



CENTRAL ASIA RESOURCES LIMITED

7 April 2009

ENCOURAGING PRELIMINARY METALLURGICAL RESULTS FOR DALABAI

Key points

- Bulk sample column test produces gold heap leach recovery of 74%
- Dalabai on track to be a low capex project with early positive cashflows
- 50 hole drill program 80% complete with 2900m drilled
- Company revising Altyntas and Kepken JORC Resource statements

Central Asia Resources Limited ("Central Asia" or "the Company" ASX:CVR) is pleased to announce bulk metallurgical test results for its Dalabai prospect in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Test Results

Earlier in the year a 245kg bulk sample was collected from the face of one of the existing pits at Dalabai. The sample underwent a battery of tests including 2.1m high column tests to investigate the viability of heap leaching methods on Dalabai ore. The results include –

- Head grade - 3.28g/t gold and 30.24g/t silver.
- Ore crushed to 25mm and column leached for 23 days produced gold recovery of 63% and calculated silver recovery of 42%
- Ore crushed to 12mm and column leached for 23 days produced gold recovery of 74% and calculated silver recovery of 58%
- 60% of gold recovered in 13 days
- Low lime and cyanide consumption.

Central Asia's Managing Director, Jason Stirbinskis said "These results are very encouraging. The head grade is higher than our initial expectations and we are getting better recoveries than assumed. In addition, the results suggest that agglomeration is not required".

The tests were conducted at 'Kazmechanobr', a well respected metallurgical laboratory in Kazakhstan.

Dalabai on Track

The Company acquired Dalabai in Q4 2008 and immediately commenced work to progress through feasibility study to development. Historical information indicated that the prospect would be a conventional, low capex, gold heap leach opportunity with the potential for early positive cashflow. Investigations to date support this position.

In March 2009 the Company announced the first results of a 50 hole drilling campaign which is due for completion in May. More assay results from the 2900m drilled to date are expected shortly.

For personal use only

ASX Code CVR

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

The Company has also made significant progress in a number of other areas including:

- Completing renovations of the camp
- Development of basic engineering design and equipment lists for the heap leach process and securing quotes for major capital items.
- Progressing the aspects of the Feasibility Study that are not influenced by pending resource calculations and metallurgical testwork such as
 - Review of local infrastructure and suppliers
 - Environmental base line studies
 - Geographical and cultural commentary
 - Historical data review

Mr Stirbinskis said “We are on target to commence development this year, we have 3 drill rigs on site to fast track the drilling program and we have commenced conversations with key design and construction providers both in Australia and in Kazakhstan”.

Revised Resource Statements

The company has commenced a revision of its Resource Statements at Altyntas and Kepken prospects.

	Initial Inferred Resource	Activity since March 2008
Altyntas	5.41Mt grading 1.65g/t Au for 287,000oz	10,000m of drilling over 12 months including infill and extensional drilling Prospect remains open along strike and at depth
Kepken	7.96Mt grading 1.15g/t Au for 294,000oz	2500m of drilling over 12 months including infill and extensional drilling Prospect remains open along strike and at depth

“We are particularly interested in the revised Altyntas Resource given the amount of drilling and some of the spectacular assay results we have announced since March 2008”. Mr Stirbinskis said “We are targeting to have completed a BFS on Altyntas in late 2010 in the expectation that the market will have regained an appetite for funding projects of this magnitude”.

About Dalabai

Dalabai is a gold prospect 180km north of Almaty, Kazakhstan’s largest city. The 8km² licence contains an area that has been mined via several small open pits with heap leach processing on site. As Dalabai has been in production previously, it is expected that the start up process and re-instatement of production permitting will be a relatively quick process.

For personal use only

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT ASX Code CVR

The Dalabai deposit is composed of volcanic and sub-volcanic rocks, which are spatially and temporally related to an Upper-Paleozoic volcanic caldera located in the northeast of the license area. The caldera is the origin for several radial fractures stretching out for several hundred meters. The fracture zones are mostly filled with dykes of rhyolites and andesites, which in turn have experienced strong metasomatic and hydrothermal alteration.

The length of the gold-controlling alteration zones ranges from 200m to 2,100m with a combined length over 9km. Width varies from 7m to 50m averaging 20m-25m and the zones are steep dipping from 70 degrees to vertical. Gold mainly occurs as pyrite disseminated in secondary quartzites and propylites.

Preliminary metallurgical work including column tests announced in April 2009 have indicated gold recoveries via conventional heap leaching of 74% with low lime and cyanide consumption

For further information contact:

Jason Stirbinskis
Managing Director
Central Asia Resources Limited
Phone: 61 8 9486 4788

Metallurgical test work was completed under the supervision of Mr Gary Patrick, an external consultant to the Company. Mr Patrick has sufficient experience, which is relevant to this style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Patrick consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Dr Waldemar Mueller who is a consultant to Central Asia Resources Limited. Dr Mueller is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which 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 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Dr Mueller consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

Statements regarding Central Asia Resources' plans with respect to its mineral properties are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that Central Asia Resources' plans for development of its mineral properties will proceed as currently expected. There can also be no assurance that Central Asia Resources' will be able to confirm the presence of additional mineral deposits, that any mineralisation will prove to be economic or that a mine will successfully be developed on any of Central Asia Resources' mineral properties

For personal use only

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT ASX Code CVR

Background – Central Asia Resources Limited

Central Asia holds

- 95% interest in Alytn-Tas LLP which holds the Altyntas, Kepken and Kengir licences;
- 90% interest in Onzhas Ltd which holds the Dalabai licence,
- 60% interest in Buguty-Palm LLP which holds the Uenke Bulak licence, and
- 90% interest in Altynsai-Geo Ltd which holds the Bizhe licence.

All prospects are located in the Republic of Kazakhstan with the minority interests held by Kazakhstani companies. All prospects are predominately prospective for near surface Gold and were the subject of exploration by Soviet workers from the 1960s to the 1990s. Several other drilling and exploration programs were conducted on the prospects prior to being acquired by Central Asia.

With the exception of Bizhe, all prospects have progressed to 'Commercial Discovery' status under Kazakhstani law and as such hold long term mining licences. Bizhe is less advanced and remains classed as 'Exploration' status.

The Company's project areas are close to Almaty, the largest city in Kazakhstan and has well established road, rail and telecommunications infrastructure.

In April 2008 the Company announced Resource Estimates for Altyntas, Kepken, Kengir and Uenke Bulak. In July 2008 Central Asia commenced an 18 month program focussed on extensional drilling and prospect evaluation.

In November 2008, the Company articulated a 3 year plan which focuses on the investigation and development of Dalabai and Altyntas prospects.

PROSPECT	OUNCES	RESOURCE (Date)	ACTIVITY SINCE RESOURCE CALCULATION
Altyntas	287,000 contained gold	5.41Mt grading 1.65g/t Au for 287,000oz Inferred (2/4/08)	10,000m of diamond drilling Prospect remains open along strike and at depth
Kepken	294,000 contained gold	7.96Mt grading 1.15g/t Au for 294,000oz Inferred (4/4/08)	2500m of diamond drilling Prospect remains open along strike and at depth
Kengir	127,000 contained gold	1.44Mt grading 1.3g/t gold for 58,000oz Indicated and 1.48Mt grading 1.4g/t gold Inferred (28/3/08)	2500m of diamond drilling
Uenke Bulak	55,000 contained gold 1,900,000 contained silver	0.64Mt grading 2.65g/t gold for 55,000oz gold and 92g/t silver for 1.9Moz silver (31/3/08)	2500m of diamond drilling
Dalabai			3000m of diamond drilling
Bizhe			

For personal use only

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT ASX Code CVR