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Capital Structure:

125 million shares
16.5 million options

Board Members:

Peter Thomas

Chairman

Rick Yeates

Managing Director

Beau Nicholls

Non-Executive Director

Linton Kirk

Non-Executive Director

Dennis Wilkins

Company Secretary

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Deba & Tialkam Permit Extensions Unsuccessful

Middle Island has received written advice from the Minister for Mines in Niger that extension applications lodged in August 2013 for the Deba and Tialkam permits, comprising part of the Sirba gold project, have been unsuccessful.

Middle Island is convinced the applications complied with the governing legislation and, accordingly, should not have been refused.

Middle Island's intention was to complete feasibility programs and studies on the Sefa Nangue and Tialkam South deposits with a view to processing the ore at the proximal Samira Hill gold operation, now 100% owned by SOPAMIN, the Niger State-owned mining agency.

It is widely understood that the longer term future of the Samira Hill Project will likely, and its present value as a sale proposition singularly, depend on access to additional gold resources within Middle Island's surrounding permits.

Significantly, the rejection advice has been received two days after Middle Island was informally advised that the sale of a majority interest in the Samira Hill gold operation is imminent. Given the near 12 month delay in processing the extension applications, the simultaneous rejection of Middle Island's applications and the reactivated sale of a majority interest in the Samira Hill Project appear to be more than mere coincidence.

Middle Island is confident that the Minister's decision is incorrect and not sustainable under the rule of law and, accordingly, has instructed its Paris-based legal team, which has maintained a watching brief for some time, to advise in relation to avenues of appeal, including international arbitration.

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