

## **20 November 2019**

# 2019 AGM CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Fellow shareholders, welcome to this, the 18th Annual General Meeting of Panoramic Resources Limited ("Panoramic").

It has been a year of change for your business and, in some areas, unfortunately we have not reached the initial targets set when the decision was made to restart the Savannah Project.

The time required to refurbish the original Savannah mine, mobile equipment, the processing plant and infrastructure and the time to access the Savannah North orebody, were all underestimated, as has been the availability of experienced operating, trade and professional staff.

Costs have been higher than anticipated which has been exacerbated by the need to employ additional contractors on site and will require the Company to source additional funding in the nearterm. We still have contractor support at Savannah assisting with operations and training, but pleasingly our targeted permanent workforce level is close to being reached.

As a consequence of these setbacks, the Board believes there is the need to raise additional funds to maintain an appropriate working capital position and provide enhanced financial flexibility. Further updates will be provided to shareholders as the assessment of funding options progresses.

The challenges we have experienced in the past 12 months should not, however, cause us to lose sight of the value and strategic nature of the Savannah North orebody and the Savannah Project.

As of this week, the upper section of Savannah North orebody has been reached, so we will now have access to higher grade ore to supplement the remnant ore from the old Savannah mine.

After earlier technical difficulties, the important main ventilation shaft is now more than 50% completed, with another 420 metres to completion. Fresh air will be delivered via this raise to facilitate full scale mining activities in Savannah North from the June 2020 quarter.

The commencement of mining in the Savannah North orebody is the turning point for the mine and the Company. At full production, we have already defined an eight year operating life, but with the nickel-copper-cobalt Resource open in multiple directions, we have confidence that the current mine life can be extended significantly.

Earlier this month, after more than 18 years, Peter Harold's term as Managing Director ended. Development of the Savannah nickel mine, acquisition of the Lanfranchi nickel mine and the Gum Creek gold project were highlights of Peter's time with the Company.

#### **Directors**

#### **BRIAN PHILLIPS**

Non-Executive Chairman

#### VICTOR RAJASOORIAR

Managing Director & CEO

#### **PETER SULLIVAN**

Non-Executive Director

#### NICHOLAS CERNOTTA

Non-Executive Director

#### **REBECCA HAYWARD**

Non-Executive Director

#### **GILLIAN SWABY**

Non-Executive Director

#### TREVOR ETON

CFO / Company Secretary





Victor Rajasooriar commenced as the new Managing Director just nine days ago and brings a valuable depth of experience in underground mining and operations management. Victor is now overseeing an operational review of Savannah which is aimed at stabilising the short-term outlook, including an updated production guidance for FY2020, as well as establishing a foundation to deliver the full potential of Savannah North.

Gillian Swaby was recently welcomed to the Board as a non-executive director. She adds deep experience in corporate finance and governance and is standing for election today.

At the end of today's meeting, Peter Sullivan will become Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. Peter is Non-Executive Chairman of Panoramic's major shareholder, Zeta Resources, which has consistently supported the Company, particularly during the period when Savannah was on care and maintenance and through the funding of the development of Savannah North. As I will not be standing for re-election, this is my last formal involvement with the Company.

I should also note the appointment of Nick Cernotta as Lead Independent Non-Executive Director earlier this month who, alongside fellow Non-Executive Directors Rebecca Hayward and Gillian Swaby, ensures that the majority of the Panoramic Board is independent.

The changes and refreshment of management and leadership ensure that the Company is now well placed to capitalise on the opportunity we have at Savannah North and face any future challenges.

I will now turn to the unsolicited, highly conditional takeover offer ("Offer") the Company received earlier this month from Independence Group NL. The Board has advised shareholders to take no action in relation to the Offer and appointed financial and legal advisors to support the Company with its response.

The Offer is not yet open and Panoramic shareholders should feel no pressure to make a decision at this stage – and I reiterate our advice to take **No Action** in relation to the Offer. The Board is committed to acting in the best interests of all Panoramic shareholders and it will provide a formal recommendation when the Target's Statement is released early next month.

In concluding, I think Panoramic shareholders can be confident that, despite our recent setbacks, your company has a bright future. The imminent production of ore from Savannah North is one of the most important milestones in Panoramic's history and the established infrastructure and capital already invested in the operation will underpin its future.

Savannah North provides attractive leverage to a nickel market which we believe is on the cusp of a structural upward shift in demand from the battery material thematic. Your Board and Management team is energised and committed to take the business forward for the benefit of all shareholders.

I wish Panoramic's people and shareholders the best of fortunes with their Company in the future.

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## **About the Company**

Panoramic Resources Limited (**ASX code: PAN**) (ABN: 47 095 792 288) is a Western Australian mining company formed in 2001 for the purpose of developing the Savannah Nickel Project in the East Kimberley. Panoramic successfully commissioned the \$65 million Savannah Project in late 2004 and then in 2005 purchased and restarted the Lanfranchi Nickel Project, near Kambalda. In FY2014, the Company produced a record 22,256t contained nickel and produced 19,301t contained nickel in FY2015. The Lanfranchi and Savannah Projects were placed on care and maintenance in November 2015 and May 2016 respectively pending a sustained recovery in the nickel price.

After delivering an Updated Feasibility Study on the Savannah Project in October 2017, securing an offtake customer and putting in place project financing in July 2018, the Company made the decision to restart operations at Savannah with first concentrate shipped from Wyndham on 13 February 2019. The Lanfranchi Project was sold in December 2018 for a total cash consideration of \$15.1 million, providing additional financial support for the re-commissioning of the Savannah Project.

Apart from the nickel, copper and cobalt inventory at Savannah, the Company has a diversified resource base including platinum group metals (PGM) and gold. The PGM Division consists of the Panton Project, located 60km south of the Savannah Project and the Thunder Bay North Project in Northern Ontario, Canada, which is in the process of being sold to Benton Resources for C\$9 million. Following the ASX listing of Horizon Gold Limited (ASX Code: HRN) ("Horizon") in December 2016, the Company's interest in gold is an indirect investment in the Gum Creek Gold Project located near Wiluna through its 51% shareholding in Horizon.

At 30 September 2019, Panoramic had \$20.2 million in available and restricted cash (\$180k). The Company has a \$20 million project financing facility with Macquarie Bank which was restructured in September 2019 (previously a \$40 million facility).

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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