



## **RVR 2017 Annual General Meeting**

### **Chairman's Address**

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

I am very pleased to be chairing Red River Resources' Annual General Meeting for the year 2017. This has truly been a transformational year for Red River, culminating with the restart of the Thalanga Zinc Mine, and the production of copper, lead and zinc concentrates all commencing just after the end of the financial year. To bring Thalanga into production, on schedule and under budget is a great credit to the senior management of the Company, the site management team and all of our employees and contractors.

Red River raised some \$39 million in capital during this period; with an \$8.9 million placement being successfully completed in September 2016 and a subsequent two tranche \$30 million placement being successfully completed in December 2016 and January 2017. The completion of the placement allowed Red River to commence the restart of Thalanga in January 2017, complete the final deferred cash acquisition payment, leaving Red River with clear title to 100% of the now unencumbered operation and was central to ensuring that Red River remained debt free.

The refurbishment and development activities in the mine and in the mill commenced immediately in January 2017, with the target of restarting production in the second half of the year. Red River completed the hiring of a site senior management team an operational workforce and also awarded the West 45 underground mining contract to PYBAR Mining Services. West 45 mining activities commenced at the beginning of April and the first development ore was delivered to the Thalanga ROM (Run of Mine) pad ready for processing at the end of April.

Approximately 70% of the outstanding tasks to finish the refurbishment of the mill and infrastructure had been completed by the end of June and the plant was on schedule to commence commissioning activities in the third quarter.

A three-year copper concentrate offtake agreement was signed with Glencore in June and in August a fixed tonnage three year zinc and lead concentrate offtake agreement was signed with Trafigura. Trafigura also agreed to make available a US\$10m facility to assist, if required, with the cost of operation and general working capital expenses.

In addition to this, Red River continued an aggressive exploration program seeking to increase resources at our known deposits and also to find the next generation of base metal deposits within the highly prospective Mt Windsor Belt.

As a part of Red River's ongoing strategy to discover additional ore for the Thalanga mill, the company commenced a large scale induced polarisation (IP) survey over the Liontown VMS horizon from Liontown to east of Waterloo. The first phase of the survey incorporated more than fifty-two line kilometres of data collection across 7km of geological strike. The survey stands out as the first intensive application of high energy (50kva transmitter) IP across this part of the Mt Windsor Belt, unlocking multiple new mineral systems and horizons.

In addition to this Red River completed 57 drill holes across a number of projects totalling in excess of 18,000m. The majority (70%) of drilling was undertaken at our Far West Mine, where a successful program of infill and resource extension drilling was completed during the period.

The exploration highlight of the financial year was the Liontown East discovery, where 7 drill holes were completed targeting a coincident geochemical and geophysical anomaly, approximately 1.2km east of the Liontown Mineral Resource. The first drill hole (LTED01) was completed at 576m downhole and intersected multiple thick zones of massive and semi massive sulphide mineralisation.

This was a fantastic result, and follow up drilling at the Liontown East target intersected similar grades and widths of mineralisation. Our aggressive exploration program will continue during 2018 and I look forward to being able to report on the continued success of the program.

Importantly as well for our shareholders, Red River achieved a healthy 87.5% growth in its share price over the financial year, we have remained debt free, all assets remain unencumbered, at the end of September we announced a strong cash balance of \$15.6 million dollars and we have subsequently announced first production and also first cash payments for concentrate.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all that have contributed to the success of Red River over the past year – our employees, our contractors, suppliers and shareholders. I would also like to acknowledge the support we have receive from the local and regional communities in the Charters Towers area. Everyone working together has been key to us succeeding in restarting production at the Thalanga.

Red River now enters into 2018 on the cusp of completing the transformation into the sole ASX listed pure play zinc producer and with zinc price surging at a 10 year high, 2018 promises to be an exciting year for us all.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mel will be providing an overview of the presentation delivered on Tuesday 14 November 2017 to the Melbourne Mining Club – Cutting Edge.

Thank you

**Brett Fletcher**  
**Non-Executive Chairman**  
**Red River Resources Limited**