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## SEPTEMBER 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT

**Equatorial Resources Limited (Equatorial or Company)** presents its quarterly report for the quarter ended 30 September 2025. Highlights during and since the quarter include:

### Congo Projects

- The postponed final hearing in the arbitration brought by Equatorial's Mauritian subsidiary, EEPL Holdings (**EEPL**), against the Republic of Congo (**Congo**) under the dispute resolution procedures of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) will take place in Washington, D.C. from 7 to 12 November 2025.
- At the hearing EEPL will present its case in person before the ICISD arbitral tribunal (**Tribunal**) and cross-examine the single expert witness on whose testimony Congo relies in support of its case. Equatorial's former Managing Director & CEO and current Non-Executive Director, Mr John Welborn, will attend the hearing, together with EEPL's counsel team from Clifford Chance, witnesses of fact, and expert witnesses engaged by EEPL.
- The Tribunal previously ordered Congo to pay EEPL A\$1.2 million, reflecting costs that EEPL incurred as a result of the last-minute postponement of the final hearing. From 13 July 2025, interest commenced accruing on these costs at a rate of 5.10% per annum.
- EEPL referred its investment dispute with Congo to arbitration ICSID in 2021. The dispute arose out of unlawful measures taken by Congo against EEPL's investments in two iron ore projects in Congo: the Badondo Iron Ore Project and the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Ore Project.

### Guinea Projects

- In May 2025, the Company received notification, via a news broadcast featuring Guinea's Minister of Information and Communication, that a number of mineral exploration permits had been cancelled by the Guinea government, including the Company's Nimba West and Nimba North iron ore permits which comprise Equatorial's Nimba Alliance Iron Ore Project.
- The Company has not received any formal communication from the Guinea government in relation to a change to the status of its exploration permits in Guinea.
- The Company understands that the Guinea government has cancelled over 120 mining exploration permits covering bauxite, diamonds, iron and gold, from companies including Resolute Mining Limited (ASX: RSG), AngloGold Ashanti plc (NYSE: AU), and Endeavour Mining plc (LSE: EDV) among others, as part of wider regulatory review in Guinea.
- Equatorial had been actively engaged with the Ministry of Mines and relevant Guinean authorities to supports its renewal applications for the Nimba West and Nimba North iron ore permits. Equatorial is seeking clarification from the relevant authorities in Guinea as to the status of its exploration permits.

### Corporate

- Equatorial remains in a strong financial position with significant cash reserves. At 30 September 2025, the Company had approximately \$8.7 million in cash with 131.4 million shares on issue.

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## Congo Projects

Equatorial, through EEPL, referred its investment dispute with Congo to arbitration at ICSID in 2021. The dispute arose out of unlawful measures taken by Congo against EEPL's investments in two iron ore projects: the Badondo Iron Ore Project (**Badondo**), located in the Sangha region of Congo, and the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Ore Project (**Mayoko-Moussondji**), located in the Niari region of Congo (together, the **Congo Projects**).

EEPL brought its claims against Congo under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Congo and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (**Congo-Mauritius BIT**), under which EEPL's investments in Congo are protected by virtue of EEPL being a Mauritian company. EEPL's claims include that Congo unlawfully expropriated its investments in the Congo Projects, and failed to accord EEPL fair and equitable treatment, in violation of the Congo-Mauritius BIT.

The measures that Congo took against Badondo in December 2020 (which included expropriation) formed part of a wider campaign to dispossess foreign mining companies of their iron ore interests in Congo and grant them to a Chinese-linked company named Sangha Mining Development SASU. The measures that Congo took against Mayoko-Moussondji came later, in June 2021, when Congo unlawfully revoked the exploitation permit held over that tenement by Congo Mining Limited (**CML**), a company owned by Equatorial until 2015 and in which EEPL continues to participate (including through royalty arrangements).

In the arbitration, EEPL is claiming damages ranging from US\$395 million to US\$1,254 million, depending on the valuation methodology adopted. These amounts do not include interest and costs, which are also claimed from Congo in an amount ranging from US\$134 million to US\$741 million, depending on the valuation and interest calculation methodology adopted.

The final hearing in EEPL's arbitration against Congo, which was scheduled to take place in Paris in March 2025, was postponed on the eve of its commencement.

In May 2025, the Tribunal confirmed that the postponed final hearing in the arbitration would take place in Washington, D.C. from 7 to 12 November 2025.

The Tribunal also ordered Congo to pay EEPL A\$1.2 million, reflecting costs that EEPL incurred as a result of the last-minute postponement of the final hearing. From 13 July 2025, interest commenced accruing on these costs at a rate of 5.10% per annum.

Following the final hearing, a final award may be rendered around 12 months thereafter (indicative timing only).

At the upcoming final hearing, EEPL will have the opportunity to present its case in person before the arbitral tribunal, and to cross-examine the single expert witness on whose testimony Congo relies in support of its case. Equatorial's former Managing Director & CEO and current Non-Executive Director, Mr John Welborn, will attend the hearing, together with Equatorial's counsel team from Clifford Chance, witnesses of fact, and expert witnesses engaged by Equatorial to provide their independent opinions on the value of Equatorial's claims.

Notwithstanding the dispute between EEPL and Congo, Equatorial remains committed to its investments in Congo and continues to be open to a constructive dialogue. Equatorial has expressed the Company's openness to reaching a mutually satisfactory settlement of EEPL's dispute and remains hopeful of a constructive dialogue with Congo to that end.

Badondo sits at the centre of a potentially globally significant new iron ore-producing region. It is located near two other major iron ore tenements in Congo and just across the border from Fortescue Metal Group's (ASX:FMG) Belinga Iron Ore Project in Gabon. As one of the first movers in this important region, Equatorial has long understood the economic possibilities of the iron ore deposits of the Congo craton. The Company will continue to progress efforts to have the Badondo license reinstated, and our exploitation licence application granted and/or seek appropriate compensation.

## Guinea Projects

Nimba Alliance Project is a highly prospective and potentially large-scale iron ore project located in Guinea, West Africa which was acquired by Equatorial in July 2023. The Project is located within a cluster of major iron ore projects.

The Project covers a large landholding in Guinea's prolific Nimba Iron Ore Corridor and comprises majority ownership of two permits: 100% of the Nimba West permit covering ~198km<sup>2</sup>; and 56% of the Nimba North permit covering ~107km<sup>2</sup>.

Transport solutions are already in place for the Project, with the Nimba West and Nimba North permits located approximately 350km and 290km respectively from Port Buchanan, and within 30km and 60km, respectively from Liberia's Lamco bulk commodity railway.

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The Company has not received any formal communication from the Guinea government in relation to a change to the status of its exploration permits in Guinea.

The Company understands that the Guinea government has so far announced the cancellation of over 120 mining exploration permits covering bauxite, diamonds, iron and gold, from companies including Resolute Mining Limited (ASX: RSG), AngloGold Ashanti plc (NYSE: AU), and Endeavour Mining plc (LSE: EDV) among others, as part of wider regulatory review in Guinea.

Equatorial had been actively engaged with the Ministry of Mines and relevant Guinea authorities to support its renewal applications for the Nimba West and Nimba North permits. Upon renewal, the Company had plans to implement revised work programs to meet regulatory requirements and project development objectives. Such work programs were expected to include an expanded surface sampling campaign to validate and extend previously identified high-grade Canga mineralization and, subject to the outcomes of the sampling campaign, the Company had plans for a maiden drill program.

Equatorial is seeking clarification from the relevant authorities in Guinea as to the status of its exploration permits.

## Corporate

Equatorial remains in a strong financial position with approximately \$8.7 million in cash and 131,445,353 shares on issue as at 30 September 2025. The Company is in a strong financial position to progress its dispute resolution processes and additional business opportunities in the resources sector.

## ASX Additional Information

### Mining Exploration Tenements

At the end of the quarter, the Company has an interest in the following mining exploration tenements:

Project Name	Tenement Type	Tenement Number	Percentage Interest	Status
Nimba West permit, Republic of Guinea	Exploration permit	A/2019/149/DIGM/CPDM	100%	Awaiting renewal (refer to discussion above)
Nimba North permit, Republic of Guinea	Exploration permit	A/2020/135/DIGM/CPDM	56%	Awaiting renewal (refer to discussion above)
Badondo permit, Republic of Congo	Exploration permit	Decree No. 2015-984	100%	In dispute (refer to discussion above)

### Mining Exploration Expenditures

During the quarter, the Company made no payments in relation to mining exploration activities.

### Related Party Payments

During the quarter, the Company made payments of approximately \$123,000 to related parties and their associates. These payments relate to director's fees, superannuation, company secretarial services and provision of a fully serviced office.

*This announcement has been authorised for release by the Company Secretary.*

## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

Equatorial Resources Limited

ABN

50 009 188 694

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 September 2025

<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date (3 months) \$A'000</b>
<b>1. Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1 Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
(b) development	-	-
(c) production	-	-
(d) staff costs	(40)	(40)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(159)	(159)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4 Interest received	102	102
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8 Other (provide details if material):		
(a) Business development	(99)	(99)
(b) Congo arbitration	(713)	(713)
<b>1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(909)</b>	<b>(909)</b>
<b>2. Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
2.1 Payments to acquire:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-
(e) investments	-	-
(f) other non-current assets	-	-

<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date (3 months) \$A'000</b>
2.2 Proceeds from the disposal of:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(d) investments	-	-
(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3 Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5 Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>2.6 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	-	-
<b>3. Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1 Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2 Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3 Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4 Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5 Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6 Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7 Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8 Dividends paid	-	-
3.9 Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>3.10 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	-	-
<b>4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		
4.1 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,601	9,601
4.2 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(909)	(909)
4.3 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	-	-
4.4 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	-	-

<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date (3 months) \$A'000</b>
4.5 Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
<b>4.6 Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>8,692</b>	<b>8,692</b>

<b>5. Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b> at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Previous quarter \$A'000</b>
5.1 Bank balances	8,692	9,601
5.2 Call deposits	-	-
5.3 Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>5.5 Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>8,692</b>	<b>9,601</b>

<b>6. Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates</b>	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>
6.1 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	(123)
6.2 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments

<b>7. Financing facilities</b> <i>Note: the term 'facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i> <i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	<b>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</b>	<b>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</b>
7.1 Loan facilities	-	-
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3 Other (please specify)	-	-
<b>7.4 Total financing facilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>		
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
Not applicable		

<b>8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>	<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)	(909)
8.2 Capitalised exploration & evaluation (Item 2.1(d))	-
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (Item 8.1 + Item 8.2)	(909)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)	8,692
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (Item 8.4 + Item 8.5)	8,692
<b>8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.6 divided by Item 8.3)</b>	<b>9.6</b>
8.8 If Item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
1. Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	Not applicable
2. Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	Not applicable
3. Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	Not applicable

**Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 29 October 2025

Authorised by: Company Secretary  
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

**Notes**

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.