

ASX Announcement

## Chalice Advances Discussions on ENAMCO's Acquisition of 30% of the Zara Project



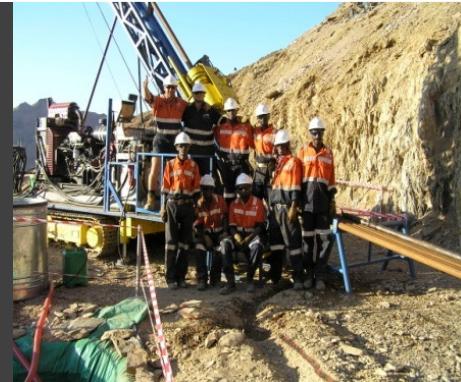
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### Highlights:

- Chalice continues to progress commercial discussions with ENAMCO to agree the terms and purchase price for the acquisition of their 30% paid participating interest in the Zara Project
- The project permitting process, including negotiation of the Mining Agreement, is also proceeding as expected



Chalice Gold Mines (ASX: **CHN**)(TSX: **CXN**) is pleased to report that commercial discussions with ENAMCO (the Eritrean National Mining Corporation) to agree the purchase price for their 30% paid participating interest in the Zara Project are proceeding satisfactorily.

Both Chalice and ENAMCO are hopeful that an agreement on the fair value of the interest can be mutually agreed between the parties. If the parties cannot agree, then an independent valuation will be undertaken.

If, as Chalice currently expects, ENAMCO agrees to pay for their paid participating interest shortly after grant of the Mining Licence, the funding task for Chalice to develop the Koka Gold Deposit will be substantially reduced.

The amount of funding that Chalice may need to source externally will be further reduced by ENAMCO's progressive contribution to development costs (which will be funded 33.33% by ENAMCO and 66.66% by Chalice).

The project permitting process is also proceeding as expected. Chalice is currently negotiating the terms of the Mining Agreement, which, along with the Mining Licence and the Eritrean Mining Proclamation, will govern all of the rights and obligations of the Eritrean operating company relating to the development and operation of the Zara Project.

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DR DOUG JONES  
Managing Director

### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

High grade Indicated gold Resource (840,000 oz @ 5.3 g/t gold)

#### Mine permitting underway:

- Low cash costs of \$338/oz
- 7 year mine life at >100,000 oz average production per year

Large unexplored ground position in the Arabian Nubian Shield

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## **About the Zara Gold Project**

The Zara Project comprises six Exploration Licences covering an area of 615km<sup>2</sup> situated in northern Eritrea, approximately 160km northwest of Asmara city. Chalice currently holds a 100% interest in the project subject to the Eritrean Governments right to acquire a further 30%, at a fair value, in addition to their 10% carried interest.

The Koka Gold Deposit within the project contains a Probable Reserve of 4.6 million tonnes of ore grading 5.1 grams of gold per tonne and containing 760,000 ozs of gold. This is contained within an Indicated Resource of 5.0 million tonnes grading 5.3 grams of gold per tonne containing 840,000 ozs of gold.

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#### **Competent Persons and Qualified Person Statement**

The Mineral Resource estimate was prepared by Mr. John Tyrrell who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Tyrrell is a full time employee of AMC and has sufficient experience in gold resource estimation to act as Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code)' and is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 – 'Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects'. Mr Tyrrell consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this statement of Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr David Lee who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full time employee of AMC. Mr Lee has sufficient relevant experience to be a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code and is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 – 'Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects'. Mr Lee consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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