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Birla Nifty Underground Sinkhole Investigations Update

Further to the Company's release on 14 May 2014, the Company advises that Phase 1 probe drilling undertaken as part of the investigative activities at the Nifty underground copper mine has been completed.

The results of the Phase 1 probe drilling are currently being collated and analysed to define the exact extent of the sinkhole. After analysing these results, the risks associated with mine development at the upper 12 and 14 levels will be assessed. Subject to the risks and management controls assessed being acceptable and safe to develop, a proposal for partial commencement of mine operations will be assessed and submitted to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) by end May, 2014. However, the Company can provide no certainty that mining in the upper levels will recommence until further investigative works are completed.

As previously advised, based on the preliminary results of Phase 1 probe drilling, the Company has been granted permission by the DMP to proceed uninterrupted into Phase 2 probe drilling. Phase 2 probe drilling involves further probing for the aquifer (which exists between the open pit and underground workings), the sinkhole and potential stope voids above the stope backs covering 16 – 20 levels. Phase 2 probe drilling has commenced and is expected to be completed by mid-July 2014.

Further indications on when the expected date of recommencement of operations in the remaining lower levels is likely to occur, and the extent of other investigative activities, will depend upon the outcome of Phase 2 drilling and subject to DMP lifting the prohibition notice.

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