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Outstanding Gold Grades Across Broad Intercepts from RAS Infill Drilling

Santana Minerals Limited ("Santana" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that infill drilling at the Rise and Shine (RAS) deposit has delivered outstanding results, reinforcing the exceptional grade and continuity of gold mineralisation in areas targeted for early mining.

The programme focused on the high-grade HG1 domain, which hosts the greatest concentration of gold at RAS and is central to the early mining sequence. Closer drill spacing has strengthened confidence in the continuity of grades across HG1 and improved geological definition. Importantly, subsequent interpretation has also identified a new, deeper high-grade gold domain near the base of the existing low-grade (LG1) boundary.

Best intercepts from the current batch of assays include:

- MDD537
  - **26.9m @ 13.0 g/t Au from 152.3m (true width 24.9m).**
- MDD536
  - **34.4m @ 8.8 g/t Au from 160.7m (true width 30.6m).**
- MDD535
  - **17m @ 5.9 g/t Au from 176m (true width 14.6m);**
  - **8.5m @ 4.2 g/t Au from 198m (true width 7.3 m).**
- MDD534B
  - **10.2m @ 10.1 g/t Au from 175.8m (true width 8.9m);**
  - **14.4m @ 3.3 g/t Au from 189.7m (true width 12.9m).**

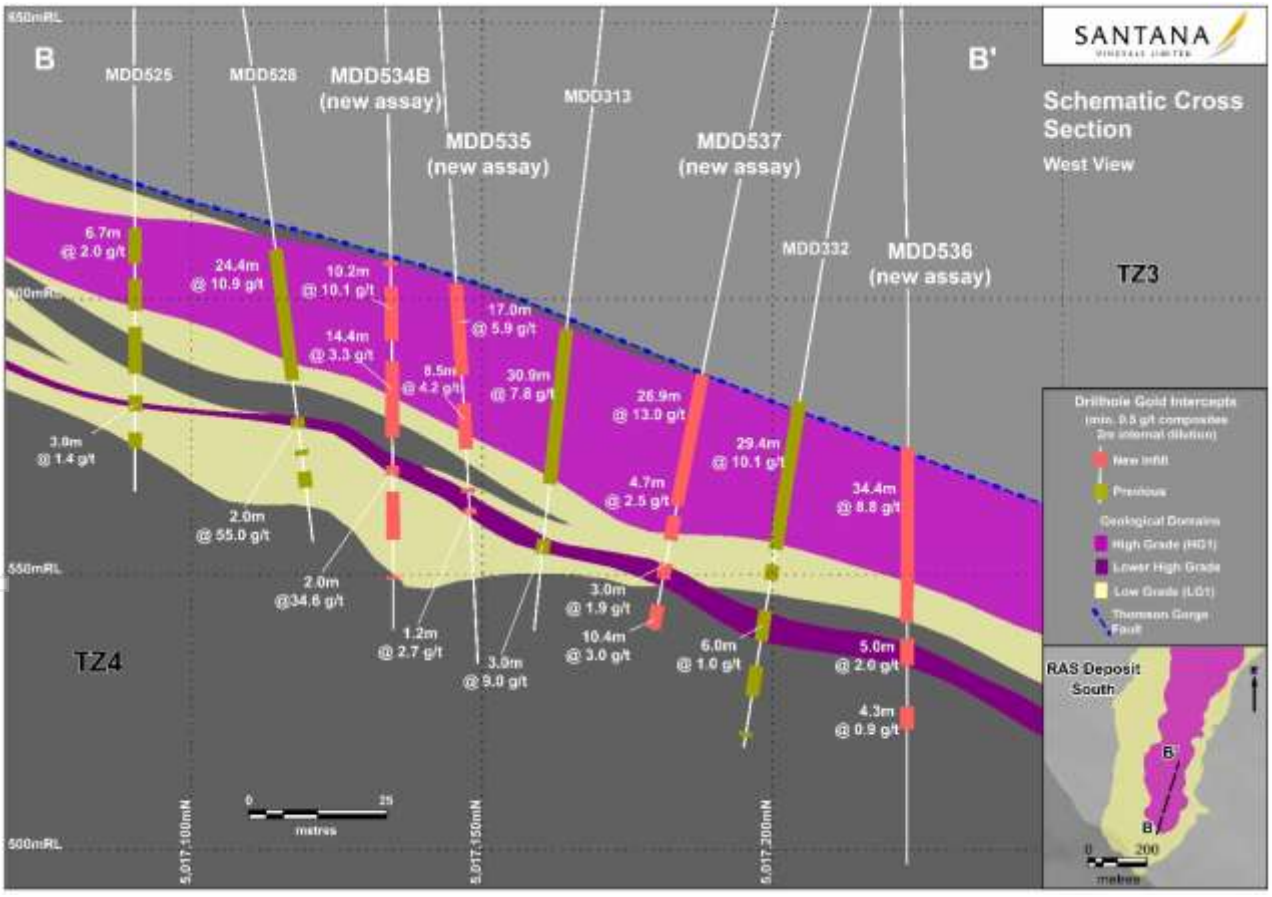


Figure 1 Schematic long section looking west displaying new drill results

Santana's CEO, Damian Spring, said: *"The RAS infill programme is delivering outstanding results, confirming the continuity of the HG1 domain and uncovering the presence of a deeper high-grade domain. We're looking forward to factoring these results into our model and continuing to prove the robust economics available to shareholders, the Crown, the community, and all stakeholders who stand to benefit from this nationally and regionally significant project".*

Three drill holes targeting the western and southern margins of the HG1 domain returned assay results consistent with current interpreted gold grade distribution across the HG1/LG1 domain boundary. Mineralisation in these transitional zones is characterised by broad intervals of lower-grade mineralisation, locally interspersed with discrete, bonanza-grade intercepts associated with coarse gold. Assays from these holes include:

MDD531B

- 11.5m @ 1.5 g/t Au from 157.7m (true width 10.7m);
- **3.3m @ 40.3 g/t Au from 173.8m (true width 3.0m);**
- 12.3m @ 1.5 g/t Au from 190.7m (true width 11.1m).

MDD532

- **3.7m @ 17.6 g/t Au from 156.3m (true width 3.4m);**
- 7.4m @ 1.9 g/t Au from 162.8m (true width 7.0m);
- **2.9m @ 19.3 g/t Au from 173.3m (true width 2.6m).**

MDD533

- 5.2m @ 6.7 g/t Au from 59.9m (true width 3.6m).

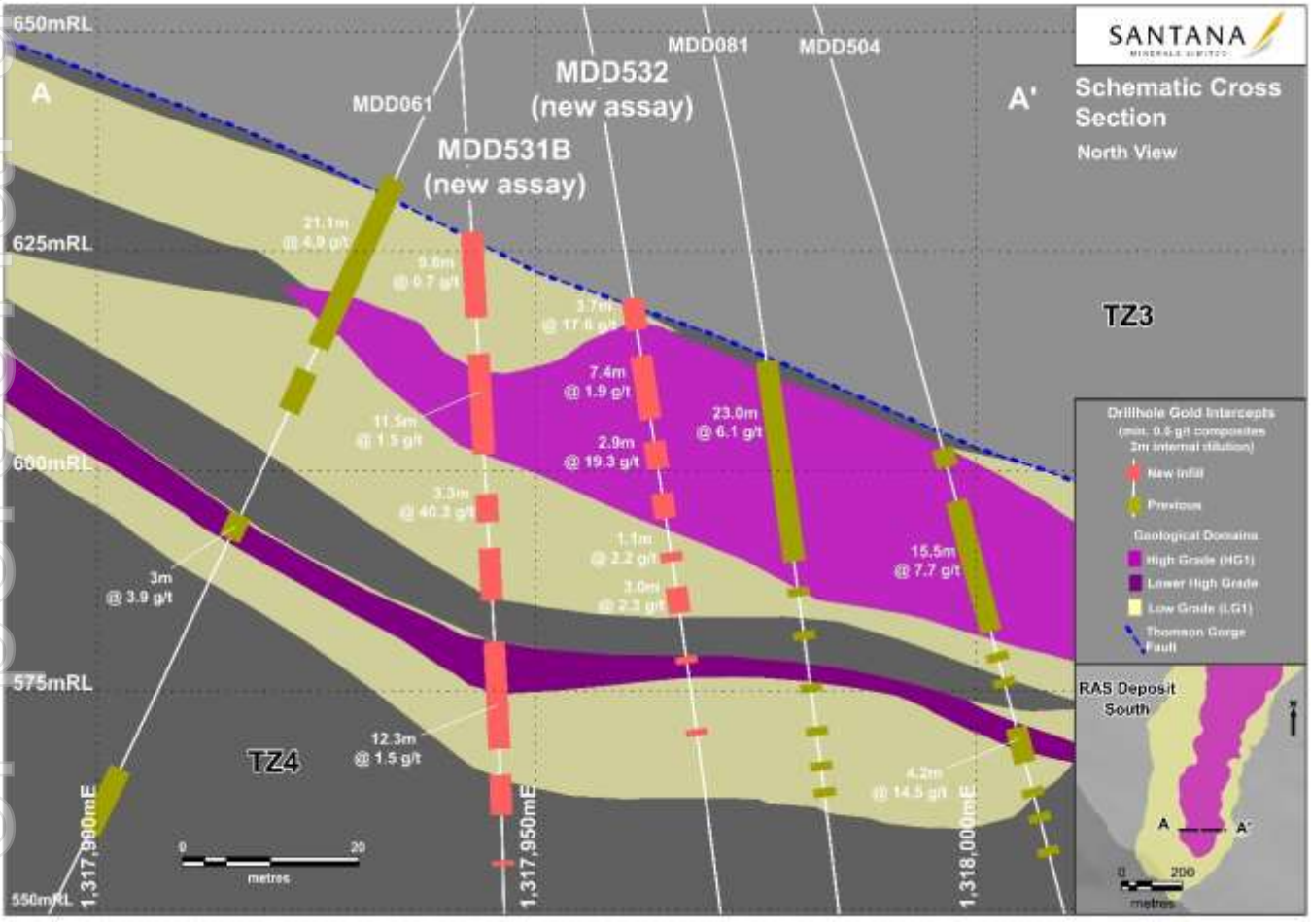


Figure 2 Schematic cross section looking north displaying new intercepts and new 'lower' high-grade domain

RAS Infill Programme and Geological Interpretation

Infill drilling in the southern portion of RAS continues to reinforce the exceptional grade and continuity of mineralisation expected to underpin the early years of open pit mining.

The ongoing programme currently comprises 16 holes totalling 3,503 metres, reducing average drill spacing in the targeted early mining areas from approximately 25 m to 21 m.

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Assay results have generally aligned with predictions from the existing Mineral Resource model, strengthening confidence in the lateral continuity and structural controls of the high-grade HG1 domain.

Importantly, the increased drill density has also provided greater definition of internal grade boundaries, enabling the identification of a previously unrecognised high-grade gold domain within the existing low-grade (LG1) domain. Located below and sub-parallel to HG1, this new domain appears to form part of a broader, vertically stacked mineralised system, highlighting the potential for further resource enhancement.

Mineralisation within the newly defined domain is commonly associated with dilatational breccias (DBX), as illustrated in Figure 4. Results from the programme are undergoing geological assessment ahead of incorporation into future resource modelling and mine planning.

The best results from the infill programme to date, within each domain, are as follows:

High-Grade 1 (HG1)

Drill Hole	Intersection	From (m)	True Width (m)	Gram Metres (g/t*m)
MDD537	**26.9m @ 13.0 g/t Au**	152.3	24.9	350.7
MDD536	**34.4m @ 8.8 g/t Au**	160.7	30.6	301.5
MDD528	**24.4m @ 10.9 g/t Au**	165.7	20.2	266.0
MDD504	**15.5m @ 7.7 g/t Au**	185.0	12.2	119.4
MDD534B	**10.2m @ 10.1 g/t Au**	175.8	8.9	103.0
MDD535	**17.0m @ 5.9 g/t Au**	176.0	14.6	101.0
MDD529	**20.7m @ 4.8 g/t Au**	168.8	17.5	99.4
MDD525	**9.0m @ 3.9 g/t Au**	184.0	7.8	35.1

Table 1 Best assay results from current HG1 infill drill programme showing gram-metre totals (rounded)

New High-Grade Zone

Drill Hole	Intersection	From (m)	True Width (m)	Gram Metres (g/t*m)
MDD528	**2.0m @ 89.5 g/t Au**	197.0	1.7	179.0
MDD534B	**2.0m @ 34.6 g/t Au**	209.2	1.8	69.9
MDD504	**4.2m @ 14.5 g/t Au**	211.8	3.3	60.9
MDD531B	**12.3m @ 1.5 g/t Au**	190.7	11.1	18.6
MDD524A	**1.0m @ 10.3 g/t Au**	199.0	0.9	10.3

Table 2 Assay results from current infill drill programme which define a new high-grade domain beneath HG1

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Figure 3 High-grade Au interval within a dilatational breccia (DBX) in MDD531B



Figure 4 High-grade Au interval within a dilatational breccia (DBX) in MDD534B

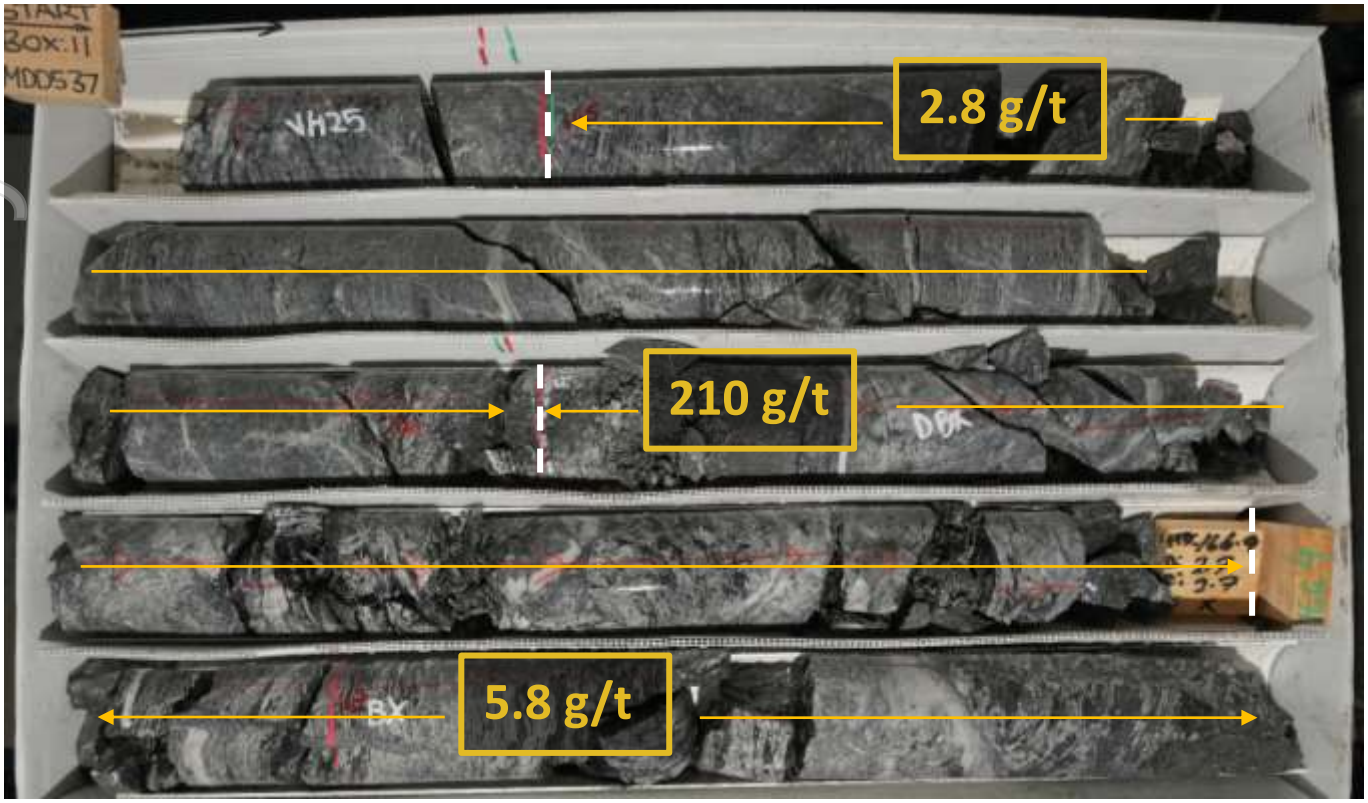


Figure 5 High-grade Au interval within a dilatational breccia (DBX) with visible gold in MDD537

The consistency of very high grades in the main HG1 domain with increasing drill density provides significant confidence in the first few years of open pit mining.

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This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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Previous Disclosure - 2012 JORC Code

Information relating to land tenure, Mineral Resources, Exploration Targets and Exploration Data associated with the Company's projects in this announcement is extracted from the following ASX Announcements:

- ASX announcement titled "MRE Review" dated 4 March 2025
- ASX announcement titled "Updated Pre-Feasibility Study - Bendigo Ophir Gold Project" dated 01 July 2025
- ASX announcement titled "Consent Granted for Bendigo Gold Project Land Purchases" dated 07 July 2026

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information contained in the following public announcements:

- ASX announcement titled "Infill drilling continues to upgrade size and tenor of RAS high-grade core" dated 3 September 2026
- ASX announcement titled "Bonanza Gold Hits from RAS Stage 1 Area" dated 27 July 2026
- ASX announcement titled "High-grade gold infill drill results support early-stage mine plan" dated 7 July 2026

A copy of these announcements is available to view on the Santana Minerals Limited website www.santanaminerals.com. The reports were issued in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the JORC Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the CompetentPerson's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

Current Disclosure - Competent Person's Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Alex Nichol who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Nichol is a full-time employee and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.' Mr Nichol consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified. Mr Nichol is eligible to participate in STI and LTI schemes in place as performance incentives for key personnel.

Forward Looking Statements

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Appendix 1 - New Drillholes – New Mineralised Intercepts (at a 0.50 g/t lower cut-off grade with maximum 2m internal dilution)

Deposit	Drillhole	From (m)	Drill Intercept (m)	Estimated True Width (m)	Average Gold Grade (g/t)	Metal Units (metre x gram/tonne)
RAS	MDD531B	143.7	9.8	9.2	0.7	7.3
		157.7	11.5	10.7	1.5	17.3
		173.8	3.3	3.0	40.3	131.0
		180.0	6.0	5.6	1.1	6.8
		190.7	12.3	11.1	1.5	18.6
		206.0	4.6	4.1	0.8	3.9
		215.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4
	MDD532	156.3	3.7	3.4	17.6	65.6
		162.8	7.4	7.0	1.9	13.7
		173.3	2.9	2.6	19.3	57.1
		179.0	3.0	2.7	0.4	1.3
		185.9	1.1	1.0	2.2	2.4
		190.0	3.0	2.8	2.3	6.9
		198.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
		206.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.4
	MDD533	41.6	0.8	0.6	7.5	5.9
		54.4	0.9	0.6	1.5	1.3
		57.0	1.0	0.7	8.7	8.7
		59.9	5.2	3.6	6.7	34.6
		74.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6
		80.0	3.0	2.1	0.5	1.4
		85.4	3.0	2.1	2.9	8.6
		93.0	1.9	1.4	19.0	36.7
		116.0	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.3
	MDD534B	171	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.2
		175.8	10.2	8.9	10.1	103.0
		189.7	14.4	12.9	3.3	47.2
		209.2	2.0	1.8	34.6	69.9
		214	9.0	8.1	0.5	4.6
		229.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3
	MDD535	176.0	17	14.6	5.9	101.0
		198.0	8.5	7.3	4.2	35.5
		213.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
		217.4	1.2	1.0	2.7	3.2
	MDD536	160.7	34.4	30.6	8.8	301.5
		198.0	5	4.4	2	9.9
		210.7	4.3	3.9	0.9	4.0
	MDD537	152.3	26.9	24.9	13.0	350.7
		181.3	4.7	4.4	2.5	11.9
		196.0	3.0	2.8	1.9	5.8
		204.1	10.4	9.6	3.0	31.0

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Appendix 2 - New Drillholes Reported (in bold)

Deposit	Hole No	East NZTM	North NZTM	RL	Azimuth (T Avg)	Dip (Avg)	Length	Method	Status	Results
RAS	**MDD531B**	**1317923**	**5017147**	**768**	**144.6**	**-80**	**240**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD532	**1317923**	**5017147**	**768**	**131.7**	**-74**	**235**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD533	**1317821**	**5017009**	**704**	**115.4**	**-49**	**118.4**	**DD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD534B	**1317923**	**5017147**	**768**	**102.7**	**-72**	**239.4**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD535	**1317923**	**5017147**	**768**	**89.7**	**-73**	**246**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD536	**1318034**	**5017211**	**731**	**293.5**	**-77**	**240**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**
	MDD537	**1318034**	**5017211**	**731**	**259**	**-66**	**215**	**OHD**	**Completed**	**Reported**

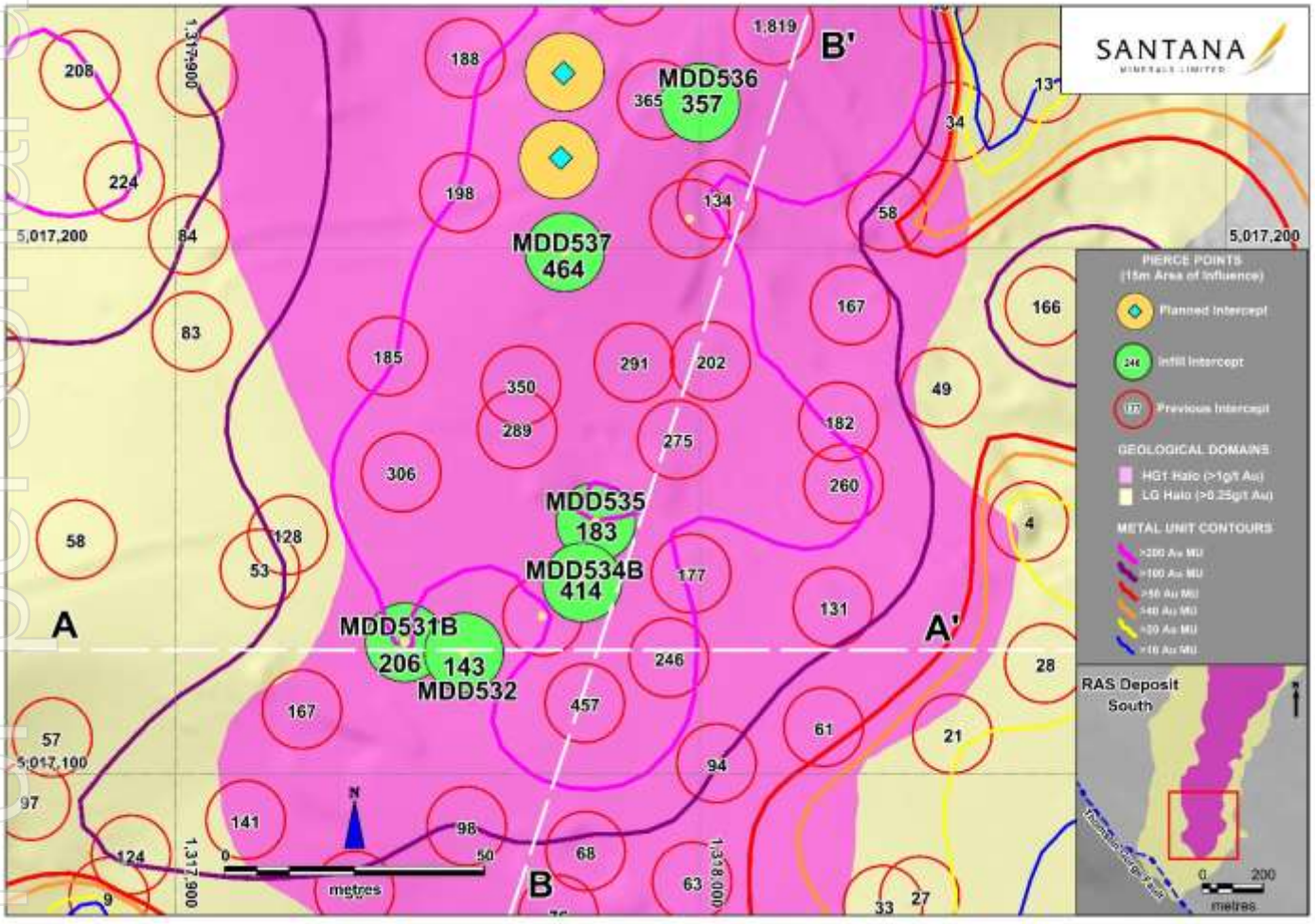


Figure 6 Total Au Metal Units for New Infill Drilling

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Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	*Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.* *Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.* *Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.* *In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.*	The results presented above are from drilling samples collected by diamond drilling. 'Blasthole', surface trench and underground channel samples were used as an aid for geological interpretation and domaining. Diamond drill (DD) core samples for laboratory assay are typically 1 metre samples of diamond saw cut ½ diameter core. In the rare cases where the core was friable or unconsolidated the sample was collected from one side of the core using a scoop. Where distinct mineralisation boundaries are logged, sample lengths are adjusted to the respective geological contact. For holes drilled after MDD531B sample intervals have been assigned based on mineralisation boundaries. Internal to areas of similar mineralisation intervals of 1 metre are selected. The minimum sample length is 0.3 metre, and the maximum is 1.5 metre. RC samples were sub-sampled at 1.0 m intervals using a rotary splitter mounted below the cyclone. The splitter produced 2 x 30% splits and 1 x 40% split. The two 30% splits were used as primary sample and field duplicate (if submitted) with the 40% split used for logging and then stored at the MGL core yard. Fire Assay: Samples are crushed at the receiving laboratory to minus 2mm (85% passing) and split using a rotary splitter to provide 1kg for pulverising in a ring mill to -75um. Pulps are fire assayed (FAA) using a 50g charge with AAS finish. Prior to 2019 only 200g of the crushed material was pulverised. 877 samples were assayed this way. Certified standards, blanks and field replicates are inserted with the original batches at a frequency of ~5% each for QAQC purposes. Photon Assay: Samples are crushed at the receiving laboratory to 3.5mm using a jaw crusher and split using a linear sample divider to provide a 500g sample. The 500g sample is assayed via a Chrysos Photon Assay unit. Certified standards, blanks and field replicates are inserted with the original batches at a frequency of ~5% each for QAQC purposes. Blank material is inserted after samples with notable visible gold to assess for carryover contamination. All pulps and crush reject (CREJ) are returned from the laboratory to MGL for storage on site. Of these returned samples, a further ~5% are re-submitted as QC check samples which involve pulp FAA re-assays by the original and an umpire laboratory and CREJ re-assayed by 500-gram (+ & -75mu) screen fire assay (SFA), 1kg BLEG (LeachWELL) and 2*500-gram Photon analysis (PHA) for gold. Where multiple assays exist for a single sample interval, larger samples are ranked in the database: PHA > BLEG > SFA > FAA. All returned pulps are analysed for a suite of 31 elements by portable XRF (pXRF).The sampling, sub-

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sampling and assaying methods are appropriate to the geology and mineralisation of the RAS deposit.

JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 Section 1 – Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Drilling techniques	*Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).*	Current drilling techniques are diamond coring (DD) PQ3 and HQ3 size triple tube. Where PQ3 core size (83mm diameter) is commenced this is maintained throughout the DD hole until drilling conditions dictate reduction in size to HQ3 core (61mm diameter). Holes deeper than 750m are cased off to NQ3 (45mm diameter). DD pre-collars are drilled open hole through un-mineralised TZ3 schist to within about 15 m of the mineralisation hangingwall, at which point diamond coring commences. RC drilling is only carried out where the mineralisation target is less than about 150m downhole and used a face sample bit with sample collected in a cyclone mounted over a rotary splitter producing 2 x 30% splits and 1 x 40% split. The two 30% splits were used as primary sample and field duplicate (if submitted) with the 40% split used for logging and then stored at the MGL core yard. Drillholes are oriented to intersect known mineralised features in a nominally perpendicular orientation as much as is practicable. A small number of holes are oriented in other directions to resolve areas of ambiguous geological interpretation. All drill core is oriented to assist with interpretation of mineralisation and structure using a Trucore orientation tool.

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Drill sample recovery	*Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.* *Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.* *Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.*	DD core sample recoveries are recorded by the drillers at the time of drilling by measuring the actual distance of the drill run against the actual core recovered. The measurements are checked by the site geologist. When poor core recoveries are recorded the site geologist and driller endeavour to immediately rectify any problems to maintain maximum core recoveries. DD core logging to date indicate ~96% recoveries. RC sample recovery is measured as sample weight recovered. RC sample moisture for all RC drilling data was logged as dry (83.7% of RC samples), moist (12.0%) or wet (4.3%). All samples logged as wet were omitted from use in mineral resource estimation. The drilling contract used states for any given run, a level of recovery is required otherwise financial penalties are applied to the drill contractor to ensure sample recovery priority along with production performance. Sample grades were plotted against drilling recovery by drilling method and no relationship was established. Wet RC samples do show higher grades than dry RC samples. This may be due to wet RC samples coming from higher grade zones or sampling bias due to the loss of fines in wet samples. Due to a bias being present, wet RC samples are omitted from use in mineral resource estimation.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Logging	*Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.* *Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.* *The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.*	All DD holes have been logged for their entire sampled length below upper open hole drilling (nominally 0-450 metres below collar). Data is recorded directly into AcQuire database with sufficient detail to support a Mineral Resource estimation (MRE). Logging is mostly qualitative but there are estimations of quartz and sulphide content and quantitative records of geological / structural unit, oxidation state and water table boundaries. Oriented DD core allows alpha / beta measurements to determine structural element detail (dip / dip direction) to supplement routine recording of lithologies / alteration / mineralisation / structure / oxidation / colour and other features for MRE reporting, geotechnical and metallurgical studies. All RC chips were sieved and logged for lithology, colour, oxidation, weathering, vein percentage and sulphide minerals. All core is photographed wet and dry before cutting. Sieved RC chips are also photographed.

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		100% of all relevant (within the gold grade domains) intersections were logged. The logging is of sufficient quality and detail for resource estimation.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	*If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.* *If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.* *For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.* *Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.* *Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.* *Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.*	Industry standard laboratory sample preparation methods are suitable for the mineralisation style and involve oven drying, crushing and splitting of samples. Fire Assay: Samples dried at 150° for 4 hours, crushed to 2mm and 1kg split via a linear sample divider for pulverising to -75um. Pulps are fire assayed (FAA) using a 50g charge. 50g charge is considered minimum requirement for the coarse nature of the gold. The mass proportion of every 10th sample passing 75um is reported by the laboratory and monitored to ensure sample preparation quality. Calculations based on Pitard (1993) show that sub-sample masses are appropriate to gold particle size and grade, if the size and shape of the gold particles are reduced in the ring mill in a similar way to the gangue particles. Photon Assay: Samples dried at 150° for 4 hours, crushed to 3.5mm and 500g split via a linear sample divider assay. The sub-sample is assayed via a Chrysos Photon unit. Larger screen fire assays (SFA), 1kg BLEG (LeachWELL) and 2*500gm Photon Analyses (PHA) are conducted periodically as a QAQC check. Field duplicates of RC samples are sub-sampled by a splitter as described above at the time of sampling. Large diameter (83mm) PQ3 core was maintained (where conditions allow) for DD holes to MDD016 and subsequently HQ3 (61mm) for drillholes MDD017 onwards. DD core drill samples are sawn in ½ along the length of the core on cut lines marked by geologists' perpendicular to structure / foliation or to bisect vein mineralisation for representative samples whilst preserving the orientation line. Intervals required for QAQC checks are nominated by geologists and the crushed sample being split by the laboratory with the two replicated samples then assayed. QA procedures used to maximise the representivity of sub-samples include the use of a cone splitter on the RC rig and cutting DD core perpendicular to the regional foliation. QC procedures to assess the representivity of sub-sampling include field replicates, standards, and blanks at a frequency of ~5% and also cross-lab assay checks at an umpire laboratory.

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Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	*The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.* *For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.* *Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.*	SFA and PHA are all total gold assays and are appropriate to the RSSZ mineralization. DD core and RC chip samples for gold assays undergo sample preparation by SGS at the Macraes laboratory for photon assay (SGS method PAAU02). Historically (pre July 2025), samples were prepared at SGS Westport and 50g fire assay with an AAS finish (SGS method FAA505 DDL 0.01ppm Au or FAD505 DDL 1ppm Au & FAD52V DDL 500ppm Au) by SGS laboratory Waihi. Other SGS laboratories at Macraes and Townsville and the ALS laboratory in Townsville, were used from time to time and follow the same processes. For laboratory QAQC, samples (3*certified standards, blanks and field replicates) are inserted into laboratory batches at a frequency of ~5% respectively. A selection of 5% of retained lab pulps across a range of grades are sent for re-assay and to an umpire laboratory for cross-lab check assays. Portable XRF (pXRF) instrumentation is used onsite (Olympus Innov-X Delta Professional Series model DPO-4000 equipped with a 4 W 40kV X-Ray tube) primarily to identify arsenical samples (arsenic correlates well with gold grade in these orogenic deposits). The pXRF analyses a 31-element suite (Ag, As, Bi, Ca, Cd, Cl, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, K, Mn, Mo, Nb, Ni, P, Pb, Rb, S, Sb, Se, Sn, Sr, Th, Ti, V, W, Y, Zn, Zr) utilising 3 beam Soil mode, each beam set for 30 secs (90 secs total). pXRF QAQC checks involve regular calibration (every 20 samples) and QAQC analyses of SiO2 blank, NIST standards (NIST 2710a & NIST 2711a), & OREAS standards. pXRF QAQC checks involve regular calibration (every 20 samples) and QAQC analyses of SiO2 blank, NIST standards (NIST 2710a & NIST 2711a), & OREAS standards.
Verification of sampling and assaying	*The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.* *The use of twinned holes.* *Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.* *Discuss any adjustment to assay data.*	Significant gold assays and pXRF arsenic analyses are checked by alternative senior company personnel. Original lab assays are initially reported and where replicate assays and other QAQC work require re-assay or screen fire assays, the larger sample results are adopted. To date results are accurate and fit well with the mineralisation model. Twinned data is available where DD core holes have been sited adjacent to previous RC drillholes and where DD redrills have occurred. A programme of re-sampling the remaining half core has been undertaken to ensure that there is no systematic bias in the sampling process. To date the re-samples are returning within the expected range of variation and are showing no systematic bias. pXRF multi-element analyses are directly downloaded from the pXRF analyser as csv electronic files. These and laboratory assay csv files are imported into the database, appended and merged with previous data. Since October 2022 all logging has been directly entered into the Acquire database using tablets. All collar surveys, downhole surveys and assay results are provided digitally and directly imported into the database. On import into the database validation checks are made for: interval overlaps, gaps, duplicate holes,

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duplicate samples and out of range values. The AcQuire database is stored on a cloud server and is regularly backed up, updated and verified by an independent qualified person.

The only adjustment made to the data on import to the database is to convert below detection results to negative the detection limit. Samples with multiple Au results are ranked by assay method (PHA>BLEB>SFA > FA > other) and on export only the highest ranked method is exported. Prior to import into 3D software the data is further validated as above plus checks on the highest and lowest values. Negative below detection results are converted to half the detection limit on import into 3D software.

Location of data points	*Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.* *Specification of the grid system used.* *Quality and adequacy of topographic control.*	All drillhole collar locations are accurate (+/- 50mm) xyz coordinates when captured by an experienced surveyor using RTK-GPS equipment. All drill holes reference the NZGD2000 NZTM map projection and collar RLs the NZVD2016 vertical datum. DD down hole surveys are recorded continuously with a North-seeking Gyro downhole survey tool. Historically RC holes were surveyed at 12m intervals using a Reflex multi-shot camera. Recent holes also use North-seeking Gyro survey instruments. There are very minor historical adits and shafts at RAS. No surveys of these voids exist, although at least one adit is still accessible. Historical production records total 630.5 tons of ore crushed. Such small volumes are not material to mineral resource estimates. Topographic control is provided by LiDAR topographic surveys in 2018 and 2021 covering the entire project area. These are very accurate and suitable for resource estimation. From 2025 additional aerial (RTK flight and ground control) photogrammetry surveys compliment the LiDAR surveys.
Data spacing and distribution	*Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.* *Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.* *Whether sample compositing has been applied.*	Drill collar site locations in steep terrain are dictated by best access allowed by contour tracks with gradients to allow safe working access and drill pad excavations. Drillhole designs take into account this variation to achieve evenly spaced intercepts at the hangingwall of the mineralisation. Drillhole intersection spacing on the hangingwall of the mineralisation is typically 30 m (EW) by 30 m (NS) but varies from 20 m (EW) by 20 m (NS) in closely spaced areas to 120 m (EW) by 100 m (NS) in widely spaced (inferred) areas. This spacing is considered appropriate for determination of geological and grade continuity at the mineral resource categories reported. Step out drill spacing of 100-300m is used to define

		the extent of identified mineral systems. Drilling of this spacing is less likely to be reported as part of a mineral resource. Exploration drill spacings vary but are designed to intersect geological targets and cover deposit scales of volume (400-700m across strike, 500-900m down dip). Some of the RC drilling was sampled as 4m composites and later re-sampled if the composite result exceeded a threshold. There are no composited samples within the gold grade estimation domains and so no composited samples are used in mineral resource estimates. Sampling and assaying are in one metre intervals or truncated to logged features.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	*Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.* *If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.*	Drillholes are oriented to intersect known mineralised features in a nominally perpendicular orientation as much as is practicable. True widths are estimated perpendicular to mineralisation boundaries where these limits are known. As the deposits are tabular and lie at low angles, there is not anticipated to be any introduced bias for resource estimates.
Sample security	*The measures taken to ensure sample security.*	Company personnel manage the chain of custody from sampling site to laboratory. DD drill core samples are transported daily from DD rig by the drilling contractor in numbered core boxes to the Company secure storage facility for logging and sample preparation. After core cutting, the core for assay is bagged, securely tied, and weighed before being placed in polyweave bags which are securely tied. Retained core is stored on racks in secure locked containers. RC samples are also place in polyweave bags and secured with zip ties. Polyweave bags with the calico bagged samples for assay are placed in plastic cage pallets, sealed with a wire-tied cover, photographed, and transported to local freight distributer for delivery to the laboratory. On arrival at the laboratory photographs taken of the consignment are checked against despatch condition to ensure no tampering has occurred.
Audits or reviews	*The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.*	An independent Competent Person (CP) conducted a site audit in January 2021 and December 2022 of all sampling techniques and data management. No major issues were identified, and recommendations have been followed. In February 2023 Snowdon Optiro completed a desktop review of the assay methods and QC sample results and in its report concluded that the sampling and assaying methods are in line with standard industry procedures and that that the assay data in the supplied database is suitable to be used as the basis for a Mineral Resource.

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Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	• *Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.* • *The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.*	Exploration is being currently conducted within Mineral Exploration Permit (MEP) 60311 (219km²) registered to Matakanui Gold Ltd (MGL) issued on 13th April 2018 for 5 years. In 2023 the term of this permit was extended for a further 5 years until 12 April 2028. MGL was granted Minerals Exploration Permit (MEP) 61444 (40km²) on 16 April 2026 for a term of 5 years. MGL was granted Minerals Prospecting Permit (MPP) 61533 (134.5km²) on 14 October 2026 for a term of 2 years. MGL was granted Minerals Mining Permit (MPP) 61326 (32.6km²) on 05 November 2025 for a term of 5 years. There are no material issues with third parties. The tenure of the Permits is secure and there are no known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate. As gold is a Crown mineral, a royalty is payable to the Crown as either the higher of an ad valorem royalty of 2% of the net sales revenue or an accounting profits royalty of 10%. The Project is subject to a 1.5% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) on all production from MEP 60311 (and successor permits) payable to an incorporated, private company (Rise and Shine Holdings Limited) which is owned by the prior shareholders of MGL (NSRW Agreement) before acquisition of 100% of MGL shares by Santana Minerals Limited. Access arrangements are in place with landowners that provide for current exploration and other activities, and any future decision to mine. As such, compensation is payable, including payments of up to $1.5M on a decision to mine, plus total royalties starting at 1% on the net value of gold produced, increasing to 1.5% and ultimately 2% dependent on location and total gold produced over the life of the mine. The royalties are also subject to pre-payment of up to $3M upon commencement of mining operations. Key land areas, as detailed in ASX announcement titled “Consent Granted for Bendigo Gold Project Land Purchases” dated 07 July 2026, are subject to purchase agreements which will nullify the royalty arrangements over those parcels of land.

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Exploration done by other parties	• *Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.*	Early exploration in the late 1800's and early 1900's included small pits, adits and cross-cuts and alluvial mining. Exploration has included soil and rock chip sampling by numerous companies since 1983 with drilling starting in 1986. Exploration in the 1990's commenced with a search for Macraes style gold deposits along the RSSZ. Drilling included 13 RC holes by Homestake NZ Exploration Ltd in 1986, 20 RC holes by BHP Gold Mines NZ Ltd in 1988 (10 of these holes were in the Bendigo Reefs area which is not part of the MRE area), 5 RC holes by Macraes Mining Company Ltd in 1991, 22 shallow (probably blasthole) holes by Aurum Reef Resources (NZ) Ltd in 1996, 30 RC holes by CanAlaska Ventures Ltd from 2005-2007, 35 RC holes by MGL in 2018 and a further 18 RC holes by MGL in 2019.
Geology	• *Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.*	The RSSZ is a low-angle late-metamorphic shear-zone, presently known to be up to 120m thick. It is sub-parallel to the metamorphic foliation and dips gently to the north- east. It occurs within psammitic, pelitic and meta-volcanic rocks. The hangingwall of the RSSZ is truncated by the post metamorphic and post mineralisation Thomsons Gorge Fault (TGF). The TGF is a regional low-angle fault that separates upper barren chlorite (TZ3) schist from underlying mineralised biotite (TZ4) schists. Gold mineralisation occurs in the RSSZ at 4 known deposits with Mineral Resource Estimates (MRE) – Come-in-Time (CIT), Rise and Shine (RAS), Shreks (SHR) and Shreks-East (SRE). The gold and associated pyrite/arsenopyrite mineralisation at all deposits occur along micro-shears, and in brecciated / laminar quartz veinlets within the highly- sheared schist. There are several controls on mineralisation with apparent NNW, N and NNE trending structures all influencing gold distribution. Shear dominated mineralisation within the top 20-40m of the shear zone immediately below the Thomsons Gorge Fault (TGF). Stacked stockwork vein swarms (SVS) occur deeper in the RSSZ. Unlike Macraes, the gold mineralisation in the oxide, transition and fresh zones is characterised by coarse free gold.

Drill hole Information	• *A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:*
	  ○ *easting and northing of the drill hole collar*
	  ○ *elevation or RL (Reduced Level –*
		Refer to the body of text.
		
		No material information has been excluded.

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	elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar ○ *dip and azimuth of the hole* ○ *down hole length and interception depth* ○ *hole length.* • *If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.*	
Data aggregation methods	• *In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.* • *Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.* • *The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.*	Significant gold intercepts are reported on a continuous basis using various gold grade lower grade cut-offs as described below: Exploration – 0.10g/t Au cut-off with a maximum of 2m continuous internal dilution, RAS– 0.5g/t Au cut-off with a maximum of 2m continuous internal dilution, Other Deposits Open Pit – 0.25g/t Au cut-off with a maximum of 2m continuous internal dilution. Metal unit (MU) distribution, where shown on maps and in tables are calculated from total drill hole Au * associated drill hole interval metres. pXRF analytical results reported for laboratory pulp or photon returns are considered accurate for the suite of elements analysed and the end use of the data.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	• *These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.* • *If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.* • *If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').*	All intercepts quoted are downhole widths. True widths are estimated perpendicular to mineralisation boundaries where these limits are known. Intercepts are associated with a major 20-120m thick low-angle mineralised shear that is largely perpendicular to the drillhole traces. Aggregate widths of mineralisation reported up until 2nd June 2023 are drillhole intervals >0.50g/t Au occurring in apparent low angle stacked zones. Subsequent reporting is on a continuous basis. There are steeply dipping narrow (1-5m) structures deeper in the footwall and the appropriateness of the current drillhole orientation will become evident and modified as additional drill results dictate.

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Diagrams	• *Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.*	All significant intercepts have been reported.
Balanced reporting	• *Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.*	All significant intercepts have been reported.
Other substantive exploration data	• *Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.*	Not applicable; meaningful and material results are reported in the body of the text.

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Further work	• *The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).* • *Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.*	DD infill and extensional drilling of existing inferred resources is continuing at BOGP and deeper sub-vertical structures. Regional exploration and sterilisation drilling continues. Feid mapping and soil sampling is ongoing for target generation. Concurrent to the planned drilling outlined above, additional metallurgical test work, environmental, geotechnical and hydrological investigations are on-going to support the pre-mining studies into a gold mining and processing operation.

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