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## MDKA Announcement - Heap Leach Pad Incident at Tujuh Bukit Operations

PT Merdeka Copper & Gold Tbk ("MDKA") advises that on 12 September 2020, an incident occurred at one of the Company's mining projects, the Tujuh Bukit Project, Banyuwangi, East Java.

On Saturday morning, surface cracking was noted on the heap leach pad and employees and equipment were removed from the heap leach pad as a precautionary measure. On Saturday afternoon a portion of the ore that was stacked on the front face of the heap leach pad subsided. The movement of the material caused damage to some of the pipes and pumping equipment. Importantly the Company's diligence ensured there were no injuries to personnel and no environmental damage.

The irrigation of the heap leach pad has been temporarily suspended while the cause of the subsidence is investigated and the appropriate rectification plans are determined. The incident will impact the previously forecast production and cash flows from the site during the period that the rectification works are in progress. It is important to note that no gold is expected to be lost. Production will be deferred.

The Company has comprehensive insurance policies including material damage and business interruption.

The Company is working with experts in heap leach design to determine the cause of the incident to prevent it re-occurring in the future. Further announcements regarding this incident will be provided, when the impact on production and cash flow have been established.

There has been no impact on the company's current drilling program and pre-feasibility work on the Tujuh Bukit Copper project which are proceeding as planned. The Tujuh Bukit Copper Project deposit is one of the world's top ranked undeveloped copper and gold mineral resources, containing approximately 8.7 million tonnes of copper and 28 million ounces of gold.

Simon Milroy, Vice President Director of MDKA, commented, "Despite this unexpected delay to production at the Tujuh Bukit gold mine Merdeka is confident that Tujuh Bukit production will recover and continue its strong historical contribution to profits. Merdeka continues to focus on its 3 key growth projects in Tujuh Bukit Copper, Pani and AIM to transform Merdeka with these long life low cost projects expected to diversify cashflows."

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## About PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk.

PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk ("Merdeka"), a holding company with operating subsidiaries engaging in mining business activities, encompassing: (i) exploration; (ii) production of gold, silver, copper (and other related minerals); and (iii) mining services.

The company's major assets, in order of management's assessment of future value, are the: (i) Tujuh Bukit Copper Project; (ii) Pani Joint Venture; (iii) Wetar / Morowali Acid Iron Metal Project; (iv) Tujuh Bukit Gold Mine and; (v) Wetar Copper Mine.