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NEW FILTER PRESS COMMISSIONED AT MOTHEO

Sandfire is pleased to announce the successful commissioning of its new permanent filter press at the Motheo Copper Mine in Botswana.

During the initial ramp-up of the Motheo process plant in the September Quarter 2023, it was identified that the OEM filter press installed during construction was unable to achieve design parameters. An interim solution using mobile filter units was implemented, enabling the operation to safely ramp up the production of copper concentrate at planned rates and specifications.

In parallel, an US\$8M capital investment secured the procurement, installation and commissioning of a Larox filter press that will support the long-term operational requirements of Motheo.

Reflecting on this milestone, Sandfire Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Brendan Harris said: “Commissioning of the new filter press concludes a challenging period for the Motheo operations team, and I congratulate them on their hard work and ingenuity. The new filter press removes significant complexity at the ‘back end’ of our processing circuit and provides the capacity needed to test higher rates of production as we debottleneck the operation.”

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About Sandfire

Sandfire is a Perth-based company listed on the ASX and is transforming into a global copper producer of significance. With a demonstrated commitment to the highest safety standards, Sandfire mines copper sustainably to energise the future. Its 100% ownership of modern processing hubs in the highly prospective Iberian Pyrite and Kalahari Copper belts, attractive development options, and exciting exploration prospects, means Sandfire is well placed to support the green energy transition.

About Sandfire’s Motheo operations

Motheo is Sandfire’s new, long-life asset located in the central portion of the Kalahari Copper Belt in Botswana. The Motheo operations are centred on the development and mining of the T3 and A4 Open Pit mines and were officially opened in August 2023. With a central processing facility, Motheo produces high-quality copper concentrate (containing a silver by-product) that is transported by truck to Walvis Bay, Namibia, for shipping to smelters around the world. The operation is supported by a community office in the nearby town of Ghanzi, which is the focal point for managing human resources and community relations in the Ghanzi District.

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