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SUNDANCE RESOURCES

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## **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

## 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A very volatile year has passed since I addressed the 2007 Annual General Meeting but it has also been a very productive year for Sundance Resources.

Before outlining the progress we have made, I would first like to comment on the current market situation we face.

As you would all be well aware, economic and financial conditions have deteriorated significantly around the world. This change has been exceptionally rapid and it is not clear how long it will take for the world economy to recover, however, it will certainly be some time before activity returns to levels we would regard as "normal".

Sundance has not been immune to the challenges of these conditions and we have suffered a very significant decline in our market capitalisation during the past year.

This is extremely disappointing, however, I can stand before shareholders today in the knowledge that your Board is focused on strategies to adapt to the current conditions whilst continuing to position the Company to maximise shareholder value as financial and commodities markets recover.

Sundance was fortunate to enter this turbulent period having raised \$60 million in new equity capital last year through share placements backed by high-profile strategic investors.

We retain significant cash reserves but we have, implemented capital management strategies that will reduce our operating expenditure. This will ensure that we have sufficient cash to support our ongoing operations.

As you would be aware, we are also actively seeking strategic offtake and financing partners to join us in the development of the Mbalam Project.

I am very pleased to confirm to you today that the Company is in discussion with a number of major industry groups who have expressed strong interest in the project in respect of iron ore sales, equity and financing. These parties include major steel mills and mining industry groups.

Sundance is in a strong strategic position despite the market situation. In summary:

- We have defined a world-scale project, with one of the largest undeveloped iron ore deposits in the world not under the control of a major industry group;
- The scale of our resource base, together with its significant exploration upside, can support a potential increase in production capacity to 50 million tonnes per year;
- This resource can deliver very high quality iron ore products over a very long mine life, positioning the Company as a significant new independent producer;
- Our products will be highly valued in world markets and can underpin financing of the Mbalam Project with any increase in production capacity reducing the payback period on our capital.
- The iron ore market has certainly featured prominently in recent news.

My view – which is supported by recent discussions I have had with a number of senior business leaders and analysts – is that there is a solid base demand for key raw materials that will continue to underpin and sustain quality, long term iron ore projects.

While Chinese economic growth is slowing from its peak last year, it is unlikely that China will experience a "hard landing". China is still predicting long term growth rates of between 8 and 10 per cent which will translate into solid demand for key commodities, particularly steel-making raw materials.

Monetary policy is also being aggressively eased throughout the world. This, together with a range of significant fiscal packages, will ultimately stimulate international demand growth.

We saw strong evidence of this recently with China's announcement of a US\$ 586 billion economic stimulus package to be spent on a range of construction and infrastructure projects.

All of this gives me comfort that China will continue to grow, and grow strongly for many decades to come. This will underpin the long-term outlook for commodities worldwide.

Having said all this, there is little doubt that the sudden world economic downturn has had severe short-term effects in the iron ore market.

Major producers such as Rio Tinto, Vale and BHP Billiton have responded quickly by announcing cuts in production. This should be understood in the context of the supply-demand balance and positioning ahead of the annual contract price negotiations. Delays in expansions and new projects will certainly reduce supply growth over coming years.

I note, however, that in October, a consortium of five major Japanese and Korean steelmakers and trading house Itochu Corporation announced that it had reached agreement to buy a 40% stake in an itabirite iron ore mining subsidiary of major Brazilian steel maker CSN, for US\$ 3 Billion.

This deal should not be under estimated because it reflects the medium to long term demand of some of the world's major consumers of iron ore.

In a highly strategic move, the steel makers teamed up in an effort to ensure diversity of long term sources of iron ore beyond the current major mining houses. This is clearly consistent with Sundance's strategy to position itself as a large scale, long term independent producer of high quality iron ore.

I believe that companies with strong business plans, quality assets and long-term partnerships will be well placed in the longer term.

I would now like to provide you with a brief review of Sundance's activities over the past year. After I close the meeting today, I will also ask Don Lewis our Managing Director, to provide you with a more detailed presentation on our operations.

Sundance entered the 2008 financial year with the objective to develop a global iron ore business based on its resource assets in Cameroon, West Africa.

The Company has moved swiftly and effectively to confirm that the Mbalam Project is a truly world-scale iron ore project.

Since commencement of drilling at Mbalam last year, Sundance has defined Inferred Mineral Resources totalling 2.45 billion tonnes of enriched Itabirite and Direct Shipping Ore ("DSO") quality hematite.

The performance of our exploration team has been exceptional in achieving and exceeding our original resource objectives in such a short time.

These results demonstrate the scale and quality of the Mbalam Project with drilling to date focused primarily on the Mbarga deposit covering an area of only around 10km2.

We control a total landholding of 3,770 km2 in Cameroon and the Republic of Congo with significant exploration upside. We have only just started to explore other deposits on our broader landholding and we are confident that we will continue to expand our resource base.

Our Feasibility Study progressed well during the year based on start-up DSO operations, transitioning to long-term itabirite production. This strategy delivers the lowest possible capital and operating costs from start-up.

While itabirite hematite is not well known in Australia, it represents a major source of high quality concentrate in the global seaborne iron ore trade, sourced primarily from the Minas Gerais area of Brazil. Our resource at Mbalam appears to be very similar to those Brazilian deposits.

Despite the current market situation, the Company is now in its strongest position ever with definition of a world scale resource and clear definition of the scope and potential of the Mbalam Project.

Mbalam is currently the fourth largest greenfields iron ore project planned in the world and the second largest on the African continent. It is expected to place Cameroon in the top 10 iron ore exporting countries in the world.

The Company has continued to progress negotiations between our Cameroon subsidiary, CamIron SA, and the Cameroon Government in respect of key fiscal, governmental and equity terms which will underpin the project. These negotiations, although taking more time than we anticipated, will form the basis of the Mbalam Convention to be ratified by the Parliament of Cameroon prior to project commencement.

The Government is very supportive of Sundance and the project and interest within Cameroon is very high. The Company has a strong profile and the project is of national significance as it has the potential to transform the economy of Cameroon and to bring broad benefits to its people.

Given the scale of activity of the Company, an important focus during the year was the recruitment of experienced and suitably qualified individuals to provide additional Board resources and corporate expertise, as well as to maintain an appropriate balance of executive, non-executive and independent Directors in line with ASX Corporate Governance Guidelines and Best Practice.

In accordance with these objectives, the Company appointed two highly experienced executives in Geoff Wedlock and Craig Oliver to the Board as non-executive Directors. This followed the appointment of Ken Talbot to the Board in September 2007.

As a consequence of this strategy we are putting a resolution to today's meetings for approval of an increase in the remuneration of non-executive Directors of the Company. This is viewed as essential to attract and retain a diversity of high quality and experienced Directors, particularly important in the challenging market we face at the moment.

We are also putting a resolution to the meeting to approve previous remuneration payments to non-executive Directors that, in aggregate, exceeded the limit last approved by shareholders in 2001.

I must apologise for seeking this retrospective approval. This has caused significant embarrassment to the Board and those responsible for this administrative oversight are no longer with the Company.

Appropriate procedures have been put in place by the Company to ensure that this situation does not arise again and I have made it clear to all persons responsible for our corporate administration that this is a situation that cannot be repeated.

I can also confirm that the Company has adopted a new policy such that future remuneration of non-executive Directors shall comprise cash-based payments only with no entitlement to options. I can assure you that no future payments will be made to non-executive Directors above the aggregate amount as approved by shareholders.

Further, the Company has also adopted a new policy in respect of remuneration of Executives such that future bonuses and options will only be issued upon satisfaction of specific management or operational targets and objectives.

We have a strong management and operational team with a number of senior appointments made during the year, both in Australia and Cameroon. This significantly strengthened our operational capability and included the appointment of a full-time Company Secretary / General Manager Corporate Services, with responsibility for corporate governance functions and investor relations.

## Outlook

In summary, I feel confident in saying that Sundance holds a tremendous asset of significant value based on both identified and targeted resources.

I expect 2009 to be a very challenging year but I have every expectation that the value of our Company will increase in this coming year as our resource inventory grows, our Feasibility Study is completed and we establish agreements with strategic partners in respect of product off-take, equity and financing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors and, in particular, our Managing Director, Don Lewis, for their tireless efforts during the year.

I also want to recognise the tremendous efforts of our team in Cameroon and Australia for their hard work and dedication, which has ensured that Sundance is well placed to develop the Mbalam asset.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our shareholders, for your patience and support during what has been a difficult and challenging year.

I believe that the future for Sundance is bright and I look forward to your continued support.

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## About Sundance Resources Limited

Sundance Resources Ltd is an Australian exploration company focused on mining interests in the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of Congo, on the central west coast of Africa. Sundance has commenced feasibility study on the Mbalam Iron Ore Project in Cameroon as the basis for developing a global iron ore business.

Central West Africa is considered to have the potential to develop into a significant new iron province, underpinned by the Mbalam Iron Ore Project and the nearby Belinga Project in Gabon, under development by the China National Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation.

WA-based Sundance has been listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1993 and is also traded on over-the-counter markets in Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Munich.

