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Dear Sir

### FURTHER HIGH GRADE DRILL RESULTS FROM QUE RIVER

Resource Finance & Investments Limited (*soon to be known as Bass Metals Ltd*) is pleased to provide the results from a further 2 drill holes into the southern portion of **S-Lens** Mineral Resource at the Company's 100%-owned Que River project in Tasmania.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Two intercepts in the second hole at Que River (QRD1224): 4.7 metres at 1.7% copper, 3.6% zinc, 33 g/t (1.0 oz./t) silver plus an additional 4.4 metre intercept at 12.5% zinc, 3.3% lead and 57 g/t silver.**
- **6.5 metres at 3.4% copper, 67 g/t (2.0 oz./t) silver from 73 metres down hole in the third Que River hole (QRD1225).**
- **These results confirm and potentially extend the S-lens resource to the south and enhance the grade.**
- **With drilling planned to continue at both at Mt Charter and Que River early next year, the Company is well poised to meet its objectives of delineating a mining inventory at Que River for early production and establishing its first mineral resource estimate at Mt Charter.**

### QUE RIVER, S-LENS Cu-Ag-Zn MINERAL RESOURCE

The S-lens massive sulphide lens, part of RFI's Que River project, is located 3km south of the Hellyer treatment plant and approximately 4km north of the Company's advanced Mt Charter gold-silver Project.

The Directors are pleased to announce the results of two further infill drill holes in the southern portion of the S-Lens JORC Mineral Resource summarised in Table 1 below. Diamond drill hole QRD1224 intersected **4.7 metres at 1.7% copper, 34 g/t silver** from 97.7 metres and **4.4 metres at 12.5% zinc, 3.3% lead and 57g/t silver** from 108.7 metres downhole. The distinct copper and zinc rich portions occur within a broader 16.4 metre long massive sulphide intercept grading 0.8% copper, 3.6% zinc and 33 g/t silver. Figure 1 is a longitudinal projection illustrating the drill hole intercept positions and the **horizontal widths** of mineralisation. The QRD1224 intercepts occurs approximately 90 metres vertically from surface and enhance the grade and width of mineralisation in this portion of the Inferred Mineral Resource (as currently estimated) given that the nearest intercept (QR045), which lies approximately 20 metres above and 30 metres to the north of QRD1224, grades 2.0% copper over 3 metres horizontal width.

The third drill hole in RFI's S-lens programme, QRD1225 intersected **6.5 metres at 3.4% copper and 67 g/t silver** from 72.8 metres downhole. This hole tests the southern Mineral Resource boundary – and these results extend the mineralisation at shallow levels further south at similar grades but at a greater width than QRD1223.

(3.2 metres compared to 2.0 metres horizontal width), which lies 40 metres above and 20 metres to the north of this intercept

**Table 1 - Summary of Assay Results – Diamond Drillhole QRD1224 & QRD1225**

From (m)	To (m)	Downhole Interval (m)	Horizontal Width (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)
<b>QRD1224</b>								
97.7	102.4	4.7	3.4	1.7	.2	34.4	0.2	.2
108.7	113.1	4.4	3.2	0.7	12.5	56.8	.2	3.3
<i>Within a zone comprising</i>								
97.7	113.1	16.4	11.8	0.8	3.6	33	0.2	1.0
<b>QRD1225</b>								
72.8	79.3	6.5	3.2	3.4	0.6	67	0.4	0.1

*Interval selection was broadly based on lower assay cuts of 0.5% for Cu and 1.0% for Zn and Pb and is designed to provide a guide to the width and tenor of the mineralised system. The Company has a QA/QC procedure for all assaying runs that is consistent with standard industry practice and will be reported with a full summary of drill results on completion of each programme. All sample preparation and analyses were carried out on half core samples by Ammtech Laboratories at its Burnie research laboratory. Gold and silver were analysed by fire assay using a 50g charge with base metals assayed using a triple acid digest and AAS finish.*

The first-pass infill drilling of the S-Lens resource envelope is complete, and extensional drill testing of a potential south plunging copper rich shoot has commenced. The current drilling status is summarised in Table 2 below, with assay results pending for hole QRD1226.

**Table 2: S-Lens First Pass Diamond Drilling Programme**

Hole	Number	Grid Nth	Grid East	Hole Dip	Target Depth	Planned hole depth	Progress/results
1	QRD 1223	7350	5260	-45	40	80	Complete/received
2	QRD 1224	7325	5240	-60	115	143.5	Complete/received
3	QRD1225	7325	5240	-43	75	98	Complete/received
4	QRD1226	7250	5225	-65	140	173.3	Complete/Pending
5	QRD1227	7250	5221	-71	190	250	In Progress
6	P6	7300	5220	-66	170	200	
7	P7	7525	5278	-68	70	90	
8	P8	7525	5278	-55	130	160	

## COMMENTARY

The Company regards the Que River S-Lens as a potential early cash flow opportunity based on a shallow, easily accessible Cu-Zn-Ag resource on a granted mining lease in close proximity to transport and processing infrastructure. RFI has access to the Hellyer concentrator facility that lies just 3 km from Que River. Initial drill results support that contention to date. The Company has also commenced examination of other mineralised zones in close proximity to the historic Que River mining infrastructure. The Directors consider that the opportunity to add to the current resource through extensional type drilling around the other more substantial massive sulphide lenses at Que River is very real. RFI aims to commence a scoping study to examine mining and treatment options for Que river resources at the earliest practical opportunity in 2006.

The Company is very pleased with the initial round of results for the first three drill holes at Que River S-lens and the first two holes at Mt Charter (*MCD020 52.5m at 2.6 g/t Au (equivalent) from 1.7 metres and 80 metres at 2.6 g/t Au (equivalent) in MCD021 reported to ASX on 15 December*), which confirm the mineralisation models being targeted, namely;

- Mt Charter – substantial, shallow, low to moderate grade gold-silver mineralisation with the potential for a >1.0 million ounce gold deposit.
- S-Lens – part of a broader Que River evaluation looking at shallow, high grade mineralisation amenable to straightforward mining and processing techniques to provide the Company early cash flow.

In the New Year drilling will continue at Que River to further evaluate S-lens and to test other unmined massive zinc-lead-silver-gold lenses such as the **Nico Lens** approximately 500 meters to the north west of S-Lens.

In summary the Directors are very pleased to have delivered such an outstanding set of drill results to shareholders within just 2 months of listing on the ASX. They appreciate the contribution of all those involved in achieving this marvellous outcome and look forward to providing further updates in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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The information within this report that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Mike Rosenstreich who is a full time employee of the Company and Mr Steve Richardson who provides geological services to the Company on a 50% basis. Both are Members of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and have sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity currently being undertaken to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and both consent to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this report.

**Figure 1: Que River, S-Lens Long Section showing recent drill results and current RFI drill programme.**

