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Manager - Company Announcements
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Dear Madam

QUARTERLY EXPLORATION REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

EXPLORATION

GOLD

NAMIBIA - OUNDUNDU PROJECT

The joint venture and/or sale of this project are still under consideration. As previously reported, the estimated value of the project is in the region of $6,000,000. There are three mining licences - ML 74, ML 75 and ML 76 - which remain current till March 2012.

Southern Cross has a 75% interest in this project through a Namibian subsidiary which holds the licences and has commenced negotiations to acquire the minority interest.

VICTORIA - WOODS POINT - ROYAL STANDARD GROUP OF MINES

The grants and/or renewals of those tenements which comprise the Royal Standard Group of Mines near Woods Point were refused some years ago. However, an application has been made for a new Exploration Licence (EL 4577) over a major portion of the Royal Standard area, in conjunction with Longreach Oil Limited. Granting of the licence is awaiting determination of a Native Title claim. Southern Cross will hold a 50% interest in the joint venture when the Exploration License is granted and will be appointed Operator.
DIAMONDS

Austar Mining Corporation N L

As previously advised, Southern Cross has an investment in diamond exploration through its 40% shareholding in Austar Mining Corporation N L. The proposed float of the company as a separate exploration company has been deferred but discussions to re-activate such a float are ongoing.

OTHER MINERALS

NEW SOUTH WALES - EXPLORATION LICENCE 6067 - GROUP 1 AND 2 MINERALS

Exploration Licence 6067, comprising 25 units (about 70 sq kms) was granted in the previous quarter by the NSW Department of Mineral Resources. Discussions regarding drilling operations are being held between the parties. Southern Cross has an 80% interest & Bohuon Resources Pty Ltd has a 20% interest in the project.

NORTHERN TERRITORY- BIGRLY1 - EXPLORATION LICENCES NUMBERS 46 TO 55

The joint venture project in the Ngalia Basin, Northern Territory has a proven uranium resource. The retention leases continue to be held on a care and maintenance basis and have been renewed to November 2008.

Southern Cross has a 5% interest. The joint venture parties are:

- Samantha Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd  41.71 %
- Yendumu Mining Co. N L  35.81 %
- Central Pacific Minerals N L  17.48 %
- Southern Cross Exploration N L  5.00 %

EL 22897 - Huckitta Tenement - Eastern Arunta, N.T.

The application for the transfer of Exploration Licence 22897 from Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd made during the previous quarter has since been approved and registered since the end of the quarter.

EL 22897 has an area of 1562 sq. km. and is prospective for gold, copper and nickel.

Southern Cross holds an 80% interest and Bohuon Resources Pty Ltd holds a 20% interest in the Joint Venture.
OTHER PROJECTS

Gold Project - Philippines

Since the end of the quarter, the company has entered into a conditional Option Agreement in respect of a gold mining project in the Philippines. The location of the project is on the island of Luzon, about 100 km. north-east of Manila.

The agreement is conditional on satisfactory results from the due diligence study, which will be conducted by the company's consultants.

EXPENDITURE

Exploration and associated administration costs for the quarter amounted to $54,000.

For and on behalf
Southern Cross Exploration N L

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Secretary

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