

QUARTERLY REPORT for the three months ending 30 September 2012

CHINALCO YUNNAN COPPER

LIMITED

RESOURCES

HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTRALIA

GOLDSEARCH, MARY KATHLEEN JV & XSTRATA COPPER, MOUNT FROSTY JV

27.7Mt inferred resource upgraded at Elaine copper-gold-REE prospect. Metallurgical drillhole underway. Scout drilling at Elaine 2 prospects along strike from Elaine copper-gold prospect. Exploration on Mount Frosty JV with Xstrata Copper to commence at Jubilee Gold Copper Prospect.

CHILE RIO TINTO IV'S

Caramasa: Drilling complete, results due Q4 2012. Palmani: Drill Access planned for Q4 2012. Sulfatos: New JV with Codelco subsidiary to commence access and geophysics Q4 2012.

LAOS

DRILLING COMPLETED – SUBJECT TO REVIEW

Xinzhai: Minor copper mineralisation subject to review. Juizhai: Zones of elevated silver-lead-zinc warrant further geological sampling along strike.

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AUSTRALIA - Elaine & Mt Dorothy Discoveries

SUMMARY

Chinalco Yunnan Copper Resources ("CYU") continues to advance its projects in northwest Queensland with the release of an updated resource of 27.7 Million tonnes with a contained metal content of 147,000 tonnes of copper and 75,000 ounces of gold at its Elaine copper-cobalt-gold prospect. The current program for Elaine includes extensional drilling plus metallurgical testwork.

Additional regional field programs have commenced. These programs target the Mary Kathleen Shear Zone, including a recently completed drillhole at "Copper Gossan" 1km southeast of Elaine in the Elaine 2 area. Drill target generation is underway with drilling of the targets expected to commence in Q4 2012.

MARY KATHLEEN JOINT VENTURE (CYU 70% : GSE 30%)

Elaine – Copper-Gold-Cobalt-LREO (Light Rare Earth Oxide)

At the end of the quarter, the updated Inferred JORC resource, which includes gold-light rare earth elements (LREE)-uranium-thorium (aka: Elaine 1), is open at depth and at report date is being drill extended from 400 metres to at least 800 metres vertically to potentially increase significantly the known mineralised zone.

Independent resource consultants, Mine Development Associates (MDA), of Reno, Nevada USA, completed the updated resource estimate. The resource estimate has been prepared in compliance with the disclosure and reporting requirements set forth in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code).

At end of the quarter, assay results have been returned for all the holes to date including MKED034 not reported previously (Table 3).

Drilling at Elaine 1, returned numerous significant widths of strong sulphide mineralisation (chalcopyrite, pyrite and pyrrhotite) along strike and up-dip from the open resource area. Broad copper intersections include: 120m @ 0.56% Cu, 0.08g/t Au and 272ppm Co from 505 metres in MKED023.

Elaine 1 is a unique deposit with multiple phases of mineralisation and multiple important metals. An interpreted extension of the Mary Kathleen Shear Zone controls mineralisation along a northeast strike with a steep southeast dip. Copper, cobalt, and gold are generally restricted to the shear zone, while uranium, thorium and the LREE's extend outside of, and envelop, the shear. Stratiform limbs of mineralisation also extend out to the southeast and dip north-northeast at about 60°, apparently paralleling original bedding in calc-



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Table 1. Elaine 1 Resource Table at Increasing CuEq (%) Cut-offs							
Cut-off CuEq	Tonnage	CuEq	Cu	Cu	Cu	Au	Au
(%)	(†)	(%)	(%)	(†)	('000 lbs)	(g/t)	(oz)
0.10	70,830,000	0.34	0.29	207,000	0.04	0.10	99,000
0.20	33,370,000	0.53	0.47	158,000	0.07	0.20	80,000
0.25	27,680,000	0.59	0.53	147,000	0.08	0.25	75,000
0.30	24,250,000	0.63	0.57	138,000	0.09	0.30	71,000
0.40	18,610,000	0.72	0.64	120,000	0.11	0.40	65,000
0.50	14,820,000	0.79	0.70	104,000	0.13	0.50	60,000
0.60	11,980,000	0.85	0.75	89,000	0.15	0.60	56,000
0.70	8,860,000	0.92	0.79	70,000	0.18	0.70	51,000
0.80	6,090,000	1.00	0.83	50,000	0.24	0.80	47,000

Notes. 1. Geological modeling and data acquisition was undertaken by CYU geological staff.
2. Metal domain and block model with grade estimate prepared by Mr. Steven Ristorcelli C.P.G who is a full-time employee of Mine Development Associates.
3. Gold assays by 30-gram fire assay with AAS finish, copper, cobalt, uranium, thorium and other elements assays by multi-acid digestion with ICP-MS or ICP-AES; all assays undertaken by ALS Chemex, Mount Isa, QLD.
4. In-situ bulk density values ranging from 3.19 t/m³ to 3.52 t/m³ were assigned based on lithology.
5. A geological block model with block sizes of 5m x 5m x 10m was constructed.
6. Cu and Au grades were estimated using inverse distance squared interpolation within parent blocks constrained within two metal domains, with a minimum of one sample, maximum of four samples per drill hole and a maximum of 16 samples per block estimate.
7. High-grade capping was applied to the sample data prior to compositing to 5m lengths: at 1% Cu and 3% Cu, for the low-grade and high-grade copper domains, respectively, 1.5g Au g/t and not capped for the low and high-grade domains of gold, respectively.
8. QA/QC checks on sampling and assaying quality are satisfactory.
9. The reported mineral resource estimate has been rounded to appropriate significant figures.
10. Copper Equivalent (CuEq%) = Cu (%) + (Au (g/t) x 0.70216)

silicate/garnetite. Copper, gold, cobalt and LREEs occur as replacement-style mineralisation with uranium and thorium, which is analogous to the Mary Kathleen deposit about 6km to the north (Figure 1).

Follow-up field work of detailed geological mapping plus geochemical and geophysical surveys has resulted in drilling the Copper Gossan prospect south of Elaine 2. Results will be available in early November. In addition, drilling is underway for metallurgical testwork with a vertical hole into the heart of the Elaine 27Mt system.

Table 2. Elaine Prospects Drilling Quarters 2 & 3, 2012								
Hole ID	UTM* East (m)	UTM* North (m)	RL (m)	Dip (°)	UTM** Azimuth (°)	Maximum Depth (m)		
Elaine 1	Elaine 1							
MKED0231	398,227	7,699,573	459	-70	328	891.7		
MKED0261	398,057	7,699,621	399	-60	310	294.6		
MKED029	398,123	7,699,442	417	-70	285	633.8		
MKED031	398,123	7,699,441	418	-50	271	329.8		
MKED032 ²	398,107	7,699,476	417	-65	290	16.8		
MKED033 ²	398,107	7,699,476	417	-65	290	18.5		
MKED034	398,109	7,699,476	417	-65	305	432.3		
Elaine 2								
MKED0241	399,012	7,698,874	423	-60	205	150.6		
MKED0271	398,962	7,698,719	465	-90	0	114.6		
MKED0281	398,695	7,698,938	446	-60	180	156.4		
MKED030	399,265	7,698,884	466	-60	236	189.4		
Elaine 3								
MKED0251	399,263	7,698,527	441	-90	0	114.8		
*Datum is UTM MGA94 Zone 54. ** Azimuth is UTM Grid North ¹ Drilled Q1 2012 – assays pending. ² Holes abandoned, MKED034 re-drill. Italics signify previously reported data. MKED034 is the only reported drillhole this Quarter.								

Table 3. Summary of Significant Copper-Gold Intersections @ 0.25% CuEq (maximum of 3m internal dilution)						
	From	То	Width	Cu	Au	CuEq
	(m)	(m)	(m)	(%)	(g/t)	(%)
MKED023	121	128	7	0.30	0.06	0.34
	451	454	3	0.44	0.10	0.51
inc	452	453	1	1.00	0.20	1.14
	463	497	34	0.47	0.42	0.77
inc	464	478	14	0.77	0.84	1.36+
inc	464	470	6	1.62	1.41	2.61*
	505	625	120	0.56	0.08	0.62
inc	517	536	19	0.55	0.04	0.57+
inc	544	568	24	0.70	0.08	0.76+
inc	572	595	23	0.85	0.19	0.98+
inc	581	585	4	1.34	0.27	1.53*
inc	589	595	6	0.99	0.40	1.27*
	599	623	24	0.59	0.07	0.64
inc	612	618	6	1.03	0.07	1.08*
	640	656	16	0.81	0.18	0.93
inc	643	656	13	0.95	0.21	1.10*
	661	696	35	0.39	0.06	0.44
	700	711	11	0.31	0.10	0.39
MKED024	0	150.6	150.6	No sign	ificant Inter	sections
MKED025	0	114.8	114.8	No significant Intersections		sections
MKED026	21	27	6	0.41	0.02	0.42
	66	68	2	0.43	0.02	0.44
	86	133	47	0.43	0.06	0.47
inc	86	113	27	0.48	0.08	0.54+
inc	117	122	5	0.62	0.07	0.67+
	146	168	22	0.51	0.57	0.91
inc	146	162	16	0.57	0.67	1.04*
	175	186	11	0.39	3.03	2.52
inc	177	186	9	0.47	3.63	3.02*
MKED027	0	114.6	114.6	No sign	ificant Inter	sections
MKED028	16	17	1	0.40	0.02	0.41
MKED029	22	25	3	0.26	0.02	0.27
	30	49	19	0.36	0.02	0.37
MKED030	54	56	2	0.02	0.40	0.30
MKED031	0	2	2	0.53	0.02	0.55
	63	68	5	0.49	0.02	0.51
MKED032	0	16.8	16.8	Hole abandoned, unsampled, MKED033 re-drill		
MKED033	0	18.5	18.5	Hole abandoned, unsampled, MKED034 re-drill		
MKED034	187	221	34	0.36	-	-
* 0.5% CuEq cut-off. * 1% CuEq cut-off. Notes. Copper equivalent calculated on copper and gold only as per Elaine JORC resource (CuEq(%) = Cu (%) + (Au (g/t) x 0.70216)). Italies signify previously reported data. MKED034 is the only reported drillhole this Ouarter.						

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Elaine schematic section showing Cu zone within Mary Kathleen Shear Zone and a probable late structure hosting gold mineralisation (orange) intercepted by MKED009 an MKED026 discovering a high grade narrow gold zone that does not have sufficient drill density to be classified as JORC Inferred.



Drilling Copper Gossan prospect, 100m south of REE prospect, Elaine 2. This drilling of the Mary Kathleen Shear is an effort to increase the resource base to a Corporate target of at least 75Mt of comparable grades to Elaine.

MOUNT FROSTY JOINT VENTURE (CYU EARNING IN : XSTRATA COPPER 100%)

CYU signed a binding agreement in Quarter 1 with Xstrata Mount Isa Mines Limited ("Xstrata Copper") to commence exploration activities on the Mount Frosty project (EPM 14467) covering the Mary Kathleen Shear Zone.

At the end of the quarter, field investigations were completed on a series of first-pass traverses with geological mapping along the Mary Kathleen Shear. Drill targets have been generated and will be systematically drilled to test the strike extent of this new copper-mineralised corridor in the heart of the Mount Isa district.

A core drilling program, totalling 350 metres in 2 holes, is proposed at Jubilee to test Cu and Au anomalies of old mullock samples grading up to 7.8g/t gold and 2.1% copper will possibly be drilled before the end of the calendar year, weather dependant. In the early 1980s, one historical drill hole has been drilled towards the east to test the mineralisation along the quartz lode and no further effort was carried out due to poor drill results.

However, a review of the Mullock Heap Gold-Copper Assay results indicates a high potential of significant mineralisation if the target is properly tested.

CLONCURRY NORTH PROJECT (YEX EARNING IN : CYU 100%)

During 2011, CYU farmed-out the Cloncurry North projects to the Yunnan Copper Mineral Resources Exploration and Development Co. Ltd. (YEX).

YEX will farm-in and subsequently obtain the opportunity of earning up to a 55% of the Cloncurry North project.

During the quarter, YEX received drill results targeting a number of anomalies defined by deep-penetrating EM geophysical survey (EH4) undertaken in late 2011, on the FC4 prospect, EPM 15095, approximately six kilometres north of Ernest Henry.

Two deep diamond core holes, ZK01 and ZK02, were each drilled beyond 750 metres and totalled 1519.1 metres, and ZK01 returned 104m @ 0.1% copper from 474 metres.

The alteration assemblage associated with chalcopyrite-gold mineralisation at Ernest Henry (i.e., Kfeldspar-biotite-magnetite-calcite-apatite) is present in the inspected FC4 drill core in spaced and relatively thin intervals (4 to 8 metres), at a much lower intensity of development.

In contrast to the ore zone of Ernest Henry, extensive intervals of FC4 core consist of the red-rock assemblage (reddened & hematitic feldspar-amphibole-calcitequartz \pm pyrite, chalcopyrite). This assemblage is widespread in the Cloncurry region and is difficult to associate directly with specific IOCG deposits.

ZK01 could have intersected the periphery or 'halo' of an Ernest Henry-style deposit (at depth?). Alternatively, the mineralisation at FC4 may simply be the result of a weakly developed and poorly focussed IOCG system without an economic 'ore' component.

Typical IOCG deposits have Cu grades of 1.2 to 1.8%. Given that 63 drill holes for more than 7,000 metres have now been drilled at FC4, and that there are no multi-metre intervals with more than 0.3% Cu, it is concluded that an economic resource is not present in the project area within 150 to 200 metres of the surface. At greater depths, even higher and increasingly unlikely Cu grades are required for economic mining (>2.5%).

YEX will now concentrate on the Little Isa target with a view to a drill proposal.



Jubilee prospect is within the Mount Frosty JV with Xstrata Copper with significant surface samples previously taken in the late 1980s including 7.8g/t gold and averaging 2% copper from oxidised samples. It is located 1 kilometre to the west of Elaine.

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CHILE - Copper - Rio Tinto JV

SUMMARY

All exploration initiatives are focused on large scale porphyry copper exploration with drill operations completed at the Candelabro and Caramasa prospects and preparations underway in Palmani, Sulfatos and Humito.

CANDELABRO

(CYU EARNING IN : RIO TINTO 100%,)

The Candelabro copper porphyry prospect is located approximately 110km east of Iquique in northern Chile. The property area is 4,200 hectares and was discovered by Rio Tinto in a greenfield exploration program based on metallogenic data and satellite imagery. The location placed the Candelabro prospect within the Palaeocene Porphyry Copper Belt of northern Chile (60-50Ma), which hosts the nearby Cerro Colorado deposit (191Mt @ 1% Cu and 0.015% Mo), approximately 45km to the south.

Rio Tinto and CYU Chile entered a Joint Venture in September 2011. CYU Chile has conducted geological mapping and a 6 drill hole program from December 2011 to July 2012. Drill holes were named CAND0004 to CAND0009 and totalled 2500.55 metres. The geology suggested a potential porphyry environment at greater depth, with only minor porphyritic intrusives seen throughout a predominantly sedimentary rock package. The most encouraging mineralised intersection was seen in CAND0007 and consisted of 29m @ 0.17% Cu from 30m.

CARAMASA

(CYU EARNING IN : RIO TINTO 100%)

The Caramasa central target has been drilled by three holes to test geophysical and geochemical targets with assays pending.

Surface sampling included two samples which assayed 1.6g/t Au. The main epithermal vein samples are from the peripheral selvage and veins. The presence of epithermal textures (including colloform banding) in the main veins are signs of encouragement.

Other notable assays include 394088 running 5.5g/t Ag and trace elevations in Sn in a few samples.

PALMANI

(CYU EARNING IN : RIO TINTO 100%)

During the quarter, drill road construction has been approved by the local authorities. The Palmani target has sufficient mapping and sampling to commence drilling after the Caramasa drill program is completed.

HUMITO (CYU 100%)

A joint venture signed with Xstrata in 2011 consolidated additional land holdings. This enables further drill targets to be prepared during 2013. New targets in the Xstrata tenure are currently being evaluated.



SULFATOS (CYU EARNING IN, CODELCO 100%)

China Yunnan Copper Australia Chile Limitada, a Chilean subsidiary of Chinalco Yunnan Copper Resources Limited (ASX code: CYU), has signed a farm-in agreement with Compañía Contractual Minera Los Andes (CCMLA, a subsidiary of Codelco, the world's largest copper producer) for the copper porphyry exploration property Sulfatos in northern Chile.

- CYU can earn-in up to 51% interest at Sulfatos over 6 years,
- CCMLA worked at the project for more than 10 years and defined a porphyry system through mapping, geochemical sampling and drilling,
- Drilling intersected 92m @ 0.65% Cu, open along strike and at depth,
- CYU work program conductive geophysics followed by extensional drilling.

Sumr	nary of	Signifie	cant Int	ersectio	ons
HOLE ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cu (%)	Mo (ppm)
CAND005	44	45	1	0.12	6
	472	477	5	0.16	<1
CANDOUO	597	601	4	0.15	<1
	9	14	5	0.10	<2
	18	24	6	0.18	2
	30	59	29	0.17	<2
CAND007	83	89	6	0.15	<2
	108	117	9	0.14	<2
	135	136	1	0.49	<2
	389	391	1	0.37	<2
CAND008	255	258	3	0.18	27
CAND009	297	299	2	0.10	<2
HOLE ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Ag (g/t)	Mo (ppm)
CAND005	479	480	1	6	1
CAND006	58	59	1	10	2
CAND006	254	255	1	10	13
CAND007	2	4	2	9	4
CAND007	397	398	1	73	807

Table 4. Candelabro 2012 Diamond Drilling



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LAOS - Jiuzhai Copper-Polymetallic Project

SUMMARY

CYU is currently earning-in up to 51% equity of Yunnan Copper Sanmu Mining Industry Co. Ltd (Sanmu) which holds 100% of the four projects in northern Laos.

During the quarter, diamond drilling results at the Xinzhai (1 hole) and Jiuzhai (3 holes) projects were received for base and precious metals anomalies defined by electrical geophysics, trenches and underground adit sampling. Field operations were suspended at the end of the quarter for the oncoming monsoon season.

The corporate exploration target is 80-100 million tons at a grade of 0.9-1.0% copper and 120-150g/t silver. Short-term processing of copper-silver ore bodies in neighbouring Yunnan Copper Industries (YCI) facilities is also a realistic project objective in Laos, subsequent to resource drilling.

XINZHAI PROJECT

(SANMU 100%, CYU EARNING IN 51%)

Drilling operations to date have totalled 376.56 metres in one diamond drill hole.

Assay results have returned minor copper mineralisation from the intervals corresponding with the interbedded breccia zones as very fine-grained sporadic chalcocite disseminations and stockworking consisting of 1m @ 0.20% copper from 31 metres; 1m @ 0.12% copper from 72 metres; 1m @ 0.12% copper from 103 metres; 1m @ 0.17% copper from 275 metres and 2m @ 0.13% Cu from 285 metres.

Follow-up surface mapping has identified copper mineralisation outcropping, mostly hosted in the fault zones.

All geological, geophysical and geochemical work has been combined with the latest drillhole results of ZK1301 and reviewed. A number of surface copper, lead and zinc geochemical anomalies have been identified in the exploration area, in conjunction with several intermediate-gradient induced polarisation (IP) geophysical anomalies. Drillhole targeting is underway, during the wet season, for continued exploration planned to focus on these anomalies with the aim of identifying a Mesozoic and Cenozoic sedimentaryhosted copper polymetallic deposit.

JIUZHAI PROJECT CYU EARNING IN 51%)

Drilling operations to date have totalled 730.90 metres in three diamond drill holes .

Assay results have been returned for drillhole ZK001a, a re-drill of drillhole ZK001, abandoned due to adverse drilling conditions, and a number of anomalous silver zones have been identified: 0-30m, 44-75m, 110-140m and 151- 216m.



Figure 5. Locations of Jiuzhai, Xinzhai, Nadao and Modeng projects held by Sanmu in Northern Laos. Sanmu will drill several targets at Jiuzhai and Xinzhai projects in 2011/12.

Assay results returned for ZK001a were generally loworder, slightly elevated zones with the best intersection returned being 2m @ 0.21% lead, 0.26% zinc and 5g/tsilver from 26 metres.

While low-order copper, lead, zinc and silver content has been intersected, geostatistical analysis supports the identification of the four separate anomalous zones. These anomalous zones showed positive correlation with the contents of lead and zinc. In combination with observations made in the drill core, these zones are located in the faulted and shattered zone, indicating a structural control to the low- temperature hydrothermal activity.

Regionally, there are multi-stage tectonic movements, fracturing and fold development. Background values of silver, lead and zinc are high and, in combination with favorable geological settings, the project area has the potential of carbonate-related silver, lead and zinc deposits and lateritic silver deposits.

These drill results however, have downgraded Jiuzhai with respect to Xinzhai which will be the focus of the upcoming field season commencing October 2012.

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ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL

Chinalco Yunnan Copper Resources Limited has 173.26 million ordinary shares currently on issue and 16.20 million options.

Quarterly Share Price Activity

Quarter	High	Low	Last				
Sep 2008	\$0.25	\$0.12	\$0.12				
Dec 2008	\$0.19	\$0.07	\$0.07				
Mar 2009	\$0.10	\$0.07	\$0.068				
Jun 2009	\$0.20	\$0.16	\$0.17				
Sep 2009	\$0.35	\$0.16	\$0.24				
Dec 2009	\$0.35	\$0.17	\$0.20				
Mar 2010	\$0.35	\$0.205	\$0.205				
Jun 2010	\$0.23	\$0.091	\$0.15				
Sep 2010	\$0.225	\$0.091	\$0.165				
Dec 2010	\$0.20	\$0.15	\$0.175				
Mar 2011	\$0.44	\$0.18	\$0.31				
Jun 2011	\$0.31	\$0.18	\$0.185				
Sep 2011	\$0.26	\$0.155	\$0.155				
Dec 2011	\$0.235	\$0.16	\$0.18				
Mar 2012	\$0.19	\$0.165	\$0.165				
Jun 2012	\$0.19	\$0.10	\$0.11				
Sep 2012	\$0.13	\$0.08	\$0.10				

Competent Person's Statement

The information in this report that relates to the Inferred resource is based on information compiled by Steven Ristorcelli, who is a Certified Professional Geologist with the American Institute of Professional Geologists, a "Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation". Mr Ristorcelli is Principal Geologist with Mine Development Associates of Reno, Nevada, USA. Mr Ristorcelli has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results and Mineral Resources". Mr Ristorcelli consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information related to the Inferred resource in the form and context in which it appears.

The information regarding Exploration Activities in this report that relates to all exploration projects and to the Inferred Resource at the Elaine Project is based on information compiled by Jason Beckton, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geologists and is Managing Director of Chinalco Yunnan Copper Resources Limited. Mr Beckton has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results and Mineral Resources". Mr Beckton consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



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