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### HAMBLEDON MINING PLC

#### Recent progress

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Hambledon Mining plc ("Hambledon" or the "Group" or the "Company"), an AIM-listed mining and exploration company developing precious metal deposits in Kazakhstan, reports progress on its Sekisovskoye project.

#### Highlights

- Mining activities in the year to date have been more than double the planned rate.
- Initial ore stockpiles for process plant commissioning have been established.
- Foundations for the mill building, warehouse and major equipment (ball mills, leach tanks, crushers) have been completed.
- Construction of mill building well advanced with all materials on site. Construction of main arches of warehouse completed.
- All major equipment has been procured and some 90% of contracts for final construction let.
- 110 kV powerline and substation nearing completion three months ahead of schedule.
- Excavation of the "starter" tailings dam nearing completion and geomembrane liner received at site.
- Start of commissioning of process plant on schedule for the second

quarter 2007.

- Diamec diamond drill rig previously used underground has been modified for surface use; drilling with this unit commenced at Tserkovka in October and will continue throughout the winter.

Nicholas Bridgen, Chief Executive of Hambledon Mining plc, commented:

"As a result of the skilled local workforce and better than expected productivity of the equipment, mining operations have exceeded all our expectations. We have now shifted all the site earthworks to our own mining team which will reduce the costs significantly.

"Progress to date is ahead of schedule and we remain on course towards start-up of the process plant, as previously estimated, in the second quarter of 2007".

### Sekisovskoye Update

Mining activities at Sekisovskoye commenced in early June. The volume of material mined so far in 2006 is some 107% in excess of that submitted in the mining plans approved by the State Mining Committee. This material includes the mining and stockpiling of over 22,000 tonnes of ore from previously unidentified ore zones, which can be used for the commissioning of the process plant in 2007. As expected from this type of deposit, ore is being found in zones previously thought to be waste, and this should have a positive impact on future stripping ratios and total ore tonnage.

Pit development has focused on the expansion of the existing North Pit to provide construction material for the processing plant as well as advance access to the high grade No.2 orebody and to the top of Sedukha Hill to allow for the phased development of the Main Pit in 2007. Drilling and blasting in hard rock areas of the open pit have begun using the Company's Atlas Copco blasthole rig and a local blasting contractor.

The mining activities have been so successful that construction work planned to be undertaken by local earthmoving contractors will now be carried out by the Sekisovskoye mining team at much lower cost. This work includes topsoil stripping, access road construction and construction of the process plant tailings dam. These higher than planned mining volumes have been achieved in part due to the much higher than planned productivity of the Hitachi Zaxis 850 excavators and the fleet of Belaz trucks, as well as the contribution of the equipment trainers from Atlas Copco in Sweden and a Mine Training Consultant from Perth, Australia, in enhancing the already high skill level of the local employees.

Foundations for the mill building and major equipment (ball mills, leach tanks, crushers) are essentially complete. Indeed, concrete pouring at Sekisovskoye has stretched the capabilities of the local concrete suppliers in Ust Kamenogorsk. The first of the two 1.2 megawatt ball mills is on track for shipment in early December as is a modular boiler house, with installation to commence immediately upon receipt. The second large ball mill is expected to be shipped in January.

Site construction activities are continuing on a 24-hour, 7-day basis.

Construction of the 110 kilovolt substation and 4.5 km overland powerline is ahead of schedule and will be completed as soon as the main transformer is delivered.

Excavation of the starter tailings dam is nearing completion and wall construction is well advanced. Installation of the geomembrane is to be completed in the spring of 2007 immediately prior to commissioning.

Exploration activities are also continuing as per our commitments to shareholders. The Diamec drill rig that was purchased for underground drilling has been converted to a winterized surface unit, with drilling initiated in late October in the Tserkovka licence area.

Overall, the mine preparation is ahead of schedule and the Directors are very pleased with the progress made to date.

#### Note to editors

Hambledon Mining plc is an AIM-listed mining and exploration company which is developing an open pit mine and constructing an 850,000 tonnes per year treatment plant at its Sekisovskoye gold deposit in East Kazakhstan. After the start of open pit processing, the Company plans to develop the much larger underground resources.

Production from the open pit will average over 40,000 ounces per annum for five years, though this is expected to rise to around 100,000 ounces when the higher grade underground ore is added to the feed. The Company also holds the rights to and is exploring the adjacent Tserkovka licence territory which includes several areas of interest including the Tserkovka deposit itself.

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