

EXPERIENCED TEAM LAUNCHES \$3.5M IPO FOR TASMANIAN-FOCUSED MINERALS GROUP, RFI

DON BOYER-CHAIRING GROUP TO REVITALISE EXPLORATION IN TASMANIA'S MT READ VOLCANICS BELT

A group of Australia's most experienced mining industry executives, including successful mining entrepreneur Don Boyer and ex-Rothschild Australia resource finance operative Mike Rosenstreich, are launching a new mineral exploration company focusing on the revitalisation of Tasmania's mineral-rich Mt Read Volcanics (MRV) belt. The company has in place significant alliances with leading base metals producer, Zinifex Limited, and TSX-V-listed mineral exploration specialist, Geoinformatics Exploration Inc.

Resource Finance & Investments Limited ("RFI") today announced a \$3.5 million Initial Public Offering (IPO) ahead of a planned October listing on the Australian Stock Exchange. The Offer invites new investors to subscribe for up to **17,500,000 shares at 20 cents** each to raise up to **\$3.5 million**, with **one attaching option for every four shares subscribed for** and a minimum subscription level of \$3.0 million.

RFI's management team brings together a strong blend of technical, corporate and commercial skills. Joining Mr Boyer and Mr Rosenstreich on the Board is non-executive director, Mr Craig McGown, who is executive chairman of Perth's oldest brokerage house, DJ Carmichael & Co. Mr McGown has more than 25 years experience in corporate finance, covering mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings, IPO's and corporate restructurings. The Company's other non-executive director, Mr Kieran Rogers, is a Mining Engineer with extensive corporate finance experience. He is also the Chief Financial Officer and Business Development Manager of Intec Ltd, RFI's largest shareholder.

RFI has assembled a commanding land position in north-west Tasmania, an area which hosts a number of large-scale base metal and gold deposits – including Henty, Hellyer, Rosebery, Hercules, Mt Lyell and Que River – and has negotiated strategic alliances with a number of partners, including Zinifex, giving investors a very well structured exposure to one of the world's most highly mineralised provinces.

Managing Director, Mr Mike Rosenstreich, said the MRV belt had been dominated by a few major mining houses for the past 30 to 40 years but was now attracting considerable interest from a broader range of companies as a very attractive and highly prospective exploration target.

"Tasmania was recently rated first in the world for mineral potential ahead of other global geological hot spots such as Alaska and Nevada by the noted independent survey group, The Fraser Institute (February 2005), but RFI has run ahead of the pack by securing the largest tenement position in the MRV," Mr Rosenstreich said.

RFI has assembled six main project areas, including the advanced Hellyer Project acquired from Intec earlier this year for a consideration of 8 million RFI shares and 2 million options. Hellyer has 10 exploration targets already identified, including the S-Lens copper-zinc-silver Mineral Resource at Que River, the Mt Charter gold deposit and a number of other targets prospective for Hellyer and Que River-style high grade zinc-lead-silver gold deposits, that will be rapidly advanced to the drill testing stage.

A drilling rig has already been secured, enabling RFI to commence work on the advanced Hellyer Project immediately following its scheduled ASX listing.

An exploration alliance covering the Hellyer leases was recently completed by RFI with mining industry major, Zinifex, which operates the Rosebery underground zinc, lead, silver, gold and copper mine in Tasmania and a zinc smelter at Hobart.

As part of the alliance, Zinifex will contribute \$1 million towards a total \$2 million exploration budget to be managed by RFI over the two year alliance period, after which Zinifex may elect to earn 70% equity in up to 3 discrete special project areas it selects by providing funding through to the completion of a bankable feasibility study. The potential special project areas exclude the S-Lens and Mt Charter areas which are 100% owned by RFI.

RFI has also negotiated an equity sharing alliance with Geoinformatics, a TSX-V listed mineral exploration company which provides target generation and advanced exploration technologies on a risk and equity sharing basis to several global mining and exploration companies.

“Nick Archibald and his team at Geoinformatics are proven ore finders – they have 24 highly qualified geoscientists and technical support staff working with us, at cost, on a fixed price basis. If we are successful, the rewards will be shared with Geoinformatics receiving equity in RFI as well as the 25% interest they hold in 9 of our regional tenements,” Mr Rosenstreich said.

“This alliance is a very important part of our structure giving us the technical horsepower of a major, while retaining the innovation and flexibility of a junior,” he added. “It will enable RFI to short-circuit the data digestion stage that typically confronts junior explorers taking on large-scale projects and maintain a steady flow of targets for testing.

“We have adopted a *stepping stones to growth* strategy, with the S-Lens Mineral Resource representing the first step as a potential early cash flow opportunity, followed by feasibility study work on the Mt Charter deposit and assessment of our other regional targets. Our strategy and production opportunities are underpinned by the priority access negotiated to Intec’s modern processing facility located at Hellyer. The plant is just 3 kilometres from S-Lens and will allow us to focus on near-term revenue opportunities with the ability to generate revenue to fund larger, potentially company-making projects in the longer term. We already have the assets in place to form those stepping stones.”

RFI’s offer is sponsored by DJ Carmichael. Shares will only be available by completing the application form attached to the prospectus for the issue and no investor should base any investment decision on any other content other than that which will be contained in the prospectus. A copy of the RFI prospectus is available by contacting RFI on the numbers below or at www.rfilimited.com.

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