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The Manager
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Via Electronic Lodgement

Dear Sir/Madam

TERMINATION OF COPERNICUS JOINT VENTURE

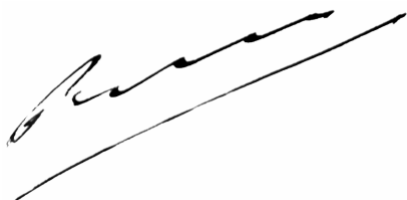
We wish to advise that in respect of the Heads of Agreement for Copernicus – Salk Joint Venture dated 7 July 2003 (“**Heads of Agreement**”) between Thundelarra Exploration Limited (“**Thundelarra**”) and Sally Malay Exploration Pty Ltd (“**SMY**”) on 15 April 2005 Thundelarra advised SMY that:

1. in the Board’s view SMY has not delivered a Feasibility Study for the purposes of the Heads of Agreement;
2. accordingly, SMY has not earned a 60% joint venture interest in the Copernicus project in accordance with the requirements of the Heads of Agreement; and
3. the joint venture contemplated by the Heads of Agreement has not been formed.

Thundelarra commenced diamond drilling at the Copernicus project on the 17 April 2005 using a multi-purpose drill rig. The initial holes are targeting the strong off-hole electromagnetic anomalies detected in the Copernicus North prospect and the broad zones of nickel-copper sulphide mineralization intersected at the blind Salk North discovery. In due course three diamond holes will also be drilled into the Copernicus Deeps target once all existing data is assessed and a rig capable of drilling the 500-600m deep holes is contracted (see attached geological long section).

The Copernicus tenement has the potential to host a significant sulphide resource of the Voisey's Bay-Sally Malay style and Thundelarra will focus much of its exploration effort on this project over the coming months.

Yours sincerely
THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip G Crabb', written over a thin horizontal line.

Philip G Crabb
CHAIRMAN

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103400 mE

103000 mE

102600 mE

300 mRL

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-200 mRL

E80/2716 (Thundelarra - LionOre JV)

MLA80/540 (Thundelarra - Sally Malay JV)

Hangingwall

Copernicus North Prospect

Oxide

Copernicus Open Pit Indicated Resource
359,000t @ 1.3%Ni, 0.7% Cu, 0.05% Co

Footwall

Copernicus Project

Geological Long Section showing existing Copernicus North Drill Holes and Proposed Holes

CORC040
2m @ 1.10%Ni, 0.98% Cu

CORC051
14m @ 1.45%Ni, 1.16% Cu

CORC035
3m @ 2.75%Ni, 1.36% Cu

CORC039
12m @ 1.63%Ni, 0.96% Cu

CORC043
intersected pyroxenite dyke

CORC052
7m @ 0.96%Ni, 0.62% Cu

TARGET ZONE

103250mN
Exploration Drill Traverse

103350mN
Exploration Drill Traverse

- Ni-Cu sulphide mineralisation
- Existing mineralised drill hole showing DHTEM direction to greater conductance

- Existing barren drill hole showing DHTEM direction to off hole anomaly
- Proposed down plunge exploration drill hole

100m