2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CHAIRMAN’S ADDRESS

I am pleased to report on what has been an extremely active and productive year for Genesis, during which we successfully delivered on our two-pronged growth strategy of generating cash-flows from low-cost toll treatment mining campaigns, as well as pursuing high-growth exploration opportunities in some of Western Australia’s premier gold districts.

At the Ulysses Gold Project, located near Leonora, the Company completed two successful open pit mining campaigns at Ulysses West during the year, with the ore processed under a toll-treatment arrangement at the Paddington Mill.

The cash generated from these campaigns has enabled Genesis to essentially self-fund our aggressive exploration programs over the course of the year, avoiding the need to dilute our existing shareholder base and delivering a series of exceptional longer-term growth opportunities which I firmly believe have the potential to re-rate the Company next year.

Firstly at Ulysses, exploration drilling over the course of the year has indicated the potential to establish an underground mining operation, confirming that the main Ulysses West shoot has a plunge extent of more than 400m and remains open at depth.

A positive Scoping Study was completed in September, outlining a strong case for the development of an underground mine at Ulysses. The Scoping Study, which assumed a toll-treatment scenario, highlighted this as an attractive opportunity for the Company to generate significant cash-flows.

Even more exciting, as our drilling programs have advanced it has become increasingly clear that the Ulysses Underground is emerging as a potentially much bigger opportunity for the Company.

As we have so often seen with gold systems in Western Australia’s Eastern Goldfields, the sparse nature of historical exploration below a depth of 100-150m has created a significant opportunity for modern-day explorers, armed with the latest exploration techniques and a better understanding of the geometry and controls on deeper mineralisation.

A major drilling program commenced in late September to upgrade and expand the current Mineral Resource and underpin the completion of a Feasibility Study on the underground opportunity.

The results so far have exceeded our expectations, indicating that mineralisation persists at depth at the sort of grades and widths which could potentially justify the development of a standalone underground mining and processing operation. Results have so far been announced for the first 12 holes of this program and we expect to see the balance of the assays in the very near future.

We have been sufficiently encouraged by the drilling to date to move straight into a Phase 2 program, which is currently underway to confirm the extents of the deeper mineralisation well beyond the current resource limits. If this is successful, we will commence a much larger drilling program in the first quarter of next year targeting the establishment of a large, standalone mining and processing operation.

We anticipate that results will continue to flow from this drilling through December and January, laying the foundations for an upgraded resource targeted for February next year. In parallel with the drilling, Feasibility work on the Ulysses Underground is also currently in full swing, with several parallel work streams in progress including metallurgical sampling, permitting, toll-treatment discussions and preparations for an underground tender process.
Given the expanding scope of the project, the Feasibility Study is now expected to be completed in the first quarter of next year – and should provide investors with visibility on the scale of the opportunity which we see emerging at Ulysses.

Outside of Ulysses, in May this year Genesis secured an Option Agreement over the highly prospective Barimaia Gold Project, located in the Murchison district of Western Australia, opening up an exciting new front for our gold exploration and growth activities.

The Option Agreement was signed with private company, Metallo Resources, providing Genesis with an attractive, low-risk opportunity to assess a highly prospective ground package located just 10km south-east of Ramelius Resources’ 6Moz Mt Magnet Gold Mine.

After signing this Option Agreement, Genesis immediately commenced exploration to evaluate the potential at Barimaia for the discovery of large, low strip ratio porphyry-hosted gold deposits.

Initial results have confirmed this potential, returning thick, high-grade, shallow gold intercepts across a significant area, with the mineralisation remaining open in all directions. The high-grade results are located up to 800m apart at the McNabs and McNabs East prospects, highlighting the potential for significant new primary, high-grade gold discoveries.

Based on the success of our initial exploration programs at Barimaia, Genesis recently exercised its option over this exciting new project. As a result, Genesis now holds the right to earn an 80% interest in the project by spending $1.75 million on exploration, with gold processing facilities in the region providing a potential low-cost pathway to production.

Next week, we expect to commence a 2,500m follow-up drilling program to further define the high-grade gold mineralisation intersected in our maiden drilling program. We are very excited about this opportunity and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the results of this drilling.

In conclusion, I believe that Genesis is exceptionally well placed to deliver transformational growth in the year ahead. This strong position is thanks to the hard work and commitment of the very small Genesis team, led by Managing Director Michael Fowler. Mike has worked tirelessly to advance our key projects whilst keeping overheads and costs to an absolute minimum – a tremendous result for shareholders. I would like to sincerely thank Mike and his team for their outstanding efforts over the past 12 months.

I would also like to thank my fellow Directors Darren Gordon and Craig Bradshaw for their support and commitment to the growth of Genesis. A lot of the work they do behind the scenes goes unrecognised but is sincerely appreciated.

I would also like to thank you, our shareholders, for your continued support of the Company and hope you share our excitement about our future.

Richard Hill
Chairman

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