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# WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE WORK COMMENCES AT WASH-HI MAJAZA PROJECT

## Key Highlights

- Construction activities commence at the existing sewage treatment plant located at the Haya Water site in the Al Mudhaibi township to supply Wash-hi Majaza Project with 1,200 cubic metres of water per day.
- The work, expected to be completed in the March 2023 quarter, is being undertaken as part of a public-private partnership which incorporates a water supply agreement.
- Maximizing the industrial use of treated water reduces the community's dependence on ground and desalinated water and addresses the environmental risks of inefficient use of effluent water.

**Perth, Australia:** Alara Resources Limited (ASX:AUQ) (**Alara or the Company**), a base and precious metals explorer and developer with projects in Oman, is pleased to update investors on construction work now underway on infrastructure that will supply process water for the Al Hadeetha Copper Project (Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project) in the northern region of the Sultanate of Oman. Alara owns a 51% equity interest in Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (**AHRL**) the joint venture developing the Project.



**AHRL team leaders kick off construction**



**Tank excavation works**

## Public-private STP upgrade and water supply

The works are being carried out in fulfillment of an agreement executed earlier this year between AHRL and Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company SAOC (**OWWSC**) to secure the critical process water supply for the duration of the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project. Key highlights of the agreement are:

- OWWSC will provide daily water supply to AHRL's copper concentrator plant via its sewage treatment plants (**STPs**) located near the Project site.
- The water will be priced at a fixed rate for the first five (5) years of the agreement.

- AHRL will upgrade the capacity of an STP near the Al Mudhaibi township to 1800 cubic metres per day.
- AHRL's investment in the STP upgrade will be recovered over the life of the agreement via water charge discounts.
- Ownership of the upgraded STP will ultimately be transferred to OWWSC.
- AHRL will transport the water from the STP to the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project site.

Following agreement signing, a number of key milestones in the STP upgrade project were promptly delivered. The engineering, procurement and construction contract was awarded to a local company. Design and drawing requirements were settled with Haya, major equipment approvals obtained and all process equipment ordered, with construction activities now underway.

**Alara Managing Director, Atmavireshwar Sthapak said:** *"We are delighted with the progress made in the planned upgrades to the water infrastructure soon to be used by the Al Wash-hi Majaza copper-gold project. The process water supply to be provided by the STP upgrade work now commenced is a critical component of the soon-to-be-operating mine. This work is yet another example of the big steps we are making towards completing overall Project infrastructure construction.*

*We are also very proud of the historic public-private partnership which AHRL struck with OWWSC, which facilitates this water infrastructure upgrade. It will deliver a clear win-win-win outcome for the three major stakeholders involved. From our perspective, AHRL will receive a reliable water supply over the life of the mine, with a long-term pricing agreement attached. For its part, OWWSC gets an upgrade that will benefit the local population for many years into the future. Finally, the water infrastructure which AHRL is building has major benefits for the local community. Maximizing the industrial use of treated water reduces Oman's dependence on ground and desalinated water and the environmental risks associated with the inefficient use of effluent water.*

*We look forward to providing further updates on construction activities at the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold Project over coming months."*

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#### **About Alara Resources**

Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) is an Australian-based precious and base metals explorer and developer, with projects in Oman.

Alara's active projects in Oman are the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold mining License and Mullaq, Al Ajal exploration Licenses under the Al Hadeetha JV and the Block 7 exploration License under the Daris JV.

Alara is currently focused on developing the Al Wash-hi Majaza Copper-Gold project in Oman, where it is in the process of constructing copper-gold mining and processing facilities. The Company is also continuing exploration activities at its other Oman projects.

Alara's mission is to become a mid-tier minerals producer which will deliver maximum shareholder value through profitable growth driven by low-cost and sustainable operations.

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