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DRAKE RESOURCES SECURES SIGNIFICANT COPPER GROUND HOLDING, IN NORWAY.

Drake has established two new joint ventures with Panoramic Resources Ltd in Norway

- **39 claims covering 388 km² in 2 major historical copper mining districts**
- **Major historical copper endowment in the historical Løkken and Nordgruva mining districts**
- **No significant exploration in the districts for more than 20 years**
- **VTEM airborne electromagnetic surveys to commence in August**

Drake Resources (ASX code: DRK) has taken up a very extensive landholding in two main copper districts of Norway with its alliance partner, Panoramic Resources Ltd. These claims cover historic mine sites, and the surrounding prospective ground.

Norway has a long history of copper mining, but this had largely ceased by the 1980s. Drake considers that exploration opportunities exist in these areas using 21st century technologies.

Drake's Managing Director, Dr Bob Beeson, commented: "Drake has further expanding its holdings of ground prospective for copper-rich massive sulphide deposits through these new exploration properties in Norway."

Drake Resources has a strong operating presence in Scandinavia through its alliance with Panoramic Resources, joint ventures in Sweden and Finland, and its 100% properties.

Dr Beeson said: "Norway has a new Mining Act, excellent data sources, and provides very positive government support to explorers like Drake and Panoramic. We regard these new joint ventures as a significant opportunity for the company in what we considered to be an underexplored country".

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Corporate Information

Directors

B Fraser	Non-Executive Chairman
Dr R Beeson	Managing Director
J Stephenson	Non- Executive Director and Company Secretary
J Hoon	Non-Executive Director
James Merrillees	Executive Director

Issued Capital

As at the date of this report the issued capital of the Company is comprised of:

61,039,231 fully paid ordinary shares

Norway Copper Mining History and Exploration Environment Overview

Norway has a long history of copper mining dating back to circa 1630 with mining commencing in the Roros (includes Nordgruva) (1644) and Løkken Districts (1652). Both fields closed down in the 1980's as did most of Norway's copper production with declining metal prices and increased costs at the time.

The fast growing, high salaried oil and gas industry in the North Sea snapped up many technically trained personnel from the mining industry and most new graduates, leading to the loss of a significant proportion of the base metal exploration and mining industry culture and expertise.

In January 2010, prompted by the envisaged future decline of the oil and gas sector and a need to generate wealth and employment, the new Norwegian Mineral Act came into force, merging five old and difficult mining and related acts, and making exploration and mining in Norway significantly easier and more effective.

The Norwegian economy is a prosperous home to welfare capitalism. The country is well endowed with natural resources and its oil and gas sector produces more than half of exports and 30% of revenue. It is the world's third largest gas exporter and seventh largest oil exporter. It has the highest human development index in the world. While it is not a member of the EU as a member of the European Economic Area it contributes to the EU budget.

The country is well endowed with infrastructure, is politically stable, has a well established European based legal and financial framework, and English is widely spoken.

Geology and Deposits

The geology of mainland Norway is dominated by the Caledonide Orogeny and most of the old base metal mines are located within volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits within these volcanic successions. Copper zinc mineralisation is found within the mafic volcanic segments with mid ocean ridge basaltic /ophiolitic sequences (Cyprus type) and basalt/sediment sequences (Besshi type). Historically these have higher copper grade than other copper deposit types.

There have been 3 mines producing in excess of 10Mt of copper ore and 6 producing in excess of 5Mt of copper ore.

Drake Norway Status

Drake believes the future for copper is good, and Norway holds significant exploration potential for this key commodity. The country has deposit types which are higher grade than most, being underexplored with modern technology, as well as now having a favourable exploration environment.

Drake commenced a review of copper in Norway early in 2010 which has resulted in claim applications being submitted over key ground over and adjacent to significant mining districts mentioned above.

Drake and its alliance partner, Panoramic Resources Ltd, now hold two joint ventures in Norway:

- 26 claims (258 km²) at **Løkken**
- 13 claims (130km²) cover deposits in the **Nordgruva** Field in the Roros district

Løkken is believed to be the largest Cyprus type copper deposit in the world. Mining ceased in 1986, and there has been no exploration in the district since then.

Parts of the Løkken orebody extend into the Drake claims. The Norwegian state hold three small mining leases over the area around the old mine shafts. Drake holds the remainder of the district.

Alliance and joint venture terms

Under the alliance terms, Panoramic will have first right of refusal on any projects proposed by Drake. If Panoramic accepts the proposals, each proposal will form a joint venture project and Panoramic has the right to sole-fund exploration to earn a 70% interest in the projects.

Drake can participate in the projects at 30% or 10% or revert to a 2% Net Smelter Return royalty.

The alliance will be for an initial period of three years, but may be extended or terminated by mutual agreement.