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## **BALAMARA AWARDS FURTHER MANDATES FOR RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES TO FAST- TRACK POLISH COAL PROJECTS**

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Balamara Resources Limited (“Balamara” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it has signed three new mandates with experienced international technical consultants Salva Resources (“HDR”) aimed at fast-tracking the evaluation and development of the Company’s three advanced coal projects in Poland.

These mandates cover works to be delivered leading to the completion of:

1. A revised JORC resource for the Nowa Ruda Coking Coal Project, taking into consideration the results from the recently completed 7,000m diamond drilling campaign on the two deposits, Waclaw and Lech;
2. A Pre-Feasibility Study (“PFS”) for Nowa Ruda, indicating preliminary commercial outcomes from a mining operation at this project; and
3. A Pre-Feasibility Study for the Sawin Thermal Coal Project, also indicating preliminary commercial outcomes from a mining operation at this project.

Salva Resources (HDR) delivers exploration, mining and commodities consultancy services to some of the world’s largest mining and investment firms. Salva’s parent company, HDR Inc., is a global, employee-owned architecture, engineering, consulting and construction services firm. With more than 9,200 professionals (including over 500 in Resources sector) in nearly 225 offices worldwide, HDR is committed to helping clients manage complex projects and make sound decisions.

HDR is targeting completion of both the Nowa Ruda and Sawin Pre-Feasibility Studies by the end of the Second Quarter (30 June) 2015. The Nowa Ruda JORC upgrade will form a key component of the Nowa Ruda PFS and will therefore be completed earlier, with the results to be announced as soon as they are available.

**This timetable means that Balamara will have completed Pre-Feasibility Studies on all three of its coal projects in Poland by 30 June 2015, putting it in a strong position to highlight the considerable asset value within its current portfolio.**



The Company recently announced, on 4 March 2015, the results of a PFS for the Mariola Thermal Coal Project, which delivered exceptional results, including a US\$312 million Net Present Value from US\$880 million free cash over a 15-year mine life, for only US\$79 million of capital expenditure.

Balamara is targeting similar high quality returns from both the Nowa Ruda and Sawin Pre-Feasibility Studies to be completed over the next three months.

In addition, Balamara and HDR are in discussions concerning the overall mandate for the Definitive Feasibility Study (“DFS”) for the Mariola Project. Internal work for this DFS has already commenced and preliminary planning will continue through until the middle of 2015.

The main body of work will commence in mid-2015 once the Nowa Ruda and Sawin PFS’s have been completed. Balamara and HDR are targeting the completion of Mariola DFS by early 2016.

Balamara’s Managing Director, Mike Ralston, said: “We are making significant progress on all three of our Polish coal projects, adding substantial value and working with one of the most capable and experienced technical coal consultants in the world. Fortunately, HDR has the internal resources and capacity to work on several of our projects at the same time, and this adds further value as there is a natural overlap on many key issues, such as local infrastructure, permitting, coal marketing and other areas.

“We will continue to fast-track these work programmes to maximise value within the Company, with the ultimate objective of achieving first coal production by the end of 2016 and significantly ramping-up coal production thereafter,” he added.

**ASX Disclosure:**

Balamara confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the production target or the forecast financial information derived from a production target, in the initial public announcement dated 4 March 2015 continue to apply and have not materially changed

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