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### Highlights

- **Group copper production in Q1 of 92,000 tonnes compared with 82,300 tonnes in Q1 2000**
- **El Tesoro mine over 98% completed and production ramp-up has started**

Group Total	Q1 2001	Q2 2001	Q3 2001	Q4 2001	Acc. 2001	Acc. 2000	Full Year 2000
<b>Total copper production ('000 tonnes)</b>	<b>92.0</b>				<b>92.0</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>351.1</b>
<b>Weighted average Cash costs (cents per pound)</b>	<b>43.2</b>				<b>43.2</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.2</b>

#### Los Pelambres

Ore processing levels at Los Pelambres averaged 98,500 tonnes per day ("tpd") during the first quarter of the year, compared with an average of 93,100 tpd in 2000 and 106,200 tpd in the fourth quarter of 2000. Processing levels were affected by unscheduled repair work carried out and lower performance at the SAG mills due to a higher greater quantity of pebbles than expected. The necessary adjustments to regain target levels of 100,000-110,000 tpd are now being made.

Cash costs in the first quarter were 39.2 cents per pound compared with an average of 35.6 cents per pound during 2000. Cash costs in the quarter reflect higher TC/RCs (treatment and refining charges) and a higher stripping ratio at the current Phase 3 of the open pit as anticipated, but were also affected by the repair costs incurred in February.

#### Michilla

Michilla produced 11,500 tonnes of cathodes in the first quarter of 2001 compared with 12,600 tonnes in Q1 2000. The marginal decrease in production reflected lower ore grades under the current mine plan, as well as a fault in one of the four transformers of the EW plant, which has now been repaired. Higher recoveries are expected to compensate for lower grades, with production for the year estimated to be around 50,000 tonnes.

Cash costs in the first quarter were 71.6 cents per pound, compared with an average of 59.8 cents per pound during 2000. The increase represents lower grade and higher stripping costs under Michilla's mine plan combined with lower production levels resulting from the transformer fault during the quarter.

#### El Tesoro

Construction of El Tesoro was 98.3 per cent completed at the end of March, and testing of equipment carried out to date at the mine and plant has proved satisfactory. The project remains within budget and ahead of schedule. By 27 April, El Tesoro produced its first 400 tonnes of cathodes and by 30 April expects to have produced 1,000 tonnes.

#### Transport

Rail tonnages represent the combined Chilean and Bolivian operations. Tonnages remained at similar levels with 905,000 tons carried in the first quarter compared to 893,000 tons for the combined operations in the first quarter of 2000.

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# Quarterly Production Report

## 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001

Los Pelambres	Q1 2001	Q2 2001	Q3 2001	Q4 2001	Acc. 2001	Acc. 2000	Full Year 2000
Daily average ore treated ('000 tonnes)	98.5				98.5	84.7	93.1
Average ore grade (%)	1.04				1.04	1.04	0.98
Average recovery (%)	91.6				91.6	91.4	92.4
Concentrate produced ('000 tonnes)	194.6				194.6	158.5	714.5
Average concentrate grade (%)	42.8				42.8	44.8	43.3
Fine copper in concentrate ('000 tonnes)	83.2				83.2	71.0	309.5
Payable copper in concentrate ('000 tonnes)	80.5				80.5	68.6	298.9
Cash costs (cents per pound)	39.2				39.2	34.9	35.6

Michilla	Q1 2001	Q2 2001	Q3 2001	Q4 2001	Acc. 2001	Acc. 2000	Full Year 2000
Daily average ore treated ('000 tonnes)	11.6				11.6	12.1	11.8
Average ore grade (%)	1.53				1.53	1.72	1.67
Average recovery (%)	72.4				72.4	74.5	72.6
Copper cathodes ('000 tonnes)	11.5				11.5	12.6	51.1
Copper in concentrate ('000 tonnes)	-				-	1.1	1.1
Cash costs (cents per pound)	71.6				71.6	58.8	59.8

Transport	Q1 2001	Q2 2001	Q3 2001	Q4 2001	Acc. 2001	Acc. 2000	Full Year 2000
Rail tonnage transported	905				905	893	3,856