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## **ARCHIPELAGO'S GOLD PLANT ARRIVES ON SITE AT TOKA TINDUNG PROJECT IN INDONESIA**

- **Ex-Barrick Gold Plant Ready For Installation**
  - **Foundation Works Continuing**
  - **Pre-Stripping Operations To Begin In April**
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Archipelago Resources plc (AIM: AR.) has received the processing equipment purchased from Barrick in Chile on site at the Toka Tindung gold project in Sulawesi, Indonesia. The plant, weighing a total of 2,080 tonnes, was shipped to Indonesia partly by container and partly on a specialised carrier, the company said in an update released today.

Containerised items were transported to site by road and heavier equipment was trans-shipped to barges before being off-loaded at the project's purpose built jetty some 7.5km from the plant site. Electrical control equipment is presently being re-wired in Perth, Western Australia to fit the layout of the plant at Toka Tindung.

Civil earth-works will re-commence together with pre-strip mining operations in April 2007. The construction of concrete foundations continues on schedule and on November 30 a single pour of 270 cubic metres of concrete was undertaken for the ball mill foundations. Foundation works will continue into February. Steel fabrication contracts have been let for much of the plant and fabricated components will arrive progressively at site in the first half of this year.

Managing Director, Mr Colin Loosemore said: "The New Year has started well for the company with all main processing plant on site awaiting installation and allowing us to remain on track for production in the third quarter. Production is now only months away."

The Toka Tindung project, 85 p.c. owned by Archipelago, has a resource equal to 1.7 million ounces of gold, of which at least 0.9 million ounces will initially be mineable by open pit. The project is targeted to commence production at a rate of 150,000oz/year increasing to 160,000oz/year. Production remains on schedule to commence in the third quarter of 2007.

Mr Jeff Dawkins has joined the Company as Chief Financial Officer, replacing Mr Bryan Dixon who has resigned for personal and business reasons, and who will be providing ongoing consulting services to the company. Mr Dawkins is a Chartered Accountant and member of the Securities Institute of Australia with 14 years of financial experience including in the management of project financing and in the development and operation of the successful Paraburdoo gold mine in Western Australia.

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