



**PADENGA
HOLDINGS
LIMITED**



EUREKA MINE

Trading Update for the First Quarter (FY2025)

Padenga Holdings Limited (Padenga) is pleased to issue its trading update for the first quarter ended 31 March 2025.

Trading Environment

The trading environment for the first quarter under review was relatively stable, amidst ongoing economic uncertainties due to high inflation and a severe liquidity crunch. Management's strategies are being adapted to navigate the complex market dynamics and progressively working towards the sustainable growth and profitability of the Group.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Mining Operations

Gold production in the quarter improved by 1.6% (620kgs against 610kgs in Q1 2024). Production metrics such as grade and recovery registered moderate improvements relative to Q1 2024.

Gold sales in the three months to 31 March 2025 totalled 620kgs and was 18% lower than the same period last year. The volume reduction was due to a high gold inventory from 2023 production sold in Q1 2024.

Gold price remained on an upward trajectory averaging \$2,860 per ounce compared to \$2,663 per ounce for Q4 2024. Year-on-year spot price is up 41% at the end of the quarter.

The Pre-Leach thickener installed at Eureka mine is delivering positive results in terms of reduced reagents usage, water efficiency and gains in plant recovery. New mining equipment delivered to the site during the quarter will lead to more efficient mining going forward.

Eureka mine recorded its strongest safety performance to date during the quarter under review, celebrating 764 lost-time-injury free days as at 26 March 2025.

At Pickstone underground mine, the grade attained for the quarter under review was in line with forecast, which is positive and encouraging.

Exploration diamond drilling progressed well at Pickstone, with 7,016 meters drilled against a forecast 3,979 meters. The results, which are now being assessed, will increase confidence in the resource and add to the Life of Mine.

Padenga Agribusiness Operations

During the period under review, the Nile crocodile operation recorded a 254% increase in skin harvest volumes against prior comparative period (32,732 vs 9,248). This total included the early harvest of part of the younger crop of crocodiles as part of a strategy to reduce production volumes from 2026 to align with reduced demand for luxury goods.

Sales of 6,495 skins in the first quarter were 13% below the 7,480 skins sold in the comparative period prior year.

The annual rehabilitation of crocodile pen floors as part of measures to improve skin quality began during the quarter under review and will be completed by the end of the second quarter.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Mining Operations

Phase 3 of the Underground Project at Pickstone is progressing well, with the planned date to establish hoisting from Level 10.5 targeted for December 2025.

At Eureka mine, the main focus is on the first phase of exploration and evaluation drilling which will inform feasibility of an underground operation. Management is also currently evaluating the prospects of upgrading the gravity circuit at Eureka mine, for implementation by the end Q3 of 2025.

Dallaglio forecasts 2025 full year production that is in line with prior year. Gold price is expected to remain strong through 2025, with new record highs having been reached in the year so far.

Padenga Agribusiness Operations

The Agribusiness operation has commenced its rightsizing exercise aimed at cutting production volumes to match reduced demand. The right sizing exercise, coupled with a cost optimization strategy means that the unit will remain profitable in the future at the current levels of demand.

Management of the Group remains focused on significant debt reduction, capitalising on emerging opportunities, generating profits and increasing shareholder wealth.

By order of the Board

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