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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Before I start the formal proceedings of this meeting, I would like to briefly outline the background surrounding the requisitioning of this meeting by certain shareholders under the Corporations Act.

On 2 February 2010, a number of shareholders holding at that time in excess of 5% of the voting shares on issue in the Company delivered to the Company's registered office in West Perth a requisition calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders to remove four of the Company's five directors and replace these directors with nominees proposed by the requisitioning shareholders.

Certain of the requisitioning shareholders and the proposed nominees that these requisitioning shareholders are attempting to appoint to the board are connected with Auvex Resources Limited.

You may recall that the Company and Auvex entered into a Farm-in and Joint Venture Agreement on 28 April 2008 and simultaneously executed a Sales Agency Heads of Agreement. Under the Farm-in and Joint Venture Agreement Auvex was to act as Manager of exploration, evaluation and development of mining activities at your Company's Ant Hill and Sunday Hill manganese ore tenements. Auvex would also manage the eventual joint venture production activities. Under the Sales Agency Heads of Agreement, the parties indicated their intention to appoint your Company, Mesa Minerals Limited, as the Sales Agent for the marketing of all manganese product derived from the abovementioned tenements.

There have been many shortcomings in the relationship between the Company and Auvex which are beyond the scope of this short address to outline. The concern of your Board is that there is a potential for these shortcomings in the relationship to be pushed aside if the requisitioning shareholders are successful in bringing about changes to the structure of the Board.

Your Board is an independent Board and your directors have sought to protect your rights under the farm-in and joint venture agreement by issuing a Notice of Default on Auvex. Your Board believes that the issue that is the subject to the Notice of Default needs to be forcefully pursued if your best interests are to continue to be protected.

As stated above the nominees of the requisitioning shareholders cannot be viewed as independent of Auvex. The silence displayed by the nominees of the requisitioning shareholders prior to this meeting on such matters as corporate strategy, commercialisation of the downstream processing technologies, and most important, the protection of your interests in Ant Hill and Sunday Hill through the pursuit of remedies arising from the Default of Auvex under the farm-in and joint venture arrangement is of concern.

Your Board has been acutely aware for some years that port access is vital for the export of manganese ores and downstream fertiliser products manufactured from manganese ores on the commercialisation of the Company's downstream technologies. Accordingly, in October 2007, the Company commenced a dialogue with the Port Hedland Port Authority which resulted in your Company becoming a founding customer of the Utah Point Port Facility some two years later.

There is, and I believe it is generally accepted that there will continue to be for some time, limited port capacity available for the export of a number of mineral and metal products in Western Australia. This port capacity is your asset and is an asset for your Company which Auvex has long sought to acquire for its own benefit, but has been reluctant to pay the fair value for this asset.

There are other reasons why you should vote against the resolutions proposed by the requisitioning shareholders.

First, the resolutions proposed by the requisitioning shareholders, if successful, will result in you delivering effective control of your Company without any receiving an appropriate control premium.

Second, the market for manganese ores, such as those produced at Ant Hill, continues to recover from the decline in demand and prices in the immediate aftermath of the global financial crisis of late 2008. Around 90% of global manganese ores are used in the production of iron and steel, an application in which it is essential and where there are no substitutes.

And third, the takeover offer for your Company announced last Monday may not proceed if your Board is replaced at this meeting. Your directors support this offer and believe that it allows Mesa shareholders to continue to benefit from the development of its own projects and technology assets, while gaining exposure to a high growth, diversified and financially robust company which will apply its expertise to Mesa's assets. Your Board believes that Mineral Resources Limited has potential for significant growth over the next 3-5 years. MRL provides Mesa shareholders immediate access to a dividend stream, potential to defer capital gains taxes and, a company committed to commercialisation of the downstream technologies developed by Mesa.

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