

# Developing a global iron ore business

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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **DAILY UPDATE #6 – 0800 hrs AWST**

Sundance Resources Limited (**ASX: SDL** – "Sundance" or "the Company") would like to provide the following update as to the status of activities associated with the recovery and repatriation of personnel from the fatal aircraft crash in the Republic of Congo.

Summary of progress to date:

**Monday 21 June 2010**: As previously advised, at 1500hrs (local time/ 2200hrs AWST) the wreckage of the CASA C-212 Aviocar aircraft chartered by the Company and reported missing on Saturday 19 June 2010 was found on the western ridge of the Avima Range in the Republic of Congo, near the Gabonese border.

The flight was carrying nine passengers, predominately from Sundance Resources, who were visiting the Company's Mbalam iron ore project in Cameroon and Congo and conducting high level meetings with various government representatives of both countries. There were no survivors. Soon after being found, the site was secured.

**Tuesday 22 June 2010:** At 0630hrs (local time 1330 hrs AWST) a recovery operation commenced at site. The objective of this stage was to clear vegetation to provide access to facilitate recovery of the deceased, prior to transport to Yangadou in the Republic of Congo.

**Wednesday 23 June 2010:** The recovery team, including French Military personnel and emergency response specialists have and continue to remain on-site at all times.

More people and equipment have arrived at the crash site to assist in the recovery process and helicopter winching equipment has been successfully tested and is prepared to assist in the retrieval process. Intermittent cloud cover and wet conditions have impeded air activities.

Sundance has deployed a second team of specialist recovery experts from South Africa and they are on route to the crash site to assist in the recovery operation. Sundance expects that they will have access to the crash site on Thursday morning (local time), subject to weather conditions.

In addition, a team of repatriation specialists were deployed by Sundance to Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo where they will remain to support Sundance in coordinating repatriation efforts in close consultation with Congolese authorities.

Concurrently, work by Australian contractors to clear vegetation for site access from Avima has continued however progress was slowed due to the dense jungle and the steep terrain.

Given the difficult location of the crash site, the timing of repatriation to Brazzaville is not yet known.

At this time the bodies have not been removed from the site and the Company cannot predict when this will take place. Sundance reaffirms that all efforts are directed at completing the safe removal and repatriation of all personnel on board the charter flight as soon as possible.

Providing support to the families of all personnel on board remains the Company's key focus, together with recovery and repatriation activities. Sundance continues to offer its full support to the families and is providing regular updates on the recovery and repatriation efforts.

Sundance again requests that the privacy of all family members be respected at this difficult time.

The Company is working closely with the Cameroon and Congolese Governments and local authorities and the relevant Consular and Military officials regarding the repatriation activities. Sundance wishes to express its appreciation for their continued support throughout this incident.

A further update regarding the recovery and repatriation activities will be provided at 0800hrs (AWST) on 25 June 2010.

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### About Sundance Resources Limited

Sundance Resources Ltd is an international iron ore company focused on mining interests in the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of Congo in Central West Africa. Sundance has commenced Definitive Feasibility Study on the Mbalam Iron Ore Project as the basis for developing a global iron ore business. Central West Africa is considered to have the potential to develop into a significant new iron province, underpinned by the Mbalam Iron Ore Project.

WA-based Sundance has been listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1993 and is also traded on over-the-counter markets in Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Munich.

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