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BIRD'S HEAD PROJECT SOCIALISATION PROCESS COMPLETED IN WEST PAPUA

Hillgrove Resources Limited (ASX:HGO) advises that, through its local Indonesia based partner PT Akram Resources, it has completed the socialisation phase of its activities for its exciting new Bird's Head Project (Hillgrove 80%) in West Papua.

The Bird's Head Project represents an excellent opportunity to explore for large scale epithermal and porphyry style mineralisation within a geological setting that has been proven to host world class deposits.

The socialisation process is the initial phase of local community consultation during which Hillgrove's credentials and exploration intentions are introduced to the local communities and other major stakeholders who live within the 1,815km² exploration license area.

Using a long boat sourced out of Sorong and travelling along the northern coast of Kepala Burung, our representatives visited the districts (sub-Kabupaten) and villages of Sausapor, Werur, Werur Besar, Hopmare, Abun, Waiben, Wau and Warmandi. Representatives from the communities included heads of local tribes, religious leaders, district and village heads, young people's associations including schools, police and security forces.

The socialisation programme is a necessary preliminary step prior to the commencement of on-ground activities in the area. A 12 month exploration programme is currently being defined with a view to launching a major exploration initiative shortly.

About Hillgrove

Hillgrove is an Australian resources company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: HGO) focused on developing its Indonesian, South Australian and Queensland base and precious metals projects. The Company's portfolio includes an advanced exploration portfolio of 5,128km² in world class copper and gold terrains in eastern Indonesia targeting porphyry copper-gold and epithermal deposits.

Hillgrove's has a strategic, fully diluted, direct 20.8% shareholding in the leading New South Wales coal seam gas company, Eastern Star Gas Limited (ASX: ESG).

Hillgrove's most advanced project is the Kanmantoo Copper Gold Project, located less than 60km from Adelaide. Kanmantoo currently hosts a Mineral Resource of 32.2Mt (2.3Mt Measured, 22.5Mt Indicated and 7.4Mt Inferred) grading 0.9% copper and 0.20g/t gold, containing 292,200 tonnes copper, 191,100 ounces gold and 3,313,600 ounces of silver. Subject to licensing and financing, production is targeted for late 2010. Kanmantoo will be a 2Mt p.a. open-cut mine producing approximately 17,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate and 8,000 ounces of gold p.a.

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