NewFields"), an environmental, engineering, and construction management consulting firm, to prepare an advance permitting and environmental impact statement (the "EIS") preparation for the Gibellini vanadium project (the "Project").

Prophecy's and NewFields' teams will work closely with the Bureau of Land Management (the "BLM"), the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and other federal and state permitting agencies to file all major permitting applications by the end of 2019. Prophecy anticipates that the Gibellini EIS will not be more than 150 pages (excluding appendices) and the EIS notice of intent (the "NOI") will be triggered in 2019. Should this occur, the EIS decision for the Project may be rendered in 2020, according to new government direction on such matters.

Under the engagement, NewFields will provide comprehensive environmental permitting and related engineering services, which will include:

- developing with Prophecy, overall permitting roadmap and budget;
- performing necessary updates to already-filed baseline studies and Management Plan of Operations (the "MPO");
- preparation of Water Pollution Control Permit application (the "WPCP") including detailed design and engineering analysis;
- preparation of resource report, which is a precursor to trigger the NOI to prepare the Gibellini EIS; and
- preparation of various federal and state permit applications such as the application for Air Quality Permit, Surface Disturbance/Class II Operation Permit, Explosives Permit, Class III Waiver Landfill Permit, Multi-Sector Construction Stormwater Permit, Hazardous Materials Storage Permit, Hazardous Waste Permit, Septic System Permit, Potable Water System Permit, Dam Safety Permit, and Industrial Artificial Pond Permit.

NewFields completed the Gibellini heap leach pad and waste dump designs (over 40 pages) as part of an overall basic engineering design lead by Scotia International of Nevada, Inc. in 2014. NewFields' familiarity with the Project will expedite permitting efforts at Gibellini.

Prophecy has systematically advanced the Gibellini Project in the past 12 months by:

- securing water for future mining operation (power is readily available);
- enlisting a technology partner which owns and operates the world's largest black-shale vanadium mine, with a decade-long commercial vanadium recovery and production experience;
- consolidating a package of approximately 27 sq. km of contiguous mining, exploration and facility land with no known endangered species habitat, or archeological, agricultural, or aboriginal claims;
- bringing on mining industry veterans who previously worked at [Barrick Gold Corp.](#) and [Newmont Mining Corp.](#) (the "Newmont");
- compiling and filing with the BLM, over 1,100 pages of MPO and baseline studies; and
- engaging Amec Foster Wheeler E&C Services Inc. (the "AMEC") and completing the Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "PEA") in June 2018, which outlined Gibellini's annual production profile of 10 million pounds of vanadium pentoxide (V2O5) with operating cost of \$4.77 per lb V2O5 and an initial capital cost of \$1.2 billion million including a 25% contingency. The most recent trading price of V2O5 according to [www.asianmetal.com](#), as of this press release, is US\$18.40/lb.

The PEA is preliminary in nature, and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geological information to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. The PEA was prepared under the direction of Kirk Hanson, P.E., Technical Director, Open Pit Mining for AMEC. Kirk Hanson is a "Qualified Person" for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101, and he is independent of the Company.

In July 2018, Prophecy received a 6-page letter from the BLM Mount Lewis Field Office which contains comments with regard to the submitted MPO. Prophecy is working with NewFields to address the BLM's comments. A preliminary assessment carried out by NewFields and Prophecy indicates that there are no deficiencies identified that are expected to cause delays to Prophecy's proposed schedule.

John Lee, the Company's Executive Chairman, states: "Prophecy has set out a plan to complete the Gibellini permitting and EIS in 2020, and will be issuing updates throughout the next 18 months as each permit application is filed with the relevant agencies."

Together with the Company's news release announcing engineering, procurement, construction and management progress dated August 15, 2018, Prophecy's objective is to clear all pre-requisites for the Project construction, commence Project construction in 2021, and deliver the first batch of vanadium pentoxide product on site in 2022.

We believe the Gibellini Project is years ahead of other North American primary vanadium projects in terms of the time to bring the vanadium product to the market, and we are on target to transform the Gibellini Project to become the first primary producing mine in the United States."

Relevant NewFields experience:

In 2014-2018, NewFields successfully obtained several WPCP approvals in Nevada including: approvals for Newmont's Goldstone gold project with carbon in column processing method, located in Elko; [Kinross Gold Corp.](#)'s Bald Mountain gold project with heap leach facility, located in White Pine County; and [West Kirkland Mining Inc.](#)'s Three Hills gold and silver project with heap leach facility, located in Esmeralda County.

About NewFields

NewFields is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, USA with offices in over 10 cities in the United States and has offices in the UK, Brazil and Mexico. NewFields has over 100 employees dedicated exclusively to supporting the mining industry. The company's expertise includes environmental and permitting services, construction management and quality assurance services for storage facilities, heap leach facilities, waste rock storage facilities, civil and geotechnical engineering design services, hydrological and hydrogeological engineering and associated mine site infrastructure. NewFields' staff has provided engineering and construction services on over 80 heap leach facilities projects with an aggregate lined area of over one billion square meters of rock and tailings storage facilities in over 20 countries and in a variety of climatic conditions ranging from extremely wet and extremely dry to arctic conditions.

Qualified Person

The technical content of this news release has been prepared under the supervision of Dannie Oosterman, VP, Exploration. Dannie Oosterman is not independent of the Company in that he is employed as a consultant to the Company and most of his compensation is derived from the Company. Mr. Oosterman is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101.

About Prophecy

[Prophecy Development Corp.](#) is a Canadian public company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Prophecy's main objective is to develop the Gibellini primary vanadium mining project in the Battle Mountain region in northeastern Nevada to produce vanadium pentoxide. Further information on Prophecy can be found at www.prophecydev.com.

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