

# Oyu Tolgoi declares force majeure due to Chinese border blockade and protest

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VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - January 17, 2018) - Turquoise Hill Resources (NYSE: TRQ) (NASDAQ: TRQ) (TSX: TRQ) today announced that Oyu Tolgoi has declared force majeure in connection to customer contracts for concentrate due to a protest by Chinese coal transporters recently commenced in the area of the Ganqimaodu Border Zone.

On January 8, 2018, the protestors used a large number of vehicles to obstruct the main access road within China to the Chinese-Mongolian border. The main border crossing for goods and supplies is open. The placement of protestors' vehicles prevented any traffic from safely traversing the border, both inbound and outbound, and has continued to do so. As a result, while the obstruction remains in place, Oyu Tolgoi convoys are unable to cross through the Chinese-Mongolian border to deliver concentrates to customers. Oyu Tolgoi is actively monitoring the situation and engaging with relevant government authorities to understand the progress of discussions with the participants in the protest activity.

Safe and normal mine operations, including underground development, have been maintained and no production impact is expected.

Turquoise Hill will update the market in due course.

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Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information or statements. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, which contribute to the possibility that the predicted outcomes will not occur. Events or circumstances could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those estimated or projected and expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements are included in the "Risk Factors" section in the Company's Annual Information Form dated as of March 23, 2017 in respect of the year ended December 31, 2016 (the "AIF").

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