

## **Off-take Agreement Signed with China's CITIC**

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- **Life-of-Mine off-take agreement signed for Molybdenum and Tungsten concentrates to be produced at Molyhil.**
- **Final development approvals for Molyhil Project expected during the second quarter of 2008**
- **Signing of off-take agreement triggers next stage of the process for Molyhil development.**
- **Alternative financing also under consideration**

Thor Mining PLC (AIM/ASX: THR) is pleased to announce that it has signed an off-take agreement with **CITIC Australia Commodity Trading Pty Ltd**, a subsidiary of **CITIC Australia Trading Limited (ASX:CAL)**, to take 100% of the Molybdenum and Tungsten concentrates to be produced from its 100%-owned **Molyhil Tungsten-Molybdenum Project** located in the Northern Territory of Australia.

CITIC Group is one of China's largest state-owned companies with assets in excess of US\$180 billion. The activities of the CITIC Group include banking and financial businesses, industrial investments (including energy and raw materials) and international trade.

The CITIC Group in Australia, comprising CITIC Australia Pty Ltd and CITIC Resources Australia Pty Ltd, has assets and annual sales of over A\$1.2 billion. Its operations include a 22.5% interest in the Portland Aluminium Smelter Joint Venture in Victoria, a 17.66% shareholding in Macarthur Coal Limited, a 7% direct interest in the Coppabella/Moorvale Coal Joint Venture, a 76.35% shareholding in the ASX-listed CITIC Australia Trading Limited, and interests in a series of exploration projects.

Final approvals for the development of the Molyhil Project are expected in during the second quarter of 2008, with the mine management plan currently under review by the Department of Primary Industries Fishing and Mining in the Northern Territory.

The Molyhil Project has a current resource of 3.73 million tonnes at 0.51% combined tungsten (WO<sub>3</sub>) and molybdenum (MoS<sub>2</sub>). The mining plan provides for the development of an open pit mining operation and a new processing facility. The mining reserve contains a total of **4.9 million pounds of molybdenum metal and 700,000 mtu's of tungsten** which will be produced over the expected 5.7 year life of the open pit design.

Commenting on the signing of the off-take agreement, Thor's Chief Executive Officer, Mr John A. Young, said: "The long running negotiation for the off-take agreement has been a critical factor in progressing the development of the Molyhil Project. We are very pleased to have secured CITIC as a partner and, with this off-take agreement now in place, we will move forward with funding arrangements."

Mr Ting Hu Guo, the executive director of CITIC Resources Australia Pty Ltd, said he was very pleased to sign this agreement with Thor.



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"CITIC has been seeking to secure a long-term supply of Tungsten and Molybdenum, which are important raw materials for the Group's expanding steel business in China," he said. "We are therefore delighted to support the Molyhil Project through this Life-of-Mine off-take agreement, which clears the way for financing and development of this project to proceed," Mr Guo added.

Yours faithfully

**THOR MINING PLC**

**John A Young**  
Chief Executive Officer

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