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## **MANGANESE DRILLING UPDATE – TALLY-HO PROSPECT**

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Further to its announcement of 5 May, Spitfire Resources Limited ("Spitfire") (ASX Code: SPI) advises that the drilling program at its 80%-owned **Tally-Ho manganese prospect** in the East Pilbara of Western Australia has now been completed.

The program, comprising 51 RC drill holes for a total of 2,384 metres, was designed to test the continuity of the mineralisation previously discovered at Tally-Ho, as well as for extensions to the mineralised zone.

While geological logging of the drill samples has indicated the presence of manganese mineralisation in a number of drill holes, assay results are still pending. Geological logging indicates that the mineralised envelope is both continuous and open.

778 drill samples are currently at Ultratrace's laboratory in Perth undergoing XRF analysis. 43 samples have also been sent to Amdel's Perth facility for metallurgical testing. The results of this work are expected by the end of June 2009.

Spitfire will announce the results from the drilling and metallurgical testing once it has received, collated and analysed all of the data.

The Tally-Ho Prospect forms part of Spitfire's South Woodie Woodie Manganese Project and is located approximately 70km south of the Woodie Woodie manganese mine.

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### **Competent Person's Statement**

*The information in this release relating to exploration is based on information compiled by Mr. N. Cull who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Cull is Exploration Manager for Spitfire Resources Ltd, and consents to the inclusion in this type of report of the information as presented. He has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and to the type of activity described to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.'*

## **About Spitfire Resources**

*Spitfire Resources Limited (ASX Code: SPI) is an Australian resource company part focused on the exploration and development of a portfolio of manganese exploration assets in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia. Spitfire listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in December 2007 following a successful A\$6 million Initial Public Offer (IPO).*

*The South Woodie Woodie Project comprises three granted Exploration Licences. The principal area of initial exploration focus lies some 50km down-strike from the 1Mtpa Woodie Woodie manganese mine. Spitfire has also secured a substantial portfolio of new exploration tenure near the South Woodie Woodie Project, more than doubling its existing land holdings in the prospective East Pilbara region. The Company has lodged applications for four strategic tenements, covering a total area of 899 square kilometres, which are located approximately 13km south-east of the South Woodie Woodie Project.*

*Some of the new ground package abuts tenements managed by Consolidated Minerals, the former listed owner of the Woodie Woodie mine, and who was bought by private Ukrainian group Palmary Enterprises. Spitfire selected the ground after completing interpretive geological work suggesting that the area to the south-east could host strike extensions of a potential corridor of manganese host rocks.*

*In 2008, Spitfire announced a significant addition to its asset base through an agreement to acquire a portfolio of advanced thermal coal projects located in Tasmania, providing the basis for a potential niche thermal coal export business.*

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