

**MEDIA ADVISORY****FLORENCE COPPER RECEIVES EPA APPROVAL**

**Florence, Ariz. (December 21, 2016)** – Today the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the final required permit, the Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, to construct and operate Florence Copper’s Phase 1 Production Test Facility (PTF). The PTF will serve to optimize the copper recovery process and demonstrate its environmental integrity and reliability.

The project has now successfully met all of its regulatory obligations at both the state and federal levels. Including the UIC permit and the Aquifer Protection Permit that was issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in August, the project has received 19 permits and authorizations. The UIC permit will become effective on January 30, 2017. For further details, the [Notice of Final Permit Decision](#) can be found on the [EPA website](#).

“Securing the UIC permit is a significant milestone which further validates the technical and environmental work performed by our engineering and project development teams in Florence,” said Russell Hallbauer, President and CEO of Taseko Mines Limited. “The issuance of this permit by the EPA confirms that our proposal meets the highest environmental standards required under federal law.”

“Permitting any industrial project is a lengthy and challenging process, which is why the receipt of the UIC permit is a major milestone achieved by the Company. There is a possibility that opposing parties will attempt to appeal the UIC permit, similar to the challenge made to the previously granted Aquifer Protection Permit, but we expect that the regulatory authorities will successfully defend their thorough process,” concluded Mr. Hallbauer.

The Florence Copper Project strengthens and diversifies Taseko’s copper production capabilities.

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Florence Copper Inc. is proposing to develop a copper recovery project at Florence, Arizona. Not a mine in the traditional sense, Florence Copper will use a water-based solution to dissolve and recover copper minerals from a deposit more than 400 feet below ground. The project, which is in the final stage of permitting an initial test facility, offers a unique opportunity to generate economic benefit while at the same time protecting important resources. More information about the project is available at [www.florencecopper.com](http://www.florencecopper.com).