

# Information Sheet No. 9

Dear Shareholder,

This Information Sheet is the latest in a series designed to keep you up to date with developments in Catalina Resources PLC, appraise you of results achieved and inform you of our plans for future work. It will be added to the Catalina web site www.catalinaresourcesplc.co.uk in the near future.

### A. Corporate Finance Agreement with Loeb Aron Limited

Information Sheets 7 and 8 advised shareholders of the corporate finance proposal received from Loeb Aron and Company Limited ("Loeb"). Loeb is a London-based corporate finance company founded in 1996 which specialises in raising funds for and producing detailed research on mining and exploration companies worldwide. The Loeb proposal was to conduct two private placings to raise working capital for the company:

- An initial Private Placing for £200,000, and
- A later Institutional Placing for up to £1,500,000

Following receipt of shareholder approval, the Corporate Finance Agreement covering the initial Private Placing was completed on 8 September 2008 and a total of £200,550 was raised despite extremely difficult market conditions. These have continued which, together with delays in completing a joint venture over the La Falda Project (see below) have precluded further fund-raising and created shortages of working capital.

In the interim, the Company has been financed by the directors. With the completion of a binding Letter of Intent to form a Joint Venture on La Falda with Minera IRL Limited (see below) further fundraising is under discussion.

#### B. The La Falda Project

Information Sheet No 7 in June 2008 informed shareholders that Catalina had agreed terms of a Joint Venture agreement with Gold Fields Limited over Catalina's La Falda Project in Chile's Andean Cordillera. Work to prepare and complete a comprehensive Joint Venture agreement was halted when it came to light that third parties had registered claims over the main concession at La Falda during July and August 2009. Gold Fields subsequently advised Catalina that it wished to postpone signature of the JV Agreement until the situation had been completely resolved to its satisfaction. An offer of reimbursement of certain expenses from Gold Fields in return for pre-emption rights over the next two years was declined.

Catalina has been advised that it has complete security in its rights to its land-holdings at La Falda and that there is no fundamental problem with tenure although it may be some time before the full legal process has run its course. Over-pegging exploration concessions in Chile is not uncommon but can frequently take time to clear.



## a) Signature of Letter of Intent with Minera IRL Ltd on the La Falda Project in Chile

On 28 March 2009 the Company completed a binding Letter of Intent to form a Joint Venture over the La Falda Project area with Minera IRL Limited.

AIM-listed Minera IRL Limited ("MIRL") is a Lima, Peru-based mining, development and exploration company listed on the London AIM and Lima BVL Peru stock exchanges. It is the holding company of precious metals mining and exploration companies focused on the Andean Cordillera of South America. MIRL is led by an experienced senior management team with extensive industry experience, particularly in operating in South America. The Group operates the Corihuarmi Gold Mine in the Peruvian Andes which was brought on line in March 2008 and produces strong cash flow. Minera has a portfolio of projects in various stages of advancement.

Andrew Shaw has been asked by Minera to act as Project Manager on the on-going exploration programme.

The Minera IRL Release is copied in its entirety below:



#### Minera IRL Limited - Press Release

Minera IRL options to acquire a 75% interest in the La Falda porphyry gold prospect located in the Maricunga gold belt of Northern Chile.

London 31 March 2009: Minera IRL Limited ("MIRL" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the signing of a Letter of Intent ("LOI") with Catalina Resources on the La Falda Project in Chile.

The La Falda Project comprises mining and exploration permits totalling 15,425 ha in the Maricunga Belt, III Region, in north-central Chile. In addition to a number of epithermal gold targets, La Falda has a series of sub volcanic porphyries recently discovered by Catalina Resources. Surface sampling has also recorded elevated gold values associated with veins of multiple banded light and dark grey quartz. This style of mineralization is strongly characteristic of other gold porphyries in the Maricunga belt such as Kinross' Maricunga Mine and Andina Minerals' Volcan deposit.

The two previously unexplored main outcropping porphyry domes at La Falda, one of which is approximately 800 meters in diameter, were covered by a ground magnetic survey which delineated weak magnetic highs flanked and cut by strong magnetic lows, similar to the magnetic pattern displayed by other Maricunga gold porphyry systems.

Jeffrey W. Hedenquist, an independent geological consultant specialising in epithermal and porphyry coppergold deposits worldwide, in his February 2008 report, following a field visit to La Falda summarised: "These observations indicate that the very top of the porphyry intrusions is exposed, with both Central and Norte host to banded quartz veins typical of the style of veins that are related to mineralisation in other Maricunga porphyry gold deposits, vertical intervals in these ore deposits are up to at least 300 m. As a result of this strong similarity between La Falda and porphyry gold deposits in the Maricunga district, this prospect has taken on a completely new – and positive – perspective."

Minera IRL Limited Executive Chairman, Courtney Chamberlain, comments "This transaction offers MIRL an opportunity to earn a strong position in a large, high quality project in the dominant gold district of Chile.



We are impressed by the preliminary work carried out by Catalina Resources and look forward to having them closely involved with the exploration program planned for the next southern hemisphere field season."

MIRL advanced Catalina Resources US\$200,000 upon signing the LOI, to be used for pending vendor and mining lease payments and an immediate follow-up geophysical program to be completed prior to the onset of the winter season. MIRL will also pay Catalina Resources an immediate US\$50,000 signing fee. After signing of a definitive agreement before 31 August 2009, MIRL will undertake an exploration program including drilling, during the 2009-2010 field season, with a minimum expenditure commitment of US\$700,000, prior to an Option exercise date of 31 July 2010. Upon exercising the Option, MIRL will commit another US\$2.3 million to be used for the final vendor payment and/or exploration, plus a final payment of US\$200,000 to Catalina Resources in order to perfect a 75% interest in the project. Further details can be found in the LOI which has been posted on the MIRL website.

## b) Catalina's Current Land-Holdings at La Falda

The La Falda Project comprises mining and exploration permits totalling 15,425 ha in the prolific Maricunga Belt, III Region, north-central Chile. Due to the prospectivity of the La Falda area, Catalina has expanded its land-holdings over time to cover areas with a potential for further mineralisation and also possible mine infrastructure. Catalina now holds the following groups of concessions:

The La Falda 1-245 Exploitation Concessions <sup>1</sup>	1,225 ha
The Catalina Exploration Concessions	4,600 ha
The Catalina 2008 Concessions	7,500 ha
The Catalina 2009 Concessions	2,100 ha

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to an Option-to-Purchase Agreement with the Mineral Rights Owner.

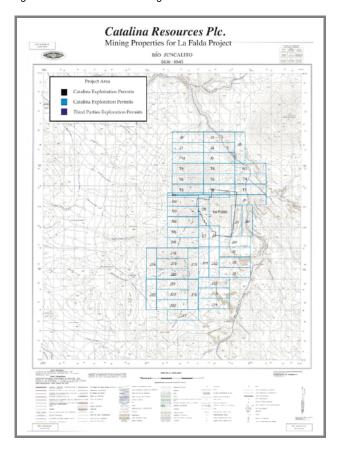


Figure 1. Catalina's current land-holding at La Falda



The original La Falda concession is the irregularly-shaped block in the centre of the plan and the surrounding rectangular blocks are mostly 300-hectare claims controlled by Catalina. These have been pegged to cover areas with the potential to host further mineralisation or mine infrastructure.

# c) Geophysical Surveys at La Falda

A ground magnetic survey was completed in November 2008 over the main area of interest at La Falda where Catalina has discovered three porphyry intrusives, two of which host banded quartz veins carrying highly anomalous gold values. These veins are very similar to those mined and explored in some of the large gold-porphyry deposits of the Maricunga belt in Chile.

The magnetic data (see Figure 2 below) show a number of anomalies in and around the porphyry intrusives identified so far. Weak magnetic highs (pink) are probably due to a mildly elevated content of the mineral magnetite which is formed as part of the mineralising process. These are flanked and cut by strong magnetic lows (dark blue) indicating where magnetite has been destroyed by other volcanic processes. Strong magnetic lows often correlate with flanking structures and argillic alteration.

Of particular interest is the circular feature which is over 800 m across and may be due to a later intrusion. Similar anomalies are observed elsewhere in the Maricunga District.

An isolated 200 x 200 m pink-coloured anomaly to the northeast of the Porphyry Central may represent a third body with no surface expression.

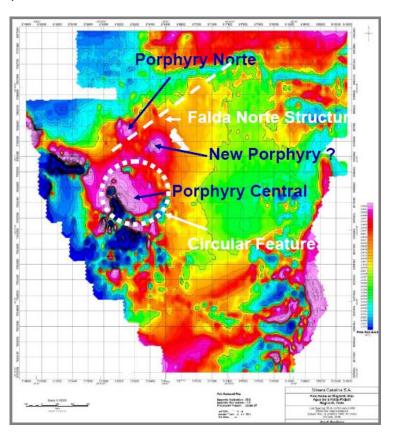


Figure 2. A Pole Reduced Magnetic Map of the La Falda area. Each square covers an area 200x200 m



A second geophysical survey is currently underway. Three Induced Polarisation (IP) survey lines, 3 to 4 km long and spaced 400 m apart, are being surveyed over the porphyry bodies and should reveal any sulphide mineralisation to a depth of 350 – 400 m. Similar surveys on other Maricunga gold porphyry systems has shown that IP chargeability measurements can identify sulphide mineralisation occurring as haloes around zones of gold mineralisation while resistivity measurements carried out at the same time can outline more central zones with silicification and potentially gold-bearing quartz veins.

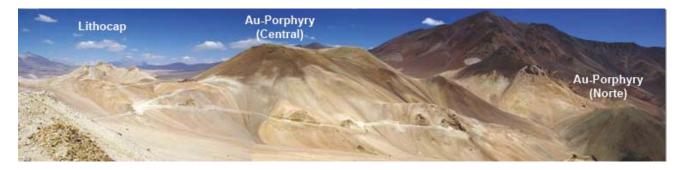


Figure 3. A view looking south of two of the porphyry intrusives at La Falda

The IP survey lines will cross both Porphyry Central and Porphyry Norte.

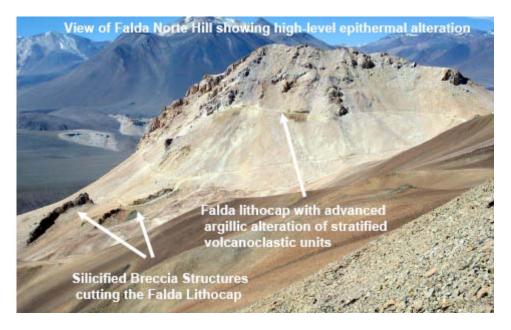


Figure 4. A view looking east looking at the altered volcanic rocks at La Falda

# C. The Kahuna Project

No fieldwork has been completed recently on the Kahuna project and its status remains unchanged.

The Kahuna project contains two separate targets with cobalt and copper mineralisation. A programme of reverse circulation drilling is planned to investigate the geophysical anomalies with the intention of



establishing inferred resources in both areas during 2008 – subject to a recovery to sustainable metal prices indicating the potential for a profitable project.

# D. The La Perla Project

The substantial fall in the price of copper from 4.00 US\$/lb to around US\$1.50 US\$/lb in the period September to December 2008 combined with a shortage of working capital and the requirement to pay a further instalment on the La Perla option-to-purchase agreement prompted a critical review of the benefits of maintaining the contract. In the event, it was decided that despite the fact that reverse circulation drilling by Catalina in 2007 had returned potentially economic grades and mineable widths, further expenditure on La Perla could not be justified and the option-to-purchase contract was allowed to lapse.



#### E. Future Developments

The Joint Venture with Minera IRL over the La Falda Project marks a turning point in the Company's development. Even with the planned payments from Minera IRL, the Company will need working capital to maintain its operations in Chile and to evaluate and acquire new gold projects at a time when, although the gold price is high, there are indications that property owners may be more willing to do deals at realistic prices.

Also it is still the Company's intention to achieve admission of the Company's share capital to a recognised Stock Exchange, either in the UK or in Canada by either an IPO or merger or acquisition.

As before, this Information Sheet is a summary. If you want to know more about a particular topic or if you have any questions, please call me or send an email to <a href="mailto:psb@catalinaresourcesplc.co.uk">psb@catalinaresourcesplc.co.uk</a>.

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