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Update on New Exploration Regulations for Peru Explorers

In its December 2017 quarterly activities report (announced 31 January 2018) Inca Minerals Limited (**Inca or Company**) advised that New Exploration Regulations (**NER**) were introduced in Peru over the Christmas/new year period via Presidential decree (ASX announcement 15 January 2018). Proposed changes within the NER included:

- The advent of a new form of drilling permit, for projects which meet certain criteria, allowing for up to 20 drilling platforms with the permit granting time being 10 business days.
- Reclassification of a DIA permit (such as the one currently held by Inca at Riqueza) whereby up to 40 drilling platforms are permitted (previously 20 under a DIA).

As advised by Inca, the NER are intended to come into force after the Peruvian government publishes two additional documents referred to in the NER as the Terms of Reference (**ToR**) and the Format of Technical Environmental File (**FTEF**). Together, all three documents will set out, *inter alia*, how the old and new permitting regimes co-exist and interphase.

Inca has been advised that the ToR and the FTEF were due to be published on or around 7 February 2018 (Peru time). This has not occurred but, based on the Company's current information, publication of the ToR and the FTEF remain imminent. Inca expects the NER to have a positive impact on the Company's 2018 exploration and drilling activities at both the Riqueza and Cerro Rayas projects and looks forward to updating shareholders and confirming publication of the ToR and the FTEF in the very near future.

Inca's Managing Director, Mr Ross Brown commented "The New Exploration Regulations could be a tremendous fillip for exploration in Peru and, whilst it is frustrating there has been slippage, target generation at Greater Riqueza and Cerro Rayas continue to gather pace which provides further drill opportunities for Inca."