African Copper Plc (AIM: ACU, BSE: African Copper)

Production Update

African Copper Plc ("ACU" or the "Company"), the AIM and Botswana listed copper producer and exploration company, announces a production update for its Mowana and Thakadu Mines.

Production

At the Mowana Mine the Company continues to make progress towards reaching commercial production levels. Currently, the Company remains focused on opening up the pit by increasing the stripping ratios in the short term to increase the available ore extraction footprint. This has resulted in demand for increased drilling, blasting and load & haul capacity. Ore processing continues to be batch processed on an alternating basis between Mowana and Thakadu ores due to differences in ore quality that requires different reagent suites. The constraint on production levels remains ore delivery to the mill as a result of poor secondary and tertiary ("SnT") crusher availability. However, these constraints have been somewhat offset by improving mill feed copper grades during the past three months.

At the Thakadu Mine, the Company continued with overburden stripping and ore mining to provide both mining and processing flexibility. Negotiations are at an advanced stage with the Botswana Government on the remaining part of the copper deposit under the Archaeological Site. There are some positive indications of ore quality improvement with significant pockets of sulphide ore having been extracted.

Combined production levels for the Company’s financial year fourth quarter to 31 March 2011 are set out below, together with comparatives:

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<td>Ore processed (Mt)</td>
<td>57,540</td>
<td>131,604</td>
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<td>182,013</td>
<td>148,286</td>
<td>632,981</td>
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<td>Cu grade (%)</td>
<td>2.13</td>
<td>1.68</td>
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<td>1.39</td>
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<td>Recovery (%)</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>41</td>
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<td>Concentrate produced (Mt)</td>
<td>2,791</td>
<td>5,034</td>
<td>1,936</td>
<td>5,829</td>
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<td>Copper produced in concentrate (Mt)</td>
<td>564</td>
<td>1,107</td>
<td>428</td>
<td>1,246</td>
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<td>4,143</td>
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<td>Payable copper sold (Mt)</td>
<td>405</td>
<td>1,266</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>981</td>
<td>975</td>
<td>3,841</td>
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*Fiscal Year ended 31 March

Mowana facilities investment programme

The Amec Minproc Study on the SnT crusher modifications has been completed, and the Company is reviewing the report to determine a cost-effective implementation plan to complete modifications as soon as possible. Further initiatives to improve efficiency of the operations are also underway. These include the installation of a 200 tonne per day press filter for efficiency improvements in copper concentrate filtration, the installation of column flotation cells to upgrade the copper concentrate by reducing the silica content in the concentrate, completion of long term contracts for services in areas such as blast hole drilling, load and haul of ore and waste; ore transportation from Thakadu mine to Mowana mine; blasting & explosives supply and fuel supply & management.

Commenting, Jordan Soko, Acting Chief Executive of African Copper Plc, said, “Production levels are improving and our absolute focus remains on achieving the sustained commercial production levels
that our high quality deposits justify. The redesigned Mowana Mine facilities will allow us to do just that and we are making good progress towards this goal.”

The technical information in this announcement has been reviewed and approved by David De’Ath, BSc (Hons), MSc, GDE-Mining, MIMM and MAusIMM, the Company’s Manager, Geology, of the Mowana Mine for the purposes of the current Guidance Note for Mining, Oil and Gas Companies issued by the London Stock Exchange in June 2009.

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Notes to Editors:
African Copper Plc is an AIM and Botswana listed copper producer and exploration company, currently focused on Botswana. The Company’s flagship project is the copper producing open pit Mowana Mine. ACU also owns the rights to the adjacent Thakadu-Makala deposit. Both deposits are situated on the highly prospective Matsitama belt, located close to Botswana’s second largest city, Francistown, in the north-eastern part of the country.

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