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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Sydney, Australia - Aguia Resources Limited (ASX:AGR) ('**Aguia**' or the '**Company**') has two well-advanced mining projects in southernmost Brazil: cathode copper and organic phosphate.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I take great pleasure in addressing you for the first time as Non-Executive Chairman of your company, Aguia Resources. When I say "your company", I mean it, emphatically. Right from the time when I was first introduced to the concept of public ownership of corporations, before I was even a teenager, I was inspired by the recognition that you don't have to be a capitalist to benefit from listed businesses. Anyone can be a shareholder of an ASX-listed company if they are prepared to make an investment. If they choose wisely, they can benefit as a part-owner of the enterprise. One of my fundamental beliefs, and this is enshrined in the Corporations Law, is that directors must act in the best interest of all shareholders irrespective of how large or small they are. This is a fundamental principle to which I will adhere, as Aguia's chairman.

I have been in the chair for a little more than a month but already I see great opportunity out of the adversity that has impacted the share price over the last year or two. The junior end of the ASX has suffered from the interest rate inspired bear market and Aguia has been unable to insulate itself its impact. Almost every share price has fallen but bear markets don't last forever. They turn around and after one as severe as we are experiencing now, the worst I have seen for 10 years, life can become much more rewarding. Companies just have to tighten their belts and rationalise costs in a process designed to make them more match fit for the eventual recovery.

Aguia has had to wear another burden over the past 2 plus years, being the litigation that is challenging the development of the Tres Estradas Phosphate Project in Brazil. Notwithstanding the very favourable economic environmental and technical merits of the project, and the obvious benefits to Brazil from the ability to replace imports of phosphate, those challenging the project are doing what they can to delay the development. This is at odds with the views of both major political parties who consider Tres Estradas to be of strategic importance to Brazil, a global agricultural powerhouse and a net importer of phosphate.

The obstruction is typical of what we are seeing in the mining sector all around the world; environmental groups calling on ESG arguments to stymie projects. They object because they can, even when their motivation and the merits are at best dubious. To them, success is defined by how many years they can delay project. Eventually they are defeated in court, but there is always a cost to the companies, both in time and money. So far Aguia has had to endure over two years of delays and share price destruction in this mindless battle.

It is no wonder that shareholders feel deflated by this obstacle, and that the share price has suffered. However, Tres Estradas continues to be a company making project, one that could provide

many years of profitability. It is important not to give up hope. Coming in most recently with a fresh look at the matter, I am optimistic that we are not far from resolving the impasse.

Agua recently announced that the carbonatite that host the phosphate deposit has strong rare earth associations, a not uncommon geological event. In the time that the litigation has been festering there has been a boom in rare earth stocks on the ASX. The vast majority of companies that have been reporting rare earth grades and deposits will come to nothing. However, Agua could well be very different. On the assumption that Tres Estradas will proceed and become an operating mine, at some point down the track Agua will probably investigate the merits of installing a rare earths recovery circuit that could materially improve the returns of the operation. That is something to look forward to.

Whilst we are speculating, it is noteworthy that Agua has another five carbonatites on its tenements in Brazil that have not yet been assessed. They could contain more phosphate, rare earths, niobium and a range of other potentially valuable mineral occurrences. We won't know until we do more work, but there is certainly plenty of speculative opportunity. Add these to the copper assets and there is plenty of opportunities to excite shareholders.

Notwithstanding the merits of the existing portfolio of development and exploration assets, Agua will keep a watching brief for other projects that may become available. It is important for junior resource companies to consider acquisitions of projects that could be beneficial for shareholders rather than become too precisely defined by an existing portfolio. It is important to be dynamic rather than become staid. I see this as part of my brief as your new chairman as I work with the Board and our other stakeholders to improve your fortunes.

Specifically in this regard, I can tell you that we have been assessing a promising high-grade gold production project that could be a useful addition to our portfolio of development projects. We are in the final throws of due diligence now. If this passes the process we may have something to report to shareholders in the near future.

Thanks you for your attendance today, and thank you for your support.

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Chairman

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About Aguia:

Aguia Resources Limited is an ASX-listed multi-commodity company (AGR:ASX) with pre-production phosphate and metallic copper projects located in Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state of Brazil. Aguia has an established and highly experienced in-country team based in Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul. Aguia is committed to advancing its existing projects into production whilst pursuing other opportunities within the sector.

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