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SARCO Successfully Acquires 35% Interest in the Second Lao Tenement Yuqida

Ord River Resources Limited (ASX: ORD) is pleased to announce that ORD and its Joint Venture Partner China Nonferrous Metal Industry's Foreign Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd ("NFC") have successfully completed the acquisition of a 35% interest in the holding company Hong Kong Yuqida S.A. Limited ("Yuqida HK")¹. Yuqida HK is the 100% owner of Yuqida Mining (Group) Co. Ltd ("Yuqida Laos") which owns 100% of the Lao bauxite tenement called Yuqida. ORD and NFC were not required to pay for the 35%. The 35% was earned by ORD and NFC who completed extensive exploration and survey work in Yuqida.

The 35% interest is held in Sino Australia Australian Resources (Laos) Company, Hong Kong Limited ("SARCO HK"). SARCO HK is 49% owned by ORD and 51% owned by NFC.

ORD Managing Director Peter Shou said, "the successful acquisition of this strategic 35% interest in Yuqida marks the beginning of a consolidation of the two tenements in Laos. ORD and NFC have completed extensive work on Yuqida and it will be an important asset to support the planned alumina refinery. We thank the owners of Yuqida for their support and we will continue to work with them to add value to our respective interests in the asset. Everyone is keen to see the project move forward to mining and production."

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¹ Agreement for this transfer was announced by ORD on 18 December 2009.