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Dear Sir/Madam

**ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- A four hole diamond drill program to test EM targets has commenced at the Wheatley base metal project in the south west of Western Australia.
- A 4,600 metre RAB and aircore program will commence as soon as weather permits at the Weebacarry Bore gold project located near Meekatharra.
- An Auger geochemistry program to test targets masked by lake sediments at the Apollo Hill project was commenced in late December. The program will be completed when weather permits.
- An RC percussion drilling program to test iron ore lenses at the Glenview Iron project situated in the Weld Range near Cue is scheduled to start towards the end of the coming quarter.
- The Company successfully raised \$2,239,612 through a fully subscribed renounceable pro rata issue of 18,663,436 fully paid new shares at 12 cents per share to fund further exploration.

## **Griffin's Find Gold Project**

Hampton has an option to purchase the tenements comprising this project located near Lake Grace, Western Australia from the holder who will retain a royalty interest.

As previously announced during the quarter, Hampton has recently completed a seven hole diamond drill program totalling 1,080 metres designed to test for extensions to the Griffins Find main pit gold mineralisation.

Two of the holes intersected the lode formation returning multiple intersections of one to 1.5 grams per tonne gold with the best results of 11 metres averaging 3.1 grams per tonne gold in one hole and 4.1 metres averaging 3.0 grams per tonne gold in the other. However, the remaining 5 holes failed to intersect the lode and have severely constrained the potential for additional mineralisation limiting the tonnage potential for resource definition below the Griffin's Find main pit.

The resource potential in the vicinity of the pit is now considered unlikely to support a mining operation on a stand alone basis. Hampton has, however, been encouraged by the mineralogical characteristics of the lode formation and preliminary exploration in other locations within the Griffin's Find tenements has indicated other target locations for similar styles of gold mineralization. The Company is reviewing these other prospects and planning its exploration program for 2006.

## **Wheatley Base Metal and gold Project**

Hampton shares this joint venture equally with Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Teck Cominco Ltd of Canada, as the manager. The project is comprised of four groups of tenements covering about 700 square kilometres in joint venture with or under option from third parties who retain various interests that are detailed in the annual report. The tenements are situated between the townships of Manjimup and Greenbushes in the south west of Western Australia.

Exploration to date has indicated that the area may encompass a previously unrecognised base metal and gold province. Initial work has identified a series of airborne electromagnetic anomalies several of which have been confirmed by ground surveys. Limited diamond drilling on one anomaly has intersected modest semi massive base metal mineralisation evidencing the prospectivity of the province and that aerial surveying was effective. The best result from this drilling was 4.1 metres of 2.2% zinc, 0.2% copper and 0.5% lead.

Four of the airborne anomalies were confirmed by ground surveys and diamond drilling of these targets has commenced.

## **Glenview Base Metal and Iron Ore Project**

Last year, Hampton entered into two agreements with Midwest Corporation Limited whereby the companies will cooperate in the exploration and potential development of their adjacent

tenement holdings situated in the Weld Range, some 60 kilometres north west of the township of Cue, Western Australia. The agreements give Hampton the opportunity to explore for and own any non ferrous minerals occurring within the Midwest tenement holdings while Midwest will have the right to explore for and gain majority ownership of any iron ore resources that may occur on the Hampton tenement holdings.

On the Hampton tenements, Midwest must undertake a minimum of 2,500 metres of drilling prior to the 14 June 2006 and then may complete a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) within a further 4 years in order to earn a 60% interest in the iron ore rights. Upon the completion of the PFS and dependant on the planned project configuration, Hampton will have a number of options including contributing its pro rata share of project development costs, offering its interest for sale or converting to a 2% free on board royalty.

On the Midwest tenements, Hampton has no interest in the iron ore rights but has the right to explore for and seek the excision of any base metal, gold or platinum group resources provided that they do not interfere with any planned iron ore operations of Midwest. Midwest will be entitled to a 1.5% net smelter return royalty on any non ferrous resource that is developed.

Hampton is continuing with non ferrous exploration of its 100% owned tenements where no royalty is payable to Midwest and will begin the evaluation of the gold potential of the Midwest tenements in the next quarter.

Midwest has commenced the evaluation of the iron ore potential on Hampton's tenements and has outlined nine target lenses to date. The lenses show good surface expression of hematite and goethite iron mineralization. Surface sampling has returned iron ore values generally between 60% and 65% from each of the lenses and deleterious minerals appear to be within acceptable levels. Midwest plans to commence RC drill testing of the lenses in the coming quarter.

### **Apollo Hill Gold Project**

This project is situated approximately 40 kilometres south east of the township of Leonora astride the Keith-Kilkenny structural lineament, which is considered a major focus for regional gold mineralisation. The Apollo Hill project is wholly owned by Hampton.

Hampton plans to seek a joint venture to explore the untested targets on the project. These targets include anomalies outlined by Hampton's bedrock drilling last year, extensions to gold mineralisation intersected by RC and diamond drilling on the main Apollo Hill target and a gravity anomaly to the south of Apollo Hill which has not been drilled to date because of access problems.

An auger drill program to test for further targets in salt lake covered areas where the cover is expected to be shallow enough for this technique to be effective commenced in late December. The program will recommence when weather permits.

### **Weebacarry Project, Western Australia**

The Weebacarry Bore project is situated 55 kilometres southwest of Meekatharra. Weebacarry Bore together with the Ryansville project is in joint venture with Aurora Minerals Ltd as managers. Hampton has a 49% free carry for the first \$1 million of expenditure.

Aurora will commence a 4,600 metre RAB drill program as soon as the weather permits to test two northeast trending shear systems on the project. These are the Jungar Bore fault zone and the Munarra Gully shear. These systems are interpreted to relate to the controls of mineralisation at the Big Bell gold mine, some 60 kilometres to the southwest. The prospectivity of the area has been demonstrated by encouraging results reported from previous drilling by a major company that included grades up to 8 metres at 6.1 grams per tonne gold from the Miss Jane prospect.

### **Leinster Nickel Project**

Hampton is in joint venture with LionOre Mining International Ltd and elected not to contribute to the recent exploration program and therefore its interest has been marginally reduced from a 20% interest.

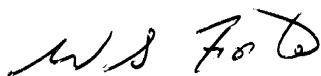
During the quarter, 103 RAB and aircore holes were drilled for a total of 4,299 metres. This program was designed to test the prospectivity of the Weebo and Roadside ultramafic trends and two unexplained aeromagnetic anomalies. The best result was from the Weebo ultramafic where one hole returned 4 metres of 0.53% nickel from 28 metres and 4 metres at 129 ppb platinum-palladium from 40 metres. It is possible that these intercepts are the result of near surface secondary enrichment because elevated manganese values occur throughout the hole.

Two magnetic features were found to be caused by mafic rocks that are considered to have low potential to be prospective for nickel sulphide mineralisation.

### **Other Projects**

No fieldwork was carried out on the Ryansville, Polelle and Capricorn projects during the quarter.

Yours faithfully,



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### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Wilson Forte who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.*

*Wilson Forte is a full-time employee of the company.*

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