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## CMP to Purchase Additional Stake in Productora for US\$1.5 Million

## Sprott Loan to be Reduced and Extended by 12 Months

Hot Chili Limited (ASX Code: HCH) is pleased to announce that it has agreed to sell an additional 2.5% interest in the Productora copper project for US\$1.5 million to its Chilean Joint Venture partner Compañía Minera del Pacífico S.A. (CMP).

The sale is subject to CMP Board approval, which is expected to occur in late May and follows the participation of CAP, the parent company of CMP, in a A\$1.6 million placement by Hot Chili in March this year.

The additional stake will take CMP's interest in Productora to 20%. Currently CMP's interest in SMEA SpA is 17.5% (holder of the Productora copper project).

Funds from the sale of the 2.5% project stake in Productora will be fully applied to reducing Hot Chili's loan facility (Facility) of US\$9.5 million with Sprott Resource Lending Partnership (Sprott).

The Company is also pleased to confirm that Sprott and Hot Chili have agreed to terms for a 12 month extension to the Facility which is currently due for repayment on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Terms include payment by Hot Chili toward the reduction of the outstanding loan balance and satisfaction of a standard extension fee. The extension is subject to agreement of formal documentation and Hot Chili expects to execute a formal agreement for the Sprott Facility extension in June 2016.

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## Update on Next Steps of CMP's Involvement in the Productora Project

Since completion of the Productora PFS in early March this year, Hot Chili and CMP have been working together closely to assess the immediate steps required to advance Productora to the next stage and eventually production.

This work has focused on two aspects of commercial importance for both companies:

- 1. Agreement on a work programme to capture several opportunities to de-risk and strengthen the project in advance of a planned Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS), and
- 2. How any potential amendments may be incorporated into the existing CMP Option agreement to ensure a sustainable long-term agreement between both companies

Work would include an interim engineering study to optimise the project economics and development plan, in addition to exploration drilling of several large-scale copper porphyry targets identified immediately adjacent to the planned Productora central pit.

Hot Chili and CMP intend to finalise discussions in relation to the above items in the coming weeks and announce the outcomes of this process once complete. Any amendments to the existing CMP Option Agreement would be subject to CMP Board approval, and Hot Chili Board and shareholder approval.

# The Directors of Hot Chili are very encouraged by CMP's and Sprott's continuing support of Hot Chili's strategy to advance Productora.

We look forward to finalising all aspects of our funding discussions to ensure the Company's balance sheet and cash is strengthened in advance of commencing the next round of exciting activities at Productora.

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## **Qualifying Statements**

## JORC Compliant Ore Reserve Statement

Ore Type	Reserve Category	Tonnage		Grade			Contained	Metal	Payable Metal		
			Cu	Au	Мо	Copper	Gold	Molybdenum	Copper	Gold	Molybdenum
		(Mt)	(%)	(g/t)	(ppm)	(tonnes)	(ounces)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(ounces)	(tonnes)
Oxide	Probable	24.1	0.43	0.08	49	103,000	59,600	1,200	55,600		
Transitional		20.5	0.45	0.08	92	91,300	54,700	1,900	61,500	24,400	800
Fresh		122.4	0.43	0.09	163	522,500	356,400	20,000	445,800	167,500	10,400
Total	Probable	166.9	0.43	0.09	138	716,800	470,700	23,100	562,900	191,900	11,200

Productora Open Pit Probable Ore Reserve Statement – Reported 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Note 1: Figures in the above table are rounded, reported to two significant figures, and classified in accordance with the Australian JORC Code 2012 guidance on Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve reporting. Note 2: Price assumptions: Cu price - US\$3.00/lb; Au price US\$1200/oz; Mo price US\$14.00/lb. Note 3: Mill average recovery for fresh Cu - 89%, Au - 52%, Mo - 53%. Mill average recovery for transitional; Cu 70%, Au - 50%, Mo - 46%. Heap Leach average recovery for oxide; Cu - 54%. Note 4: Payability factors for metal contained in concentrate: Cu - 96%; Au - 90%; Mo - 98%. Payability factor for Cu cathode - 100%.

## **JORC Compliant Mineral Resource Statements**

### **Contained Metal** Grade Tonnage Cu Au Mo Copper Gold Molybdenum Deposit Classification (Mt) (%) (g/t) (ounces) (tonnes) (ppm) (tonnes) 572,000 25,000 Indicated 166.8 0.50 0.11 151 841,000 Productora Inferred 51.9 0.42 0.08 113 219,000 136,000 6,000 Sub-total 218.7 0.48 0.10 142 1,059,000 708,000 31,000 Indicated 15.3 0.41 0.04 42 63,000 20,000 600 Alice Inferred 0.37 0.03 22 100 2.6 10,000 2,000 Sub-total 17.9 0.04 700 0.41 39 73,000 23,000 Indicated 182.0 0.50 0.10 142 903,000 592,000 26,000 Combined Inferred 0.08 109 54.5 0.42 228,000 138,000 6,000 Total 236.6 0.48 0.10 135 1,132,000 730,000 32,000

## Productora Higher Grade Mineral Resource Statement, Reported 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Reported at or above 0.25 % Cu. Figures in the above table are rounded, reported to two significant figures, and classified in accordance with the Australian JORC Code 2012 guidance on Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve reporting. Metal rounded to nearest thousand, or if less, to the nearest hundred.





			Grad		Contained Metal				
		Tonnage	Cu	Au	Mo	Copper	Gold	Molybdenum	
Deposit	Classification	(Mt)	(%)	(g/t)	(ppm)	(tonnes)	(ounces)	(tonnes)	
Productora	Indicated	150.9	0.15	0.03	66	233,000	170,000	10,000	
	Inferred	50.7	0.17	0.04	44	86,000	72,000	2,000	
	Sub-total	201.6	0.16	0.04	60	320,000	241,000	12,000	
Alice	Indicated	12.3	0.14	0.02	29	17,000	7,000	400	
	Inferred	4.1	0.12	0.01	20	5,000	2,000	100	
	Sub-total	16.4	0.13	0.02	27	22,000	9,000	400	
Combined	Indicated	163.2	0.15	0.03	63	250,000	176,000	10,000	
	Inferred	54.8	0.17	0.04	43	91,000	74,000	2,000	
	Total	218.0	0.16	0.04	58	341,000	250,000	13,000	

## Productora Low Grade Mineral Resource Statement, Reported 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Reported at or above 0.1% Cu and below 0.25 % Cu. Figures in the above table are rounded, reported to two significant figures, and classified in accordance with the Australian JORC Code 2012 guidance on Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve reporting. Metal rounded to nearest thousand, or if less, to the nearest hundred. Metal rounded to nearest thousand, or if less, to the nearest hundred.

## **Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Confirmation**

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimates on the Productora copper projects were originally reported in the ASX announcements "Hot Chili Delivers PFS and Near Doubles Reserves at Productora" dated 2nd March 2016. The company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in that announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

### **Competent Person's Statement-** Exploration Results

Exploration information in this Announcement is based upon work undertaken by Mr Christian Easterday, the Managing Director and a full-time employee of Hot Chili Limited whom is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mr Easterday has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (JORC Code). Mr Easterday consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

### **Competent Person's Statement-** Mineral Resources

The information in this Announcement that relates to the Productora Project Mineral Resources, is based on information compiled by Mr J Lachlan Macdonald and Mr N Ingvar Kirchner. Mr Macdonald is a full-time employee of Hot Chili Ltd and is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Kirchner is employed by AMC Consultants (AMC). AMC has been engaged on a fee for service basis to provide independent technical advice and final audit for the Productora Project Mineral Resource estimates. Mr Kirchner is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Both Mr Macdonald and Mr Kirchner have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a





Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code 2012). Both Mr Macdonald and Mr Kirchner consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

## **Competent Person's Statement-** Ore Reserves

The information in this Announcement that relates to Productora Project Ore Reserves, is based on information compiled by Mr Carlos Guzmán, Mr Boris Caro, Mr Leon Lorenzen and Mr Grant King. Mr Guzmán is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), a Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission (RM- a 'Recognised Professional Organisation' within the meaning of the JORC Code 2012) and a full time employee of NCL Ingeniería y Construcción SpA (NCL). Mr Caro is a full-time employee of Hot Chili Ltd and is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and a Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission. Mr Lorenzen is employed by Mintrex Pty Ltd and is a Chartered Professional Engineer, Fellow of Engineers Australia, and is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr King is employed by AMEC Foster Wheeler (AMEC FW) and is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). NCL, Mintrex and AMEC FW have been engaged on a fee for service basis to provide independent technical advice and final audit for the Productora Project Ore Reserve estimate. Mr. Guzmán, Mr Caro, Mr Lorenzen and Mr King have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Guzmán, Mr Caro, Mr Lorenzen and Mr King consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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