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The Tschudi Group Divests Sydvaranger to Tacora Resources Inc.

OSLO, NORWAY, January 14, 2021 – The Tschudi Group (“Tschudi Group”) today announced that it has completed the sale of Sydvaranger Mining AS and its subsidiaries (“Sydvaranger”), an iron ore mine and processing plant located in Sør-Varanger, Norway, to Tacora Resources Inc (“Tacora”), a US-based iron ore mining and mineral processing company focused on high-grad iron ore commodities. Tacora recommenced operations after five years closure in June 2019 at the Scully Mine, a 6 million tonne per year iron ore concentrate producer, after its acquisition of the mine in 2017.

Sydvaranger operated from 1910 to 1997, and then from 2009 to 2015 producing high grade iron ore concentrate, with an iron content of 68%, for pelletizing operations. The Tschudi Group, a Norwegian shipping and logistics company, has been involved with the Sydvaranger Mine since 2006. In 2016, the Tschudi Group re-acquired the Sydvaranger assets and has since focused its activities on completing a feasibility study and preparing for restarting the operations. Sydvaranger’s high quality, low impurity, magnetite iron ore concentrate has significant environmental and cost benefits for steel producers and pelletizing operations, including increased blast furnace productivity, reduced slag volumes, lower CO2 emissions per tonne of steel produced and reduced energy requirements for pelletizing, amongst others. The recent Definitive Feasibility Study confirmed a potential for a 4 million tonne per year iron ore concentrate production.

Felix Tschudi, Chairman and owner of the Tschudi Group, said, “We are pleased to welcome Tacora as the new owners of Sydvaranger. Since 2016, the Tschudi Group has sought to provide Sydvaranger with the financial and operational capabilities to enable a restart of the mining operations. By introducing Orion Mine Finance as a financial partner in 2018 and by now combining Sydvaranger with the operationally experienced Tacora team, we believe Sydvaranger is in an excellent position to succeed with a restart. The Tschudi Group will remain strong supporters of the Sydvaranger Mine and continue its considerable presence in Kirkenes and the Troms og Finnmark county more broadly through its other business activities in the region. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone on the Sydvaranger team for the tremendous effort made over the past few years despite great uncertainty to prepare the ground for a restart. I am convinced that Tacora is the best option to make that happen.”

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Thierry Martel, the President and CEO of Tacora, said, “On behalf of our current Tacora employees, we welcome the Sydvaranger team into the Tacora family and thank the Tschudi Group for their stewardship of the Sydvaranger assets. With both operations being compatible in many ways, the collective capabilities and similarities of both assets make for a perfect match as we continue to focus on our employees’ safety and well-being, working closely within the communities we operate, with our stakeholders to build a reputable and performing company we can all be proud of.”

The Tschudi Group will as part of the transaction become a small shareholder in Tacora. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price which is paid in the form of shares in Tacora.

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About Tschudi Group

The Tschudi Group has roots back to 1883 and is today managed by the 4th generation of the Tschudi family. The Tschudi Group is primarily active in shipping, logistics and the ocean industries with operations in 13 countries across the globe, with a particular focus on Northern Norway and the Arctic. Additional information about the group is available at www.tschudigroup.com

About Tacora Resources Inc.

Tacora is an iron ore mining and mineral processing company focused on the acquisition, development and operation of iron ore reserves and assets which allow for the sale of high-grade and quality iron ore products. The Company’s equity investors include: funds managed by Protterra Investment Partners LP; Aequor Holdings LLC; Cargill, Inc.; a fund managed by Orion Mine Finance; and MagGlobal LLC. In July 2017, the Company purchased the Scully Mine, a 6 million tonne per year iron ore concentrate producer, located in Wabush, Newfoundland and Labrador and recommenced operations in June 2019. 100% of the Scully Mine concentrate is purchased and marketed globally by a subsidiary of Cargill Inc. Additional information about the company is available at www.tacoraresources.com

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