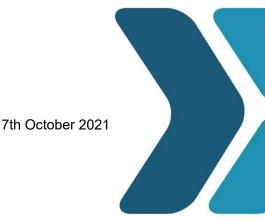


# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# Diamond drilling underway at Sovereign Ni-Cu-PGE Project in the highly prospective Julimar Region, WA

Drilling expedited to test the geometry and extent of the mafic-ultramafic intrusion

DevEx Resources Limited (ASX: DEV; "DevEx" or "the Company") is pleased to advise that diamond drilling (Figure 1) has commenced at its **Sovereign Ni-Cu-PGE Project**, in the Julimar Region of Western Australia.

The Sovereign Project lies within the highly prospective Julimar Complex (Figure 2) and is located to the north of Chalice Mining Limited's (ASX: CHN) Julimar Project and south of Caspin Resources Limited's (ASX: CPN) Yarawindah Brook Project.



**Figure 1.** Diamond drill rig in operation at the Sovereign Project, WA. Drilling is designed to understand the geometry and extent of the intrusion at depth including the prospective ultramafic rocks (serpentinite).

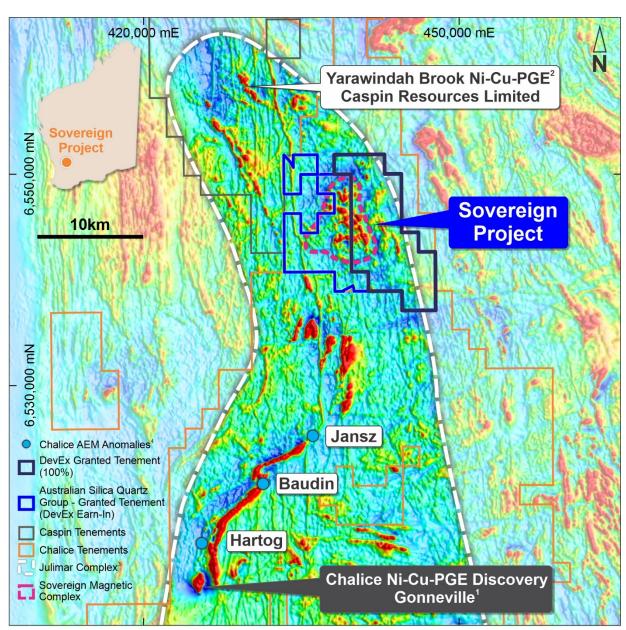
Recent reconnaissance air-core drilling has provided the first insight into the framework of an extensive, 12km long mafic-ultramafic intrusion, with rocks likely analogous to the western margin of Chalice Mining's Gonneville Intrusion. At Gonneville, gabbronorite and pyroxenite rocks form the upper differentiated layer of the intrusion with the more Ni-Cu-PGE-rich serpentinite (harzburgite) lying beneath and forming the lower layer<sup>1</sup> (see the Company's ASX Announcement – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021).

At Sovereign, the current maiden diamond drilling programme is designed to garner an understanding of the extent of the underlying ultramafic rocks and will test beneath the upper differentiated melagabbronorite and pyroxenite rocks into the interpreted lower layer. Inversion modelling (third dimension) of the ground gravity and airborne magnetic surveys by the Company's geophysical consultants, Newexco Exploration Pty Ltd, has identified priority areas beneath the pyroxenite rocks where the prospective serpentinite may lie. Three diamond holes are currently planned.

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In conjunction with this drilling, an extensive ground Electromagnetic (EM) survey has commenced at Sovereign. This survey will likely take several months to complete and will test for massive sulphide Ni-Cu-PGE mineralisation within mafic-ultramafic intrusion, with the priority given to several windows where the ultramafic and mela-gabbronorites have been exposed near surface. Any significant conductors identified from this survey would be viewed as a priority for additional drilling.



**Figure 2.** DevEx Tenement together with the Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd ('ASQ') Tenement overlying airborne magnetics (RTP) in relation to Chalice Mining Limited's high-grade palladium-nickel discovery (ASX: CHN) at the Julimar Project. The outline of the Julimar Complex was interpreted by the Company from information in Harrison (1984)<sup>3</sup>.

DevEx is currently exploring the western half of the Sovereign mafic-ultramafic Intrusion (E70/3405) under an Earn-In Agreement with Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd ('ASQ') (see the Company Announcement on 1st June 2020).

The eastern half of the intrusion is located within a granted tenement held by DevEx (E70/5365).



This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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### **COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT**

The Information in this report that relates to previous exploration activities within the Sovereign Project is extracted from the ASX announcement titled "Large-scale, 12km long mafic-ultramafic intrusion at Sovereign Project, paving way for ground EM and initial diamond drilling" released on 17th August 2021 which is available at www.devexresources.com.au.

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