



## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

19 May 2010

# **Metminco Increases Holding in Hampton Mining Limited from 55% to 69%**

As announced on 17 March 2010, Metminco notified Junior Investment Company (JIC) of its intention to exercise its option to acquire JIC's shareholding in Hampton Mining Limited (Hampton).

On 9 April 2010, JIC, as required by Hampton's Constitution, advised all Hampton shareholders of its intention to sell its 66,393,750 fully paid ordinary shares in Hampton (JIC Shares).

On 4 May 2010, Metminco exercised its pre-emption rights entitlement under the First Round Offer to acquire 36,443,942 fully paid ordinary shares in Hampton (Hampton Shares) for consideration of US\$6,586,878.08 in cash and by the issue of 72,887,884 fully paid shares in Metminco to JIC. The acquisition of these Hampton shares increased Metminco's ownership of Hampton to approximately 55%.

As no other Hampton shareholder exercised their pre-emptive rights in the First Round Offer, Metminco was offered the remaining 29,949,808 Hampton Shares in a Repeat Offer.

Metminco exercised its pre-emption rights entitlement under the Repeat Offer in full to acquire 29,949,808 Hampton Shares for consideration of US\$5,413,128.30 in cash and by the issue of 59,899,616 fully paid shares in Metminco to JIC. The acquisition of the remaining JIC Shares increases Metminco's ownership of Hampton to approximately 69%.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Fillmore', with a small 'JIC' stamp below it.

**John Fillmore**  
**Chairman**  
**Metminco Limited**