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STRAITS RESOURCES LIMITED (ASX: SRQ)

DEMERGER OF STRAITS TO CREATE SEPARATE GOLD AND COPPER BUSINESSES

Straits Resources Limited (ASX: SRQ) is pleased to advised that the Board has approved a proposal to give effect to a demerger of Straits' gold assets, with the aim of creating independent, ASX-Listed gold and copper entities (Demerger).

The Board's approval follows a strategic review of Straits' assets with the Board favouring the Demerger as an effective means to unlock value in both Straits' copper and gold producing assets.

It is currently proposed that shares in a newly created gold entity would be returned to shareholders as an in specie capital return, as part of the Demerger.

With the Board's approval, Straits will now commence the process of separation of the gold and copper assets, which will be subject to a number of external approvals, including Straits shareholder approval.

Full details of the Demerger, including the value of the gold assets to be returned to shareholders, will be determined over the coming weeks.

Managing Director of Straits Resources, Andre Labuschagne said: "This decision is a significant step forward in our plan to unlock the potential value opportunity within both the gold and copper businesses. There is still further work to be undertaken to stabilise the performance of both mines however I am excited by the exploration potential around these mines and the opportunities this may provide to extend mine lives or increase production."

Straits will keep shareholders informed as to the progress of the Demerger.

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