



# SARACEN MINERAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

ACN: 009 215 347

## Solid quarter puts Saracen on track to hit 300,000ozpa target by June Quarter 2017

*Cash and bullion of A\$42.5m; no debt*

### Corporate Details:

11<sup>th</sup> October 2016

ASX code: SAR

#### Corporate Structure:

Ordinary shares on issue: 806.2m

Invested employee performance rights: 15.6m

Market Capitalisation: A\$1.0b  
(share price A\$1.24)

Cash & Bullion (30 Sept): A\$42.5m

Debt: Nil

#### Directors:

Mr Geoff Clifford  
Non-Executive Chairman

Mr Raleigh Finlayson  
Managing Director

Mr Mark Connelly  
Non-Executive

Mr Martin Reed  
Non-Executive

Ms Samantha Tough  
Non-Executive

#### Substantial Shareholders:

Van Eck Global 17.0%

Wroxby 7.0%

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### Key Points

- September quarter 2016 gold production of 61,470oz (Carosue Dam 34,141oz, Thunderbox 27,329oz); result includes 23,900oz in the month of September
- Cash and bullion of A\$42.5m at 30 September 2016 (A\$40.3m at 30 June 2016) after spending \$17.1m on exploration and growth capital in the quarter
- A\$42m exploration budget in full swing, with exploration activities ongoing across all priority projects, including the Thunderbox resource extension program

Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (**ASX: SAR**) is pleased to advise that it is firmly on track to achieve its key production targets after a solid September quarter marked by the ramp-up of the Thunderbox Operations. The Company produced 61,470oz in the September quarter, including 23,900oz in the month of September.

This performance puts Saracen on track to meet its outlook of 280,000oz for this financial year. It also means the Company is set to achieve its goal of producing at an annualised rate of 300,000oz by the June quarter, 2017.

The ramp-up at Thunderbox is proceeding well, with production increasing to 27,329oz in the September quarter, a rise of 23 per cent from the June quarter. This result came despite a short delay in the start of production at the King of the Hills mine early in the quarter.

Cash and bullion on hand increased by \$2.2m in the quarter to A\$42.5 million despite spending A\$8.5m on exploration and A\$8.6m on growth capital (predominantly at King of the Hills).

Saracen's Managing Director Raleigh Finlayson said: "These results demonstrate that we are firmly on track to achieve our targeted 300,000ozpa run-rate by the June quarter of 2017. At the same time, we are driving an extensive exploration program which we believe will grow the inventory and mine lives of both our operational centres."

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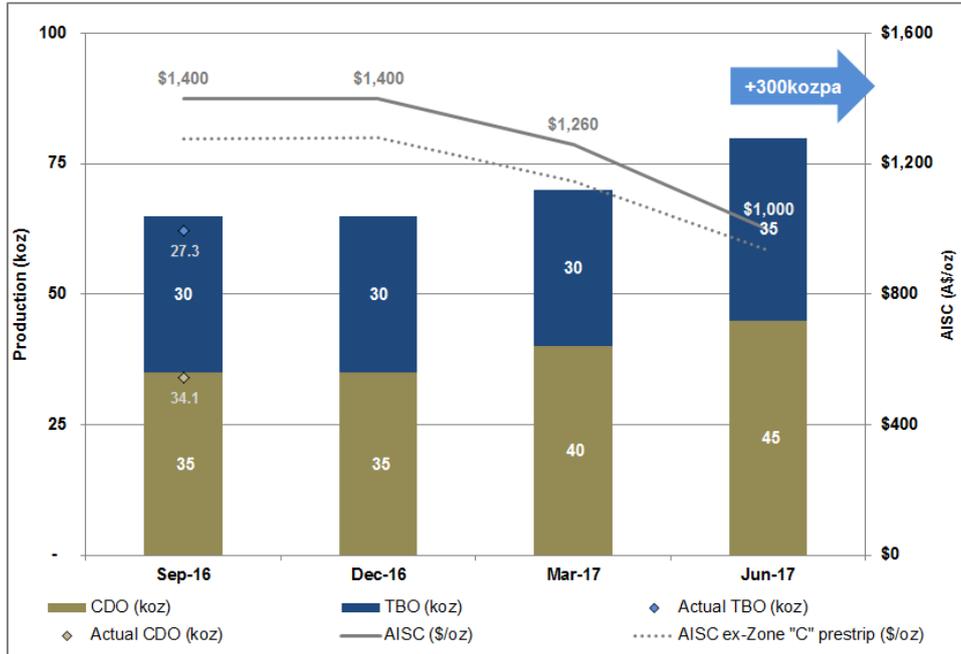
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Figure 1 below illustrates the planned ramp-up in production in 2H FY17 from a combination of:

- Progressively higher grades and lower strip ratios at Thunderbox (TBO);
- Steady-state production from King of the Hills (KOTH) from the current quarter (TBO);
- Ramped-up production from Karari and Deep South from the current quarter (CDO); and
- Re-introduction of production from Red October from the current quarter (CDO).

**Figure 1 – FY17 group production outlook with September quarter actual production**



Production and costs from the Thunderbox mine are tracking better than forecast. The introduction of high-grade underground ore from KOTH into the mill commenced in late August 2016, approximately four weeks behind outlook guidance (refer Figure 1), which accounts for the slight underperformance versus outlook.

The effect of the addition of the high-grade KOTH ore can be clearly seen in Figure 2, with both the head grade and recovered ounces increasing markedly, particularly in the month of September.

**Figure 2 – Thunderbox production ramp-up by month**

