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Progress on Lak Sao Project application

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The Lak Sao Project application in Laos is progressing well. Hill End Gold Limited has been advised that the Mineral Reconnaissance and Exploration Agreement application has been signed off by the Foreign Investment and Management Committee and the Department of Mining is compiling a report on the application prior to discussions with the Minister for Energy and Mines.

Following acceptance of the Lak Sao Project application by the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the terms of the MREA will be negotiated with the Department of Promotion and Management of Domestic and Foreign Investment, and then the final step will be the Prime Minister's approval.

As previously announced, the Lao PDR Government has reviewed all Mining Concessions during 2007. This has been done in conjunction with The World Bank and we are advised that a number of concessions have been cancelled due to non-compliance with approval specifications. The process of discussion with these non-conforming lease holders is currently concluding and we understand that the Government will soon be processing new applications.

We have been very encouraged by the Lao PDR Government at all levels, in our submission for foreign investment and exploration of the Lak Sao Project area, and we believe that approval for the MREA for this project will be concluded in the near future.

Hill End Gold Limited is a strongly growing junior mining company with significant projects in Australia and Laos.

The Company's focus is to commence production at its Hill End Project where it has the majority of the Hill End, Hargraves and Windeyer goldfields under tenement with a targeted resource potential of over 5 million ounces.

The Company has an active global acquisition and development strategy for projects with large cash flow potential.

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