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TNC secures Glencore partnership for Cloncurry Copper Project

True North Copper Limited (ASX:TNC) (True North, TNC or the Company) is pleased to announce it has signed binding offtake and toll-milling agreements with one of the world's largest natural resource companies, Glencore International AG (Glencore) for its Cloncurry Copper Project (CCP) in Queensland (see Figure 1).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Binding offtake agreement with Glencore for 100% of copper concentrate from TNC's CCP.
- Toll-milling services, up to 1 million tonnes of ore per year for the CCP's Life of Mine (LoM).

Key terms include:

- Mutually agreed ore delivery and processing schedules.
- Agreement in place ahead of mining and processing of sulphide ores.
- Offtake agreement sales price for the metals contained in the copper concentrate in line with the market commercial terms for copper concentrate, including adjustments for penalties, treatment and refining charges and a freight credit.
- Toll-milling agreement contains customary terms and conditions for a contract of this nature, including:
 - agreed tolling charge, which reflects current market rates for copper ore processing in Cloncurry, Queensland; and
 - agreed process for assaying, weighing, sampling and moisture determination in relation to copper concentrate produced.

Key benefits to TNC and the Cloncurry Copper Project:

- Concentrate processed at the nearby Mt Isa Smelter (approx. 120km by major arterial road network), providing greater freight certainty and economic and logistics value (see Figure 2).
- TNC will be entitled to claim 20% Queensland State Royalty discount for all material processed through the Mt Isa Smelter.
- Provides certainty of concentrate sales for the CCP.

COMMENT

True North Copper Managing Director, Marty Costello said:

“Executing binding offtake and toll-milling agreements with an industry major such as Glencore is a significant milestone for TNC and our Cloncurry Copper Project. Glencore has agreed to purchase 100% of the copper metal produced at CCP and we can process up to one million tonnes of ore, each year, through the nearby Processing Plant near Cloncurry.

CCP is fully permitted and TNC is on track to soon be in production for copper with CCP located in a Tier One jurisdiction. TNC's investment thesis since listing last year has only improved, and we are excited to demonstrate this in the weeks and months to come. We're thrilled to partner with Glencore, recognising our substantial synergies and potential for future collaborations. We are also incredibly proud this partnership will deliver economic benefits to north-west Queensland. We aim to create as many jobs and opportunities as possible for the people, businesses and communities of north-west Queensland.”

BACKGROUND

ABOUT TRUE NORTH COPPER

TNC is a Queensland copper and critical minerals mining company. Its principal assets include the 100% owned, Tier 1 Jurisdiction located:

- **Cloncurry Copper Project** – high grade copper-gold mineralisation
- **Mt Oxide Project** - significantly sized, high-grade copper mineralisation.

CLONCURRY COPPER PROJECT SUMMARY:

- **Copper Metal Production:** TNC aims to commence copper metal production at the CCP with mine plans combining the Great Australia Mine Reserve and the Wallace North Resource into a single mining operation (see TNC ASX Announcement, 12 December 2023, *TNC green-lights Cloncurry mining restart plan*).
- **Mine Plans:** Final CCP mine plans to be announced in early 2024, reflecting updated reserve data. Updated GAM Reserve and maiden Wallace North Reserve reporting by MEC Mining Consultants expected in early 2024.
- **Reserve Estimates:** Initial JORC 2012 Reserve Statement for GAM includes estimated 4 million tonnes of ore at 0.74% copper and 0.08g/t gold (recent drilling results not yet incorporated) (see TNC ASX Announcement, 4 July 2023, *Initial Ore Reserve for Great Australia Mine – Updated*).
- **Wallace North Resource Update:** 300% increase in Indicated Resources (0.36 Mt to 1.43 Mt) and increase in Indicated contained Cu metal of +280% (from 4.70 kt Cu to 17.88 kt Cu) and in Indicated Au ounces of +224% (from 9.93 koz Au to 32.18 koz Au) from the October 2023 Resource. A ~15% increase in contained copper tonnes from 20.55 kt Cu (October 2023) to 23.49 kt Cu (see TNC ASX Announcement, 19 January 2024, *TNC increases Wallace North Resource*).

ABOUT GLENCORE INTERNATIONAL AG

- Glencore is one of the world's largest global diversified natural resource companies and a major producer and marketer of more than 60 commodities that advance everyday life. Through a network of assets, customers and suppliers that spans the globe, Glencore produce, process, recycle, source, market and distribute the commodities that support decarbonisation while meeting the energy needs of today.
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- Glencore's customers are industrial consumers, such as those in the automotive, steel, power generation, battery manufacturing and oil sectors. Glencore also provide financing, logistics and other services to producers and consumers of commodities.
- Glencore is proud to be a member of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and the International Council on Mining and Metals. We are an active participant in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
- Glencore recognises their responsibility to contribute to the global effort to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement by decarbonising our own operational footprint. For more detail see Glencore's 2022 Climate Report on the publication page of their website at [glencore.com/publications](https://www.glencore.com/publications).



Figure 1. TNC's Cloncurry Copper Project.

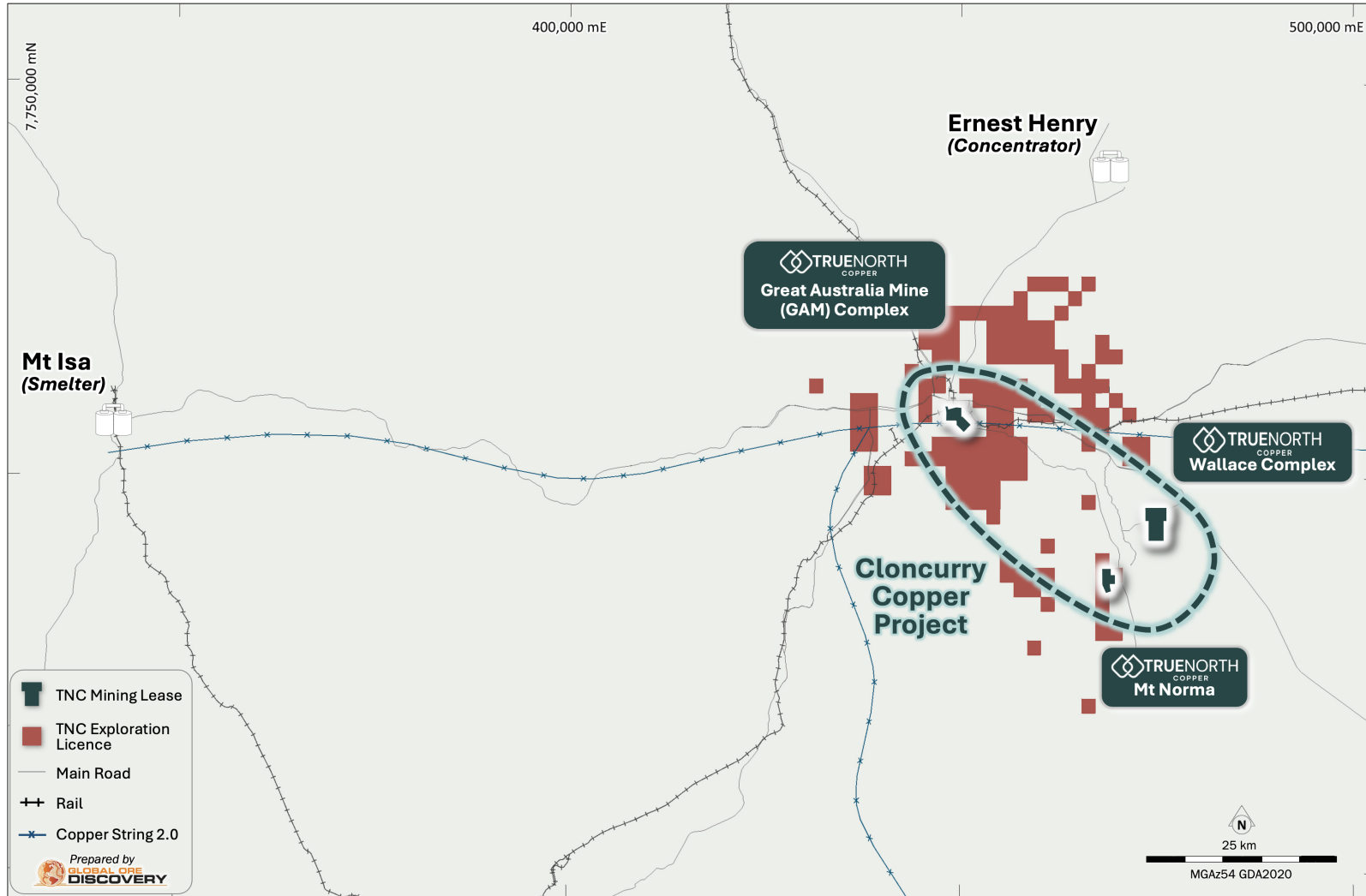


Figure 2. Visual representation of location of Cloncurry Copper Project to the Mt Isa Smelter.

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AUTHORISATION

This announcement has been approved for issue by Marty Costello, Managing Director and the True North Copper Limited Board.

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JORC AND PREVIOUS DISCLOSURE

The information in this release that relates to Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Estimates for Great Australia, Orphan Shear, Taipan and Wallace North is based on information previously disclosed in the following Company ASX Announcements:

- 4 July 2023, Initial Ore Reserve for Great Australia Mine – Updated.
- 19 July 2023, TNC increases Wallace North Resource

All these ASX Announcements are available on the Company’s website (www.truenorthcopper.com.au) and the ASX website (www.asx.com.au) under the Company’s ticker code “TNC”.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information as at the date of this release that materially affects the information included in this release and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates and results continue to apply and have not materially changed.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT RE NEAR TERM PRODUCTION FEATURES OF THE CLONCURRY COPPER PROJECT

Moving to production at the Company's Cloncurry Copper Project, including mining restart, is subject to the successful completion of mining restart studies to confirm the financial viability of the project.

The funds raised under the completed Prospectus Offers (June 2023) and recent Placement (November 2023) may not be sufficient to fully fund necessary CAPEX and OPEX requirements. The Company may need to obtain additional funding through a combination of debt and equity to be raised at a later date to meet CAPEX/OPEX requirements to move to production on the Cloncurry Copper Project, including restart of the Great Australia Mine. The Company is in discussions with potential debt and equity funders, and has a reasonable degree of confidence that it will be able to raise necessary funding at the relevant time.

There can be no guarantee that the technical studies will confirm financial viability of the project, or that necessary funding will be available to the Company at the relevant time.

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