



Reed trades mine stake for funding

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Reed Resources has hinted it could sell more of its proposed Mt Marion lithium mine 40km south-west of Kalgoorlie-Boulder after announcing Mineral Resources would take a 30 per cent stake in return for project funding.

The latest agreement replaced an earlier deal under which MinRes would have funded Mt Marion for 40 per cent of the profits — a decision Reed boss Chris Reed said was taken to better align the interests of the two parties.

MinRes must “use reasonable endeavours” to complete construction by September 30 and commission the plant on or before December 13.

Mr Reed also suggested another slice of Mt Marion was up for grabs as talks with third parties about establishing downstream lithium operations continued.

Options on the table could



Better alignment: Chris Reed

include toll treatment, a joint venture and the partial or outright sale of the upstream operation, with the joint venture likely to retain exposure to the downstream operations.

- Galaxy Resources, owner of the Mt Cattlin lithium mine near Ravensthorpe, has completed its \$91.5 million raising. The cash will be used to ramp-up Mt Cattlin and complete construction of its Jiangsu lithium carbonate plant.