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# **ANNOUNCEMENT**



# REGENT PACIFIC ANNOUNCES INCREASED RESOURCES AT DAPINGZHANG



- The Dapingzhang Mineral Resource estimate has been bolstered by additional drilling confirming a 15% increase in Copper metal to 374Kt and a 13% increase in Zinc metal to 260Kt.
- 99% of the 43.8Mt resource is in the measured and indicated categories.
- First classification of measured resources for Dawaz open pit of 0.98 Mt at 4.18% Zinc, containing 41,000t Zinc metal.
- >34,000m drilling program completed up to September
   2007 with no lost time injuries.
- Exploration for the coming season will focus on Rongfa 1, down dip extension drilling off the Dapingzhang open pit and at the Yinzishan mine.





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# Production of a separate zinc concentrate commenced in July 2007 from the Dawaz open pit.

(Hong Kong, 28 November, 2007) – Regent Pacific Group Limited ("Regent Pacific" or the "Group"; SEHK: 575) is pleased to announce the results of an updated Mineral Resource estimate for the Dapingzhang mine located at its 40% owned Dapingzhang Joint Venture Project in Yunnan Province, China. The updated Mineral Resource incorporates in excess of 105,000 meters of drilling, of which 34,632 meters has been drilled since the publication of the March 2007 Mineral Resource Estimate.

It is expected that the Dapingzhang Joint Venture Project will release an updated ore reserve in first quarter 2008.

## **September 2007 Mineral Resource Estimate**

The new JORC compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred resources of the Dapingzhang project as estimated by Cube Consulting Pty Ltd (Cube) are as follows:

## Minerals Resources Statement as at September 2007

Dawaz Measured Resource									
	Tonnes (Mt)	Copper Grade (%Cu)	Zinc Grade (%Zn)	Gold Grade (Au g/t)	Silver Grade (Ag g/t)	Lead Grade (%Pb)			
Massive	0.98	0.47	4.18	0.12	30.02	0.55			
Disseminated	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Massive & Disseminated	0.98	0.47	4.18	0.12	30.02	0.55			

	Dapingzhang Indicated Resource					Dapingzhang Inferred Resource						
	Tonnes (Mt)	Copper Grade (%Cu)	Zinc Grade (%Zn)	Gold Grade (Au g/t)	Silver Grade (Ag g/t)	Lead Grade (%Pb)	Tonnes (Mt)	Copper Grade (%Cu)	Zinc Grade (%Zn)	Gold Grade (Au g/t)	Silver Grade (Ag g/t)	Lead Grade (%Pb)
Massive	12.31	1.63	1.67	0.50	20.52	0.24	0.30	1.0	1.6	0.2	9.6	0.1
Disseminated	30.20	0.55	0.03	0.10	3.56	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Massive & Disseminated	42.51	0.86	0.50	0.22	8.47	0.08	0.30	1.0	1.6	0.2	9.6	0.1

	Total Dawaz & Dapingzhang  Contained Metal Indicated and Inferred									
	Copper Zinc Gold Silver Lead ('000 tonnes) ('000 ounces) ('000 ounces) ('000 tonnes)									
Massive	209	251	205	9154	36					
Disseminated	165	9	102	3458	3					
Total Massive & Disseminated	374	260	307	12612	39					

The resource for the total Dapingzhang mine is based on 407 diamond drill holes at a nominal drill spacing of 50m x 50m, and in the Dawaz Pit a total of 213 reverse circulation at a nominal spacing of 12.5m x 12.5m. Total meterage drilled in the 2.75 km² mine license area is 105,678 metres of diamond drilling and 4,857 metres of reverse circulation drilling.

The variance in the mineral resource from the March 2007 estimate can be seen in the table shown below:

Estimate Done In		Tonnes (Mt)	Copper Grade (% Cu)	Copper ('000s t)	Zinc Grade (% Zn)	Zinc ('000s t)
September 2007	Measured	0.98	0.47	5	4.18	41
	Indicated	42.5	0.86	366	0.5	213
	Inferred	0.3	1	3	1.6	5
	Indicated + Inferred	43.8	0.85	374	0.59	260
March 2007	Indicated	38.98	0.76	296	0.54	210
	Inferred	5.97	0.5	29	0.34	20
	Indicated + Inferred	44.95	0.72	325	0.51	230
Difference	%	-3%	+15%	+15%	-2%	+13%

This new estimate represents a negligible change in total tonnage with the March 2007 Mineral Resource Statement. An increased tonnage of the high grade Massive (V1) material was delineated in the new model, which converts to an increase in total resource grade and contained metal. The confidence in the resource estimate has been upgraded with 99% of the total Mineral Resource now in the Measured and Indicated Category.

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The following additional information is available at <a href="www.regentpac.com">www.regentpac.com</a> under "Our Operations – Dapingzhang Mine Reserves / Resources":

- Cube's resource estimate methodology, including a summary of relevant assessment and reporting criteria; and
- A table containing details on all drill holes completed at Dapingzhang

# **Exploration**

The coming months will see exploration conducted at Dapingzhang, Rongfa 1 and Yinzishan.

## Dapingzhang

10 diamond drill holes of over 4,000 metres will be drilled over the next few months with the aim of testing the down dip extension of the ore body.

## Rongfa 1

A geophysical program covering approximately 4 km<sup>2</sup> started in November 2007 to identify and prioritise drill targets. Completion is scheduled for March 2008 and if the results are positive, an exploration drilling program will start.

#### Yinzishan

After completion of a second geophysical program, certain drill targets have been identified and 5 diamond drill holes of approximately 1,500 metres will be drilled from December 2007.

#### **Estimate Preparation**

Cube was engaged to undertake an estimation of the Dapingzhang Joint Venture Project's copper, zinc, gold, silver and lead resources located at the Dapingzhang mine in accordance with The 2004 Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the "JORC Code"). The aim of Cube's mineral resources estimation was to:

- Estimate the Dapingzhang global resources based on information available up to the end of 31 August 2007.
- Provide an independent review of the interpretation of mineralization and apply an appropriate resource estimate process incorporating the current geological model (being a Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide mineralization source) into the resources estimate.

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 Provide technical input to resource classification and reporting of resources in accordance with the JORC Code.

The September 2007 resource estimate was done by Rick Adams, Director – Resource Services of Cube Consulting and Kai Qiang Fan, Chief Geologist of Regent Pacific and Head of Exploration of Yunnan Simao Shanshui Copper Company Limited, which operates the Dapingzhang mine. Both are Members of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and have the necessary experience relevant to the style of mineralization, the type of deposit and the activity undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person under the JORC Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (2004 Edition) and have reviewed this press release.

**Mining** 

Stripping commenced in January 2007 on the zinc-rich Dawaz open pit and formal production commenced 30 June 2007. A total of 553,628 tonnes were mined to September, marking 2007 as the first time the JV has successfully mined through the 'rainy season'. Production of a separate zinc concentrate commenced in July 2007 from the Dawaz zinc-rich ore and average mill feed grades of over 6.5% zinc for the period of July 2007 to September 2007 were processed.

**Comments** 

Regent Pacific Chief Executive Officer, Jamie Gibson, commented:

"We are delighted with the solid results in the increase in metal and the increased confidence shown in the resource with over 99% of the resources in the measured and indicated category. Exploration will continue aggressively at Dapingzhang, Rongfa 1 and Yinzishan.

On Behalf of the Board of Regent Pacific Group Limited

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