



Partnerships boost Globe's development of vital Health Post in Malawi

Globe Metals & Mining ("**Globe**" or "**the Company**"; ASX: GBE) is pleased to inform the market of its participation in the development of the Etandweni Health Post, nearby its Kanyika Niobium Project in Mzimba district, Malawi.

Commissioned by Globe approximately 18 months ago following a community consultation process, the Etandweni Health Post was a derelict facility providing childhood immunisations, provision of nutritional and general health advice, and family planning services. **Globe's involvement in this project is designed to build community support in the area surrounding the Kanyika Niobium Project, as it moves towards completion of its definitive feasibility study (DFS) in late 2012.**

"Upon completing the agreed refurbishment in late 2011 and realising the overwhelming demand for greater health services in and around Etandweni, Globe sought the financial and professional assistance of local public and private partnerships to dynamically boost the current and future capacity of the facility," stated Ms Skye Gilligan, Manager Corporate Communications & Social Responsibility.

Working closely with the **Australia Africa Mining Industry Group (AMMIG)**, an organisation established to represent Australian mining and service industry companies active in Africa, Globe successfully applied for a **Direct Aid Program (DAP) grant of A\$29,000 from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)** to install solar electricity and a vaccine fridge at the Health Post.

Mr Matthew Neuhaus, Australian Ambassador for Malawi commented, "The DAP program supports projects that have a tangible development outcome for a specific group of disadvantaged people, particularly the needs of women and children. The business case presented for Etandweni was a perfect fit as the impact of electricity would be significant – not only extending operational hours, but providing the ability to power refrigeration for the storage of life-saving vaccines."

It was also through AAMIG, that Globe met Professor Mark Jones, Director of the **Global Health Alliance of WA (GHAWA)** who agreed to undertake a scoping exercise with Globe in Malawi to ascertain the potential for developing the capacity of Etandweni Health Post in conjunction with other health facilities in the Mzimba district.

GHAWA is a partnership of all five Western Australian universities working with the Department of Health Western Australia to improve health care outcomes in developing countries. "GHAWA undertook to work with Globe on a *pro bono* basis as there were clear synergies in our objectives and the scoping exercise provided the opportunity to consider the potential for Malawi as a location for future GHAWA activity. It was also heartening to find a mining company committed to acquitting its corporate



social responsibility (CSR) through true engagement with the local community,” explained Professor Jones.

“Malawi, like many countries in sub-Saharan Africa, faces a growing burden of disease and critical shortage of health system resources and in common with other developing nations, Malawi has significantly higher level of ill health and mortality than its westernised counterparts,” he said.

In February 2011, Globe together with GHAWA conducted semi-structured interviews with a range of key informants and community leaders in Etandweni Village and associated health care facilities.

“Mark Jones’ technical expertise and hands-on nursing, midwifery, and community health experience was invaluable to our research. Consequently, **we were able to identify a number of short and long term development options for acquittal of health-focused CSR, proportionate to the viability and profitability of our Kanyika Niobium Project**”, stated Ms Gilligan.

“One significant outcome of the field trip was identifying barriers to critical health services at Etandweni,” states Professor Mark Jones. “With Etandweni some 25km from its nearest referral centre at Emfeni, fuel shortages and high temperatures would frequently prevent the transport of vaccines. Provision of a vaccine fridge on-site, making best use of the new solar power, would remove the current high-risk of disruption to the availability of vaccines and enable the Health Post to host immunisation clinics.”

Next steps

Globe’s Management have committed to the following additional near-term investments to bring the Etandweni Health Post to an enhanced operational level:

- Provision of a solar powered vaccine storage fridge using additional DAP funds
- Provision of water through drilling of a bore and installation of a hand pump
- Purchase of basic set up equipment, furniture and medical provisions
- Completion of the Health Surveillance Assistant’s accommodation adjacent to the Health Post

Globe appreciates the investment made by its project partners and expects the initiatives listed above to be completed by June 2012. **Subject to completion of the Kanyika DFS, there are a number of additional steps Globe can embark upon to further advance the provision of health services from Etandweni.**

In addition, Globe is working closely with the Malawi Ministry of Health and the Malawi Health Equity Network (MHEN) to ensure the Etandweni Health Post meets local health regulations both in its present and potential future forms.

Appointment of Social Responsibility Manager

In January 2012, to cement its commitment to CSR, Globe appointed Ms Skye Gilligan, existing Manger Corporate Communications, to oversee its social responsibility activity in Africa.

Ms Gilligan’s appointment will ensure a dedicated focus on community relations and social development strategy, encompassing community projects, liaison with Australian/African Governments, donors and interaction with Globe’s African in-country management and project personnel.



Skye Gilligan and Mark Jones host meeting with Emfeni Clinician and Etandweni Committee Members (Feb 2012)



Skye Gilligan, Mark Jones and Etandweni Committee outside Etandweni Health Post (Feb 2012)



Mark Jones chats with local Etandweni mothers



Patients waiting for treatment at Emfeni Referral Centre



Construction of Health Assistant's Dwelling (Apr 2012)



Construction of waiting room benches (Apr 2012)

About Globe Metals & Mining

Globe is an African-focused resource company, specialising in rare metals such as niobium, tantalum and rare earths, as well as other commodities including fluorite, uranium and zircon. Our main focus is the multi-commodity Kanyika Niobium Project in Malawi, which will produce ferro-niobium, a key additive in sophisticated steels.

Globe also has a number of other projects at an earlier stage of development: it is earning up to an 80% interest in the Machinga Rare Earth Project in southern Malawi, and the Company can earn up to a 90% interest in the Mount Muambe REE – Fluorite Project and the Memba Titanium – Iron Project, both in Mozambique.

Globe's corporate head office in Perth, Australia is supported by African offices in Lilongwe, Maputo, Tete and Nacala. The Company has been listed on the ASX since December 2005 (Code: GBE).

In April 2011, the Company entered into a strategic partnership with East China Mineral Exploration and Development Bureau (ECE), a Chinese State Owned Enterprise with extensive mining operations in China and overseas. ECE is now the largest shareholder in Globe, and a key partner for Globe's growth ambitions in Africa.

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