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July 2005 NTA and Monthly Investment Update

The Company was listed on the Australian Stock Exchange on 8 April 2004 and invests in natural resource companies across global markets. The Investment Manager is the London based natural resources team of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers Limited.

The NTA before tax as at 31 July 2005 was \$1.27 (30 June 2005 \$1.18 per share) and the NTA after allowing for tax on unrealised gains was \$1.19 (30 June \$1.13 per share).

GMI has also issued Options to subscribe for shares at an exercise price of \$1.00 on or before 30 November 2006. If all options had been exercised as at 30 June 2005, the diluted NTA before tax would have been \$1.13, and \$1.09 after allowing for tax on unrealised gains.

(NTA figures are prepared in accordance with AIFRS and are unaudited)

Set out below is the performance of the portfolio against the HSBC Global Mining Index to 31 July 05, information on the current level of gearing and the top 20 investments held by GMI as at 31 July 05.

Performance Table

	Starting	Value	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
	Value \$m	31 Jul 05	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	since launch
GMI Assets \$A	75.2	100.8	7.1%	15.7%	11.8%	29.3%	33.9%
HSBC \$A	293.9	351.6	7.3%	16.0%	11.3%	21.0%	19.7%

*Note performance numbers are sourced from MLIM Australia valuation report as at 31 July 2005. They reflect the performance of the funds made available to MLIM, the investment manager on the launch date of GMI 8th April 2004. FX rates sourced from Datastream. Differences will occur versus the audited report due to management fees, other expenses, dividends, interest and tax

Gearing

As set out in the prospectus, GMI is permitted to borrow up to 20% of the value of the portfolio. To facilitate this, GMI has entered into a gearing facility with the Bank of New York. As at 29 July 05 GMI was 3.9% geared, having drawn down its facility to the extent of US\$3.9m.

Portfolio Movements

During the month GMI increased its holding of Jiangxi Copper Co of China, which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. GMI also increased its positions Spur Ventures and Aquarius Platinum, listed on the Toronto and London stock exchanges respectively.

Top Twenty Holdings as at 30 June 2005 (% of gross assets including cash)

Description	% of GMI including cash	Country	Commodity
CVRD	9.4	Brazil	Diversified
BHP Limited	9.4	Global	Diversified
Rio Tinto Plc	8.4	Global	Diversified
Xstrata Plc	5.6	Global	Diversified
Impala Platinum Holdings Limited	5.4	South Africa	Platinum
Alumina Limited	4.5	Australia	Alumina
Falconbridge Limited	4.4	Nth America	Nickel
Anglo American Inc	4.3	Global	Diversified
Minas Buenaventura	4.1	Peru	Gold
Vedanta Resources Plc	3.2	India	Diversified
Teck Cominco Limited	3.0	Nth America	Diversified
Iluka Resources Limited	2.9	Australia	Industrial Minerals
Alcan Inc	2.7	Canada	Aluminium
First Quantum Minerals Limited	2.4	Africa	Copper
Zinifex Limited	2.1	Australia	Zinc
Alcoa Inc	1.8	Nth America	Aluminium
Newcrest Mining Limited	1.6	Australia	Gold
Antofagasta Plc	1.5	Latin America	Copper
Peter Hambro Mining Plc	1.5	Russia	Gold
Aber Diamond Corp	<u>1.4</u>	Nth America	Diamonds
Total of Top 20 Holdings	79.6		

Outlook

The Investment Manager, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers Limited, expects mining companies to release strong earnings over the next couple of months, which should trigger further upgrades to earnings numbers. In addition companies are sending signals that share repurchase programs could be escalated and that further corporate acquisitions are likely. The Investment Manager expects the remainder of this year to be supported by positive corporate news-flow and, in the absence of a sudden slowdown in economic activity in China and the USA, for things to bode well for the next 12 months.