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DOME GOLD MINES LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 24 NOVEMBER 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed a pleasure to report to you on the great progress made by your company in the past 12 months. Since we listed on the ASX, just over a year ago, Dome has moved strongly to implement its program for growth through successful exploration and development of its Fijian assets. The Fijian Islands, situated as they are within the Pacific Ring of Fire, are well mineralised and are highly prospective for the minerals of interest to Dome. Our results to date endorse that view and we are very pleased with what has been achieved so far.

Of course the dominant milestone passed this year was the successful acquisition of Magma Mines Limited, which brought the Sigatoka ironsand project, on the south coast of Viti Levu, into our hands and put us in a strong position to realise our goal of becoming the leading force in Fijian mining more quickly and with greater impact. Sigatoka has long been recognised as the best ironsand deposit in Fiji, with scope to produce iron ore, as magnetite sand, competitively and at low capital cost. We have identified specific markets for our magnetite product in China and are currently in discussion with potential customers, for whom the titanium and vanadium contained within our iron ore represent attractive potential credits.

We believe that Sigatoka will be a robust project, not only because of the quality of our likely magnetite product but also because we anticipate substantial benefit from by-products. These may include clean sand for land reclamation and possibly a bulk heavy mineral product that could be sold to established mineral processors, refiners and consumers elsewhere in the Pacific. While it is early days yet in terms of test marketing these products, we can see great scope for the combined value of all products from Sigatoka to drive unit production costs down and make Sigatoka a very competitive player in the world iron ore marketplace.

The recently announced maiden JORC resource for Sigatoka is a first step for Dome, with the expectation that the resource will grow significantly, in terms of both size and value, as more drilling is undertaken. We are yet to carry out any drilling on Koroua Island, where we can see attractive material outcropping in natural sand cliffs; drilling there is our next target. Nor have we yet drilled in the offshore part of the deposit, where previous work by other parties has indicated that magnetite grades and sand thicknesses are significantly greater than in the onshore case. In addition to this, initial metallurgical test work has shown that the Sigatoka magnetite concentrate (recovered at 300 gauss) from onshore is quite amendable to upgrading to a high grade iron ore, with over 61% Fe, by mild agitation and attrition. We would expect the offshore product to compare more than favourably with that, as the offshore environment, where current and wave action has already acted upon the sand, effectively replicates naturally the process we have applied in the laboratory.



Ladies and gentlemen, Sigatoka offers significant advantages as an initial mining operation for Dome. It requires no new or special technology to mine and process the ore, it is a relatively simple and uncomplicated project to develop and production can be scaled to match available capital and market penetration. At this time, our plan is to produce 1 million tonnes per annum of magnetite ore, together with an as yet unquantified amount of by-products. We intend to lodge an application for conversion of part of the Sigatoka SPL to a mining lease before the end of this month and expect that lease to be granted within a month or two of lodgement. The remainder of the SPL will be renewed for a further term by early next year.

Even before we acquired Magma and with it the Sigatoka project, Dome was encouraged by early results from our existing ironsand project at the Nasivi/Yaqara deltas, on the north side of Viti Levu. Currently Nasivi/Yaqara is of lower priority than Sigatoka but we see clear potential for the offshore part of that area, in particular, to come on-stream a couple of years after Sigatoka, perhaps doubling our overall iron ore production rate.

Dome has two other projects in Fiji that offer future operations quite distinct in character from ironsand production. I am referring to the Nadrau porphyry copper-gold project, located in the mountains of Viti Levu, and the Ono Island gold project, located in the southern Kadavu Islands group, about 100km south of the main island.

At Nadrau two prospects, Wainivau and Namoli, have emerged from field work in the past year; each has indications of typical copper-gold porphyry mineralisation, like that at the nearby, giant Namosi project of Newcrest. Our geologists have discovered outcropping copper mineralisation associated with quartz veining in porphyry rocks. Their mapping has shown that work by previous explorers, including five drill holes, took place in what we now know to be the outer part of the system, missing the core target area. Follow up at Wainivau and Namoli is scheduled for April next year, after the forthcoming wet season, when a geophysical (IP) survey is planned.

Ono is a small, highly volcanic island on which our geologists have identified two large, connected epithermal gold systems that appear to be similar to those occurring elsewhere around the Pacific Rim. The lateral extent of the Naqara East and Naqara West anomalous areas and the intensity of rock alteration at surface are viewed as strongly encouraging. The host rocks and volcanic structures on Ono appear similar to those at the world class Emperor Gold Mine at Vatukoula, on the main Fijian island of Viti Levu. Unlike Emperor, however, the Ono systems seem to be of high sulphidation type, implying potential for an intrusive porphyry target at depth, in addition to the epithermal gold prospects. Follow up field work next year is likely to include an IP survey, which could detect both a resistive quartz-vein host for gold mineralisation and the presence of disseminated sulphide mineralisation associated with the porphyry model.

In all its activities in Fiji Dome seeks to be an exemplary corporate citizen and to this end I am pleased to report that we have had no OH&S or environmental incidents in the past year and we are delighted to have been able to contribute to our local communities in a material way. At Sigatoka we have constructed a new footbridge onto the northern end of Koroua Island, as well as a vehicular bridge located centrally on the western side of the island at Vunavutu Village. Together these greatly facilitate access to the island for the local people. At Kulukulu, also in the Sigatoka area, we have funded the renovation of the Police Community Post. Similar works are expected to take place in our other areas of operation as the programs there go forward.



Ladies and gentlemen, your Directors believe that Dome has a bright future, based on a simple but sound, well focussed business strategy of developing Sigatoka as first priority and using the cash flow from Sigatoka to fund organic growth at our other projects. Those projects represent a solid asset base, all wholly owned, that provide us with ample opportunity to become the new force in Fijian mining.

Important as those projects are, however, we would be going nowhere were it not for our greatest asset – the people of Dome, both here in Sydney and in Fiji. I would like to extend my thanks to all our staff, our contractors and to my fellow directors, whose hard work and commitment to our goals have delivered the progress we have seen to date and, I am confident, will deliver even more in the future. My sincere thanks go too to the shareholders of Dome, including those far distant in Japan and China, whose commitment to the Company and belief in the future of Dome has translated into material support that has got us this far. With the continuation of your support I believe that we at Dome will deliver great value to you over the next few years, amply rewarding your faith in us.

Thank you

G. G. LOWDER
Chairman