

## **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Commissioners Gold Limited Peruvian story is a good one. Going from explorer to producer in just over two years is a significant result, even if the market discounts that achievement. Project management, legal, accounting, engineering, geology, security and logistics expertise are all in place. The Goldsmith Resources SAC Management team includes individual managers for Lead Project, Mining, Mine Geology, Finance and Permitting. Additionally, six months ago, resident Australian engineering and completion expertise were added to complement and focus our Peruvian team.

To be an Australian junior resource company in 2013 required courage. Nobody wanted to own the stock, no matter what your credentials or prospects were. The most significant constraint throughout 2013 has been the lack of availability of equity funding, and with the share price of most juniors deteriorating by up to 75% that obstacle to growth and development compounded. When major producers and explorers are similarly impacted it is little wonder that Commissioners Gold's share price has been a disappointment to you, our shareholders.

Indeed, equity markets have been so difficult and volatile that, notwithstanding the best endeavours of your Board over the past six months, Commissioners Gold was unable to attract capital to meet the November 2013 capital calls on its equity in Goldsmith Resources, the operator of the Peruvian gold plant. As a consequence, Commissioners Gold's 25% interest in the project was diluted by 7% to 18%.

Financial markets have been effectively closed to conventional capital raisings over the past year. The Company's current Rights Issue is an attempt to address widespread investor disinterest in junior resource stocks like Commissioners Gold. The Company is about to commence gold production and requires comparatively little capital to meet the final capital calls on its equity in the \$1.8 million refurbishment of the Mollehuaca gold plant in southern Peru. The plant itself is now totally refurbished; the reconfigured and re-reinforced tailings dam is lined and ready, and ore from both the Saulito and Eladium mines is being transported to the plant and stockpiled.

Back in NSW the Cowarra exploration licence was renewed mid-year, confirming our compliance with environmental management, geological reporting and land access conditions. For those who do not know, explorers must report annually to the NSW Government on how they are performing against their exploration licence requirements, giving detail of their activity together with the results of their exploration programmes. Be assured, when risk capital returns to the market we have value-adding programmes ready to go on this former BHP goldmine.

May I close by expressing my deep appreciation to all those connected to Commissioners Gold who have laboured without due reward this year to ensure that the Company generates a cash flow from gold production in 2014.

The Commissioners Gold Board greatly appreciates the patience of shareholders.

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**Executive Chairman**