

Ecora Resources PLC Announces Q3 2023 Trading Update

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LONDON, October 25, 2023 - [Ecora Resources PLC](#) (LSE:ECOR)(TSX:ECOR) issues the following trading update for the period 1 July to 30 September 2023.

Highlights:

- Portfolio contribution of \$5.8 million (Q2 2023: \$14.7 million) as Kestrel operations were mainly outside the Group's private royalty area and there was maintenance at Voisey's Bay.
- Commodity prices underpinning Ecora's royalty portfolio were broadly flat throughout the period with copper averaging \$3.80/lb and alloy grade cobalt averaging \$17.84/lb.
- The majority of Q3 saleable production at Kestrel was, as expected, outside the Group's royalty land with c. 60,000 tonnes from within the Group's royalty area. Production is expected to move back inside the Group's royalty area towards the end of Q4 driving a material increase in volume in H1 2024.
- A maintenance period at the Long Harbour refinery restricted deliveries under the Voisey's Bay cobalt stream to 14 tonnes during the period (one 20 tonne delivery of which 70% is attributable to the Group), realising an average sales price of approximately \$15/lb. Three deliveries are scheduled for Q4 which would result in 10-11 deliveries for FY 2023, in line with guidance, before an anticipated ramp up in 2024.
- Capstone Copper announced on 2 August that it expects Mantos Blancos to deliver higher throughput rates in the second half of 2023 and to be fully ramped up to capacity of ~20,000 tonnes per day at year end.
- Ecora and Orovalle reached an agreement relating to the royalty over the EVBC mine whereby Orovalle has agreed to pay the outstanding royalty amounts for Q3 2022 and Q4 2022 totalling \$1.5m in full, before applying a new ratchet structure linked to the gold price from 1 January 2023, that will see the applicable royalty increase from a minimum 0.5% where the gold price is <\$1,800/oz up to 3.0% where the gold price is <\$2,500/oz¹.
- In August the Group completed the acquisition of a 0.25% NSR royalty over the Vizcachitas copper project in Chile, one of the largest undeveloped copper projects in the world, giving the Group a copper growth pipeline extending well into the next decade.
- The Group expects a number of key growth milestones to be achieved in its near-term development portfolio including progress on construction of West Musgrave, construction financing options for the Piauí nickel project and feasibility studies in relation to the Santo Domingo project.
- Net debt of \$68 million as at 30 September 2023, excluding a \$9.2 million payment to South32 in early October. The final \$9.2 million deferred consideration instalment to South32 will be paid in January 2024.

¹EVBC was previously a 2.5% NSR royalty which increased to 3.0% when the gold price exceeded \$1,100 per ounce

Portfolio contribution	Q3 2023		Q2 2023 9M 2023	
	\$m	QoQ	\$m	\$m
Core portfolio				
Voisey's Bay (cobalt)	0.5	(66%)	1.5	3.5
Mantos Blancos (copper)	1.4	(7%)	1.5	4.7
Maracás Menchen (vanadium)	0.7			

(13%)

Four Mile (uranium)	0.2	-	0.2	0.8
Other (copper)	0.2	100%	0.1	0.4
Royalty and stream income	3.0	(27%)	4.1	11.8
Dividends - LIORC & Flowstream	0.8	33%	0.6	1.8
Interest - McClean Lake	0.4	(20%)	0.5	1.4
Royalty and stream related revenue	4.2	(19%)	5.2	15.0
EVBC ⁽¹⁾ (2)	0.2	-	0.2	0.6
Principal repayment - McClean Lake	0.5	(17%)	0.6	1.8
Less:				
Metal streams cost of sales	(0.1)	(75%)	(0.4)	(0.8)
Total portfolio contribution from core assets	4.8	(14%)	5.6	16.6
Near term run-off portfolio				
Kestrel (steel making coal)	1.0	(89%)	9.1	32.8
Total near term run-off portfolio	1.0	(89%)	9.1	32.8
Total portfolio contribution	5.8	(61%)	14.7	49.4

1. Under IFRS 9, the royalties received from EVBC are reflected in the fair value movement of the underlying royalty rather than recorded as royalty income.
2. The previous estimate of \$1.2 million for HY 2023 has been reduced to reflect the revised royalty rate resulting in total royalties for HY 2023 of \$0.4 million

Marc Bishop Lafleche, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented:

"The third quarter was very much in line with our expectations and reflective of the transition phase of the portfolio. We can expect to see income volatility as mining at Kestrel moves in and out of the private royalty area, and our latest information would suggest the next material volumes are due to come in Q1 24. Steelmaking coal has been one of the stand out commodity performers in FY 23 and should prices remain elevated this would boost earnings in FY 24. We hope to see some positive news flow from our other portfolio assets during the remainder of the year.

"The Group remains strongly focussed on growth, both organically and through new royalty acquisitions and we were delighted to add a royalty over the Vizcachitas project to our leading copper royalty growth portfolio which complements the growth we expect in the coming years from both nickel and cobalt."

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About Ecora Resources

Ecora Resources is a leading royalty company focused on supporting the supply of commodities essential to creating a sustainable future.

Our vision is to be globally recognised as the royalty company of choice synonymous with commodities that support a sustainable future by continuing to grow and diversify our royalty portfolio in line with our strategy. We will achieve this through building a diversified portfolio of scale over high quality assets that drives low volatility earnings growth and shareholder returns.

The mining sector has an essential role to play in the energy transition, with commodities such as copper, nickel and cobalt - key materials for manufacturing batteries and electric vehicles. Copper also plays a critical role in our electricity grids. All these commodities are mined and there are not enough mines in operation today to supply the volume required to achieve the energy transition.

Our strategy is to acquire royalties and streams over low-cost operations and projects with strong management teams, in well-established mining jurisdictions. Our portfolio has been reweighted to provide material exposure to this commodity basket and we have successfully transitioned from a coal orientated royalty business in 2014 to one that by 2026 will be materially coal free and comprised of over 90% exposure to commodities that support a sustainable future. The fundamental demand outlook for these commodities over the next decade is very strong, which should significantly increase the value of our royalty portfolio.

Ecora's shares are listed on the London and Toronto Stock Exchanges (ECOR) and trade on the OTCQX Best Market (OTCQX: ECRAF).

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