



**BASS METALS LTD**

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Dear Sir

## **QUE RIVER TRIAL MINING UPDATE**

I am writing to provide a summary update on the Que River trial mining programme which commenced in February.

### *Mining*

The mining phase was completed by Bass Metal's alliance partner, Mancala Mining on time and budget with a crushed ore parcel of approximately **2,000 tonnes at 15.5% Zinc, 8.9% lead, 109 g/t silver and 3.0 g/t gold delivered to the Hellyer Mill.**

### *Processing*

Que River ore has been blended into Intec Ltd's Hellyer Mill on an intermittent basis since last week. **Metallurgically the response in the plant has been very positive in terms of expected metal recoveries and contributions to the grade of the final zinc-lead concentrate.**

Despite some initial problems in feeding the Que River into the plant, these appear to be overcome and all Parties are confident of a successful trial processing outcome.

Bass Metals has all of the statutory approvals required to commence the Stage 1 Mine Plan at Que River. The Trial programme will take several more weeks to complete but on the basis of these initial processing responses in the Hellyer Mill the Company is already taking the necessary steps to ensure a fast transition from the trial phase to the full-scale mine development phase.

Metal prices remain above our base-case model released previously and with lead breaching the US\$2,000/t level for the first time and zinc recently making further gains to US\$3,500/t it is a very exciting time to bring a new high grade base metal mine such as Que River into production. I look forward to providing further updates on the Que River mine development in the near future.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Rosenstreich  
*Managing Director*