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### NSX – GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### MOUNT ROMMEL MINING LTD

# **1. Glenfine** (MIN application 5492)

To follow on from the announcement of 20 March 2008, Directors advise that the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) formally advised that Mount Rommel (on behalf of itself and others 80/20) had been awarded priority rights. Accordingly the Company was required to publicly advertise the application, location, and intended operations.

This statutory advertisement has been placed in the Ballarat "Courier" newspaper, public notices Saturday 12 April 2008 (page 144).

The public notice is the means by which DPI invite enquiries, correspondence and/or objections in relation to the proposal. Each response which is regarded as an objection is available for public inspection. The period for consideration in this way is 21 days.

Prior to the public notice, Directors met on site with the representative of the landowner, to discuss the intentions there.

Today the Company is including on its web-site a new project segment – Glenfine – which provides some background information as to how quartz tailings came to be present at what otherwise would be a deep-lead mine site.

### 2. Ballarat West (MIN application 5470)

It is reasonable to assume that Parliament, in legislating about who may have rights to gold was not minded to allow on-going monopoly rights over some particular area, more especially if such action were to constrain investigations which might (in return) result in an expansion of the size of that goldfields as known today.

According to the Mines Department of Victoria (1935) the district of Ballarat produced over 20,500,000 ounces of gold, mostly prior to 1908, or 100 years ago.

The 18 richest deep lead alluvial mines of Ballarat were situated in the western part of the City, where the ancient surface (on which the gold lay) has been covered over by two or more basalt flows. The most profitable gold-quartz mines were also developed under these basalts, in the western side of the City.

#### The reality is –

- There has never been (to date) a surface expression to guide prospecting.
- The environment produced a record of several major goldfield revivals, and commercial benefits to Ballarat which extended for decades.

Since there are no outcrops, the location of places to guide future prospecting is reliant on resolutions of "expressions" from geophysical surveys.

Directors and many shareholders want to know why it is that at Ballarat the structure of the earth's crust has resulted in such an extraordinary concentration of gold – over 11 million oz, from an area of 8 km by 5 km. Research and the application of geophysics has suggested some answers. It becomes a question of rights ownership before these new concepts could be tested.

Mount Rommel, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Bonshaw Gold Pty. Ltd., made application MIN 5470 so as to investigate at depth a part of the once-famous Ballarat field not yet known to be ore-bearing. The place has been selected after considerable research, and including applied geophysical research.

Parliament has by legislation stated its intent to encourage development. The commonly held view is that Parliament, in legislating on gold rights, actually acted to inhibit one party acquiring the equivalent of monopoly control over any of the principal goldfields of Victoria.

The Company have no current advice from the administrators, DPI, as to DPI intentions with respect to this application.

## **3. Allendale** (EL 3821)

Following completion of geophysics, and subsequent data assessment, Directors have been made aware of 3 locations where I. P. geophysics generated several distinctive responses. The Company is preparing to percussion drill to assess the reason for anomalism. This phase of probe drilling is expected to be completed by end April 2008.

#### 4. Clunes (MIN 5391)

The meeting at Clunes proceeded as arranged on 9 April, in the evening. Attendance was about 65 persons, perhaps more, including two members DPI staff, and the Councillor Tim Hayes, representing Cameron Ward (Clunes), Shire of Hepburn.

This meeting was very ably chaired by Mr. G. Johnstone, President, the Tourism Development Committee of Clunes. Under his firm supervision, a lively exchange of views continued for perhaps 2 hours. I think those who attended would say a way forward was sketched out, and a "direction" appeared which could be useful to all.

The following day 5 people (generally those residents of Albert Street) met with F. Hunt, to discuss on site the effect of proposals on their own circumstances.

These discussions were quite amicable. There is - from the Company perspective - no reason to anticipate issues arising from undue amounts of truck movements along Albert Street, and reasons for that opinion were given to the 5 residents.

All these discussions provide Directors with knowledge so as to show in say 3 months time how the Company would describe a combined mine and property development with the community of Clunes in mind.

F.L. Hunt Chairman