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### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The past twelve months have been a period of major corporate and operational development for Redbank and its shareholders. During this time, the Company has sharpened its copper focus, completed an aggressive and successful exploration program and positioned its flagship copper project in the Northern Territory for recommencement of production next year.

#### Corporate developments

In late 2008, the Company secured a significant \$6 million recapitalization agreement, through which we ultimately welcomed Stirling Resources as a major shareholder. Stirling is a resource developer with considerable industry experience which is proving to be of great value to Redbank and its shareholders. The funding package has provided the much needed funds for Redbank to advance the development of its flagship copper project.

Redbank also boosted its Board and management team with a number of key appointments during the year, which have added additional expertise and experience to meet our corporate and production goals. The Company also changed its name from Redbank Mines to Redbank Copper. While this may seem a relatively small change, it is significant in terms of the Company's repositioning and our commitment to our core commodity and project.

#### Exploration focus

With the new Board and management team in place and following a review of operations and assets, we have taken a fresh approach to our high grade copper project. During a period of low copper prices, we placed the processing operations on short term care and maintenance, while we focused on exploration to build long term value for shareholders.

Redbank has a large landholding with significant copper sulfide potential, of which we believe only 15% has been systematically explored. In mid 2009 we embarked on a \$2.5 million exploration campaign, including 8,000 meters of drilling on the Redbank tenements. Our focus is on high grade sulfide copper, with a view to expanding our established resource base and extending the life of the project.

Early results have been highly encouraging. Our drilling program hit high grade copper at a number of existing targets, but also discovered four new copper pipes with high grade intersections of up to 7% copper. All four new pipes – Roman Nose, Camp Valley, Quartzite and San Manuel - are open at depth and are expected to contribute to the resource base at Redbank after further drilling.

#### Expansion of ground position

During the year, Redbank also seized the opportunity to expand its tenement holding, with applications for a further 1000km<sup>2</sup> of highly prospective ground. The additional tenements are contiguous with our current lease holding, and consolidate an extensive and highly prospective ground position, taking total ground held or under application in the McArthur South region to some 3790km<sup>2</sup>.



## Mine Study completion

In early September, we released a comprehensive Mine Study for the development of the Redbank project. The study is an important milestone for the Company and its shareholders. It reinforces the strong economic viability for a copper cathode and concentrate project, and confirms that with a relatively small capital outlay, we can return the Redbank project into production.

The Study includes a base case model for an open cut copper mine and is based on current resources, and assumed further exploration success and resource expansion. It includes production from both oxide and sulfide ores.

Initial oxide ore processing is proposed to commence in 2010, at a throughput rate of 150,000 tonnes per annum. Sulfide production is proposed to commence in 2012 from the refurbished onsite concentrator, at an initial rate of 300,000 tonnes per annum, and increasing to 500,000 tonnes per annum.

Implementation of the development plans are already underway. We have appointed an experienced project manager, are advancing the Environmental Impact Statement, and a few days ago we announced the commissioning of the design and construction of an SX-EW plant for copper cathode production.

The agreement with Calder Project Services will deliver a low risk, simple, fit-for-purpose plant, with a capacity to produce a minimum 2,100 tonnes of LME grade copper cathode per annum. The plant will cost \$7.4 million, and funding for the construction is proposed to be via project debt. Calders are scheduled to mobilise on site at the Redbank Mineral Field in second quarter 2010, with construction aimed to be completed during the third quarter 2010.

## Strong copper fundamentals

During 2009, Redbank has refined its focus on copper, and retains a positive outlook for what is one of the world's oldest and most important metals. It is our view that China and India will continue to provide a long term demand, fuelled by the continued urbanisation trend in these countries and the need for copper in electrical, communication and motor vehicle applications.

While copper prices, like the majority of other commodities, suffered as a result of the global commodity crises, it has been one of the strongest rebounders since the beginning of the year. Since the start of 2009, the LME three month contract has more than doubled to stabilise around US\$6,100/t, with a generally positive sentiment for copper fundamentals. Copper is currently trading around US\$6,500/t.

## Focused for 2010

Redbank's focus is to become a medium sized Australian high grade copper producer. In 2009, we have taken significant steps towards achieving this and driving long term value for our shareholders.

Our main objectives in the coming year are to progress towards the re-commencement of copper mining operations, continue our exploration success and expand our existing copper resource base.

I would like to thank my colleagues at Redbank for their hard work during the past, fast-moving 12 month period. I also thank shareholders for their support, and look toward 2010 with considerable excitement and optimism.

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## About Redbank Copper

Redbank Copper is an Australian based ASX-listed resource company (ASX: RCP) focused on the development of the Redbank Copper Mine in the north east of the Northern Territory.

The project is located in the Redbank Mineral Field in the NT, where the Company holds a substantial ground position. The region hosts significant economic copper mineralisation and is highly prospective for copper, cobalt, phosphate, manganese and uranium.

The Company acquired the Redbank Copper Mine in 2005, and had been generating some cash flow from the treatment of high grade oxide stockpiles to produce a high quality concentrate. The tenement package included numerous advanced copper targets.

In December 2007, Redbank secured an exploration joint venture with Glencore International, one of the world's largest commodity suppliers. The Company has also signed an off-take agreement with Glencore for the life of mine, based on marked based spot prices of copper.

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