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HDDINGTON GRANTS OPTION TO PURCHASE ITS CLONCURRY COPPER GOLD PORTFOLIO TO NORTH QUEENSLAND MINES PTY LIMITED

Haddington Resources Limited has granted an exclusive option to purchase all of the shares in its wholly owned subsidiary, Haddington Gold Pty Ltd, to private company North Queensland Mines Pty Limited.

Haddington Gold is the holder of a significant portfolio of prospective copper gold properties in the Cloncurry region of north west Queensland.

North Queensland Mines (NQM) has interests in other copper gold properties in the district and proposes to combine their interests with those of Haddington Gold as the basis for an IPO and listing of their shares on the ASX within the first half of calendar 2006.

NQM has paid Haddington \$50,000 for an initial three month exclusive option to purchase the shares in Haddington Gold for a **consideration of \$1.7 million in cash and 4.0 million shares in the IPO**. The option may be extended by Haddington for a further three months by payment of a further \$50,000.

The divesting of its gold interests is consistent with the Haddington's ongoing development strategy which seeks to consolidate the Company's position as a viable independent supplier of tantalite concentrates.

Haddington will focus its efforts on exploration of its extensive portfolio of tantalite areas and the development of its position as an independent tantalite producer through its alliance with Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd and Zinifex Supermetals Pty Ltd.

The Company closed the September quarter with approximately \$6.0 million in cash and has its exploration expenditure for this year funded to \$1.5 million by the Exploration Alliance. The cash consideration of \$1.7 million from the sale of the Cloncurry properties would further bolster the Company's treasury.

This solid cash position would provide a sound footing for expanding the Company's participation in the tantalum industry with its alliance partners.



The issue of 4.0 million shares in the NQM's IPO will allow Haddington to maintain an interest in the potential of the Cloncurry properties.

Haddington has the largest portfolio of tantalite specific exploration areas in Australia and has developed a knowledge base and expertise that it believes will enable it to capitalise on projected growth in the tantalum market. Its alliance with Mitsubishi and Zinifex puts it in a unique position to develop new tantalite supply sources from this extensive portfolio of tantalum exploration areas and to capitalise on opportunities to participate in the acquisition of other tantalum production businesses.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
HADDINGTON RESOURCES LIMITED.**

Colin McCavana
Managing Director

Note: The information in the statements relating to the Bald Hill Tantalite Mineral Resources is based on the information compiled by Mr A.J.Pearson. Mr. Pearson is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity undertaken in the preparation of the Mineral Resource Estimate to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code.