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Press release

Turquoise Hill provides Oyu Tolgoi production and sales update

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Turquoise Hill Resources today provided an update on the Oyu Tolgoi mine's concentrate production and sales.

Production at the Oyu Tolgoi concentrator continues to ramp up and is currently running at full capacity or approximately 100,000 tonnes of ore processed per day. As of September 18, 2013, the mine has produced 160,000 tonnes of concentrate and shipped approximately 38,000 tonnes to the bonded warehouse in China with 122,000 tonnes held in inventory at Oyu Tolgoi.

Concentrate from Oyu Tolgoi is the first of its kind to be shipped across the Gangquimadou bilateral border between Mongolia and China. Oyu Tolgoi has established the logistics process with Mongolian customs officials enabling concentrate to be delivered to the bonded warehouse in China. Oyu Tolgoi's customers are currently engaged with Chinese customs officials to receive the necessary approvals to enable them to collect purchased concentrate from the warehouse. Turquoise Hill expects that once the necessary approvals are in place, the withdrawal of concentrate from the warehouse by customers will quickly ramp up.

Oyu Tolgoi has begun to receive payments from customers; however, as revenue is recognized when customers withdraw concentrate from the warehouse, to date Oyu Tolgoi has not recorded any revenue.

Production has not been impacted while customers work through the Chinese customs process. Turquoise Hill continues to expect Oyu Tolgoi sales to be aligned with production rates by the end of this year.



About Turquoise Hill Resources

Turquoise Hill Resources (NYSE, NASDAQ & TSX: TRQ) is an international mining company focused on copper, gold and coal mines in the Asia Pacific region. The company's primary operation is its 66% interest in the Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold-silver mine in southern Mongolia. Other assets include a 58% interest in Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); and a 56% interest in copper-gold miner Inova Resources (ASX, TSX: IVA), formerly Ivanhoe Australia; and a 50% interest in Altynalmas Gold, a private company developing the Kyzyl Gold Project in Kazakhstan, which is in the process of being sold.

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and the timing of those permits; the availability of funding on reasonable terms; the timing and availability of a coal-fired power plant for Oyu Tolgoi mine; projected copper and gold prices and demand; anticipated yearly production of copper and gold at the Oyu Tolgoi mine; and the development and concentrator nameplate capacity of the project's second phase of development expansion and associated costs.

All such forward-looking information and statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Turquoise Hill's management in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors management believes are appropriate in the circumstances. These statements, however, are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information or statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include those described under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" elsewhere in the Company's MD&A. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information or statements.

The MD&A also contains references to estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources. The estimation of reserves and resources is inherently uncertain and involves subjective judgments about many relevant factors. The accuracy of any such estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation, which may prove to be unreliable. There can be no assurance that these estimates will be accurate or that such mineral reserves and mineral resources can be mined or processed profitably. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. See the discussion under the headings "Language Regarding Reserves and Resources" and "Note to United States Investors Concerning Estimates of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources" elsewhere in the Company's MD&A. Except as required by law, Turquoise Hill does not assume the obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements and forward-looking information after the date of this document or to revise them to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.