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Eminence Commences Extensive Fieldwork Program at Tarato Gold Project, Côte d'Ivoire

Maiden systematic field program targets interpreted gold-prospective structures and reported artisanal workings across exploration permit PR1016

Highlights

- **Maiden systematic exploration underway:** Eminence has commenced on-ground exploration at the 76.66 km² PR1016 permit within its Tarato Gold Project in northern Côte d'Ivoire, following its previously announced exercise of initial earn-in options (ASX: EMA, 23 October 2026).
- **Extensive geochemical coverage planned:** A 1,099-sample soil program across approximately 120 line-km combines regional sampling with closer-spaced grids over priority areas. Up to 100 rock chip samples and reconnaissance mapping are also planned.
- **Priority targets being investigated:** Detailed sampling in the south-east of PR1016 is designed to test the interpreted east-north-east-trending structure and reported artisanal workings near M'bia. Neither gold mineralisation nor grade has yet been verified at these workings.
- **Near-term exploration milestones:** Fieldwork is scheduled to finish in late November 2026, with initial assay results anticipated in late December 2026, subject to laboratory turnaround times. Integrated interpretation and target ranking expected in January 2027.
- **Located in a well-endowed gold district:** PR1016 lies in the Birimian Boundiali-Korhogo greenstone belt, approximately 35 to 45 km east of Aurum Resources' Boundiali Gold Project (3.22 Moz Au)[1] and approximately 50 km south-west of the Tongon gold mine.
- **Clear pathway to next-stage decisions:** Results are intended to support systematic ranking of anomalies and inform decisions on infill sampling, mapping and potential reconnaissance drilling, subject to technical outcomes.
- **Two granted Tarato permits:** PR1016 and PR1026 together cover approximately 153.70 km², providing scope for a staged exploration approach across the broader project.

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Eminence Minerals Limited (ASX: EMA) ('**Eminence**' or the '**Company**') is pleased to announce that its maiden systematic field exploration program has commenced at PR1016 of the Tarato Gold Project, in the Korhogo Department of northern Côte d'Ivoire. The program comprises 1,099 soil samples, up to 100 rock chip samples and reconnaissance geological mapping across the permit and prioritised areas for further exploration.

[1] Aurum Resources Limited, ASX announcement, 14 May 2026.

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The program was designed to test six target areas defined from artisanal workings and a major east-north-east-trending structure. The results will provide the first permit-wide geochemical dataset for PR1016 and will be used to rank targets for follow-up exploration, including the definition of potential drill targets.



Figure 1: Eminence field crew collecting and sieving a soil sample at PR1016, Tarato Gold Project (November 2026).

Exploration Targets and Geological Rationale

Gold deposits in the district occur in three main settings that includes shear-hosted quartz vein and stockwork mineralisation along north to north-north-east and north-east shears, replacement mineralisation in east-north-east-trending transfer corridors that link the main north to north-east faults and intrusion-hosted mineralisation in competent diorite to granodiorite bodies.

No project-scale geological mapping exists for PR1016 and the available regional geological maps are too coarse for target definition at permit scale. The program has therefore been designed on a dominant north-east to east-north-east fabric (045° to 060°), a major east-north-east-trending structure (approximately 065°) crossing the south of the permit. The structural interpretation is preliminary and will be refined by mapping.

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Soil Sampling Program Design

Component	Line spacing	Sample spacing	Lines	Samples	Purpose
Sector 1 (south-east)	200 m	50 m	21	631	Artisanal workings and major ENE structure
Sector 2 (west)	400 m	100 m	7	79	Kamanga area, possible NNE trend
Sector 3 (north-east)	400 m	100 m	7	64	North-east structural contact
Regional	800 m (400 m infill in SW and SE)	200 m	20	325	Permit-wide coverage
Total			**55**	**1,099**	**~120 line-km across 76.66 km²**

Table 1: PR1016 soil sampling program by component.

All lines are oriented 130°/310° (north-west to south-east), perpendicular to the dominant north-east structural settings and at 65° to 80° to the major east-north-east-trending structure, so that the expected controls on mineralisation are crossed at a high angle.

Soil samples will be collected from pits dug to approximately 30 to 50 cm, below the organic layer, from the B horizon or the upper mottled or lateritic horizon where no B horizon is developed. Approximately 2 kg of material will be sieved in the field to less than 2 mm, with 0.5 to 1 kg will be retained in numbered, double-bagged sample bags. The regolith setting, depth, horizon, colour will be logged and photographed at every station, so that results can be levelled by regolith domain before anomaly thresholds are set. All samples will be analysed for gold at MSALABS.

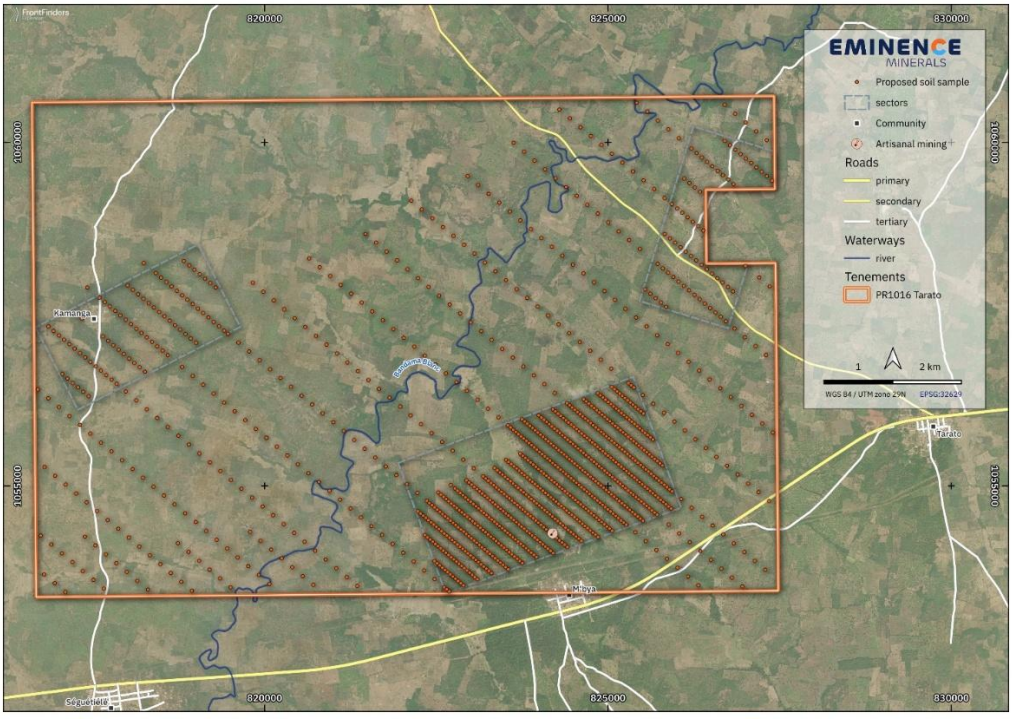


Figure 2: PR1016 soil sampling program, showing the planned soil sampling grids

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Artisanal Workings and Reconnaissance Mapping

The south-eastern artisanal workings, reported as shafts and trenches north of the village of M'bia, are the most significant site identified to date. It is located within Sector 1 on the interpreted trace of the major east-north-east-trending structure, and the planned soil grid passes. In the district, artisanal workings commonly mark the near-surface oxide expression of primary gold mineralisation. At PR1016, however, the host rocks, orientation and width of the worked structures, the depth of the workings and the grades recovered are not yet known.

The supervising senior geologist will map and sample both sites during the program, recording host rocks, structures, vein orientations, alteration and the depth and extent of the workings. Rock chip samples will be taken from in-situ material and spoil, collected separately from the soil samples to avoid contamination. Reconnaissance mapping across the permit will record rock types, structures, alteration and regolith.

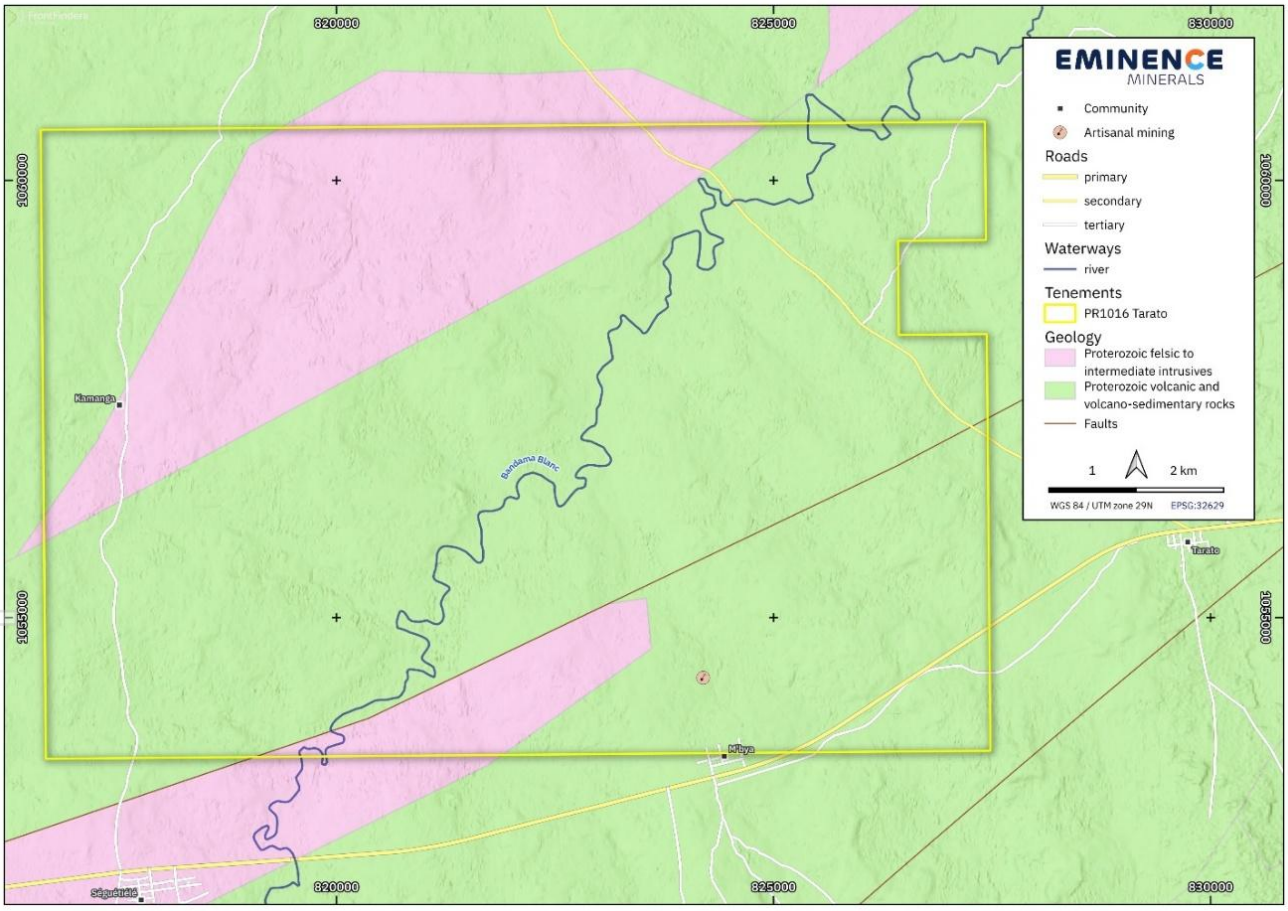


Figure 3: PR1016 Geological map

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Figure 4: Community engagement meeting held by Eminence personnel with local village representatives prior to the commencement of fieldwork.

Program Timeline and Milestones

Four sampling crews, each led by a geological technician and supervised by a senior geologist, are undertaking the program. The Company reports that engagement with relevant local authorities and landholders was undertaken before mobilisation.

Next Steps

Results will be assessed for coherent gold anomalies across adjacent lines, their relationship to structures and the artisanal workings, and their regolith setting. Ranked targets will then advance through a staged follow-up program, which may include infill soil sampling and detailed mapping, auger or aircore drilling where lateritic cover limits soil sampling and first-pass aircore or RAB drilling of the highest-ranked targets. A field program for the second Tarato permit, PR1026, will be designed following the PR1016 program.

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Eminence Minerals Chief Executive Officer, Anthony Hills, commented:

"Commencing systematic exploration at Tarato is an important operational milestone for Eminence. Our 1,099-sample program is designed to provide the first broad geochemical coverage of PR1016, while closer-spaced sampling investigates priority structural interpretations and reported artisanal workings. We expect the results to help us identify and rank areas for the next stage of exploration. We look forward to reporting initial assays as they become available, subject to laboratory turnaround.

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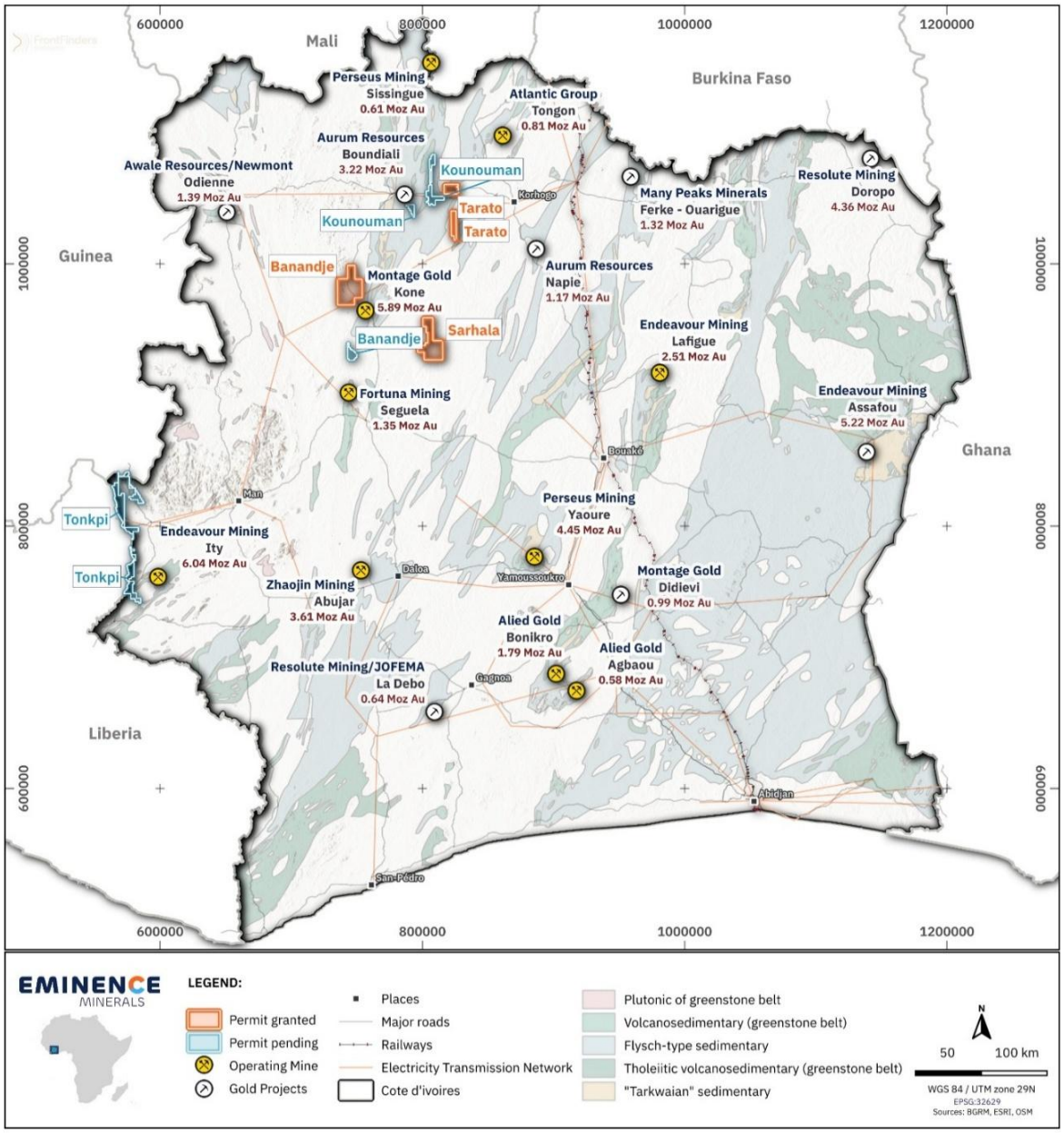


Figure 5: Location of the Eminence Côte d'Ivoire gold projects in relation to regional operating gold mines and significant projects. All granted PR areas are from current public cadastre-derived records. Application areas/status remain subject to final government documentation.

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ABOUT THE TARATO GOLD PROJECT

The Tarato Gold Project comprises two granted exploration permits, PR1016 and PR1026, covering approximately 154 km² in the Korhogo Department of the Poro Region, northern Côte d'Ivoire.

Permit	Status	Holder	Area	Grant date	Expiry date
PR1016	Granted	Thoth Mining SARL	76.66 km^2	1 October 2025	30 September 2029
PR1026	Granted	Thoth Mining SARL	77.04 km^2	1 October 2025	30 September 2029

Table 2: Tarato Gold Project tenure

Eminence has exercised its options to earn an initial 30% interest in the Tarato Gold Project (refer ASX announcement dated 23 October 2026), and holds an exclusive option to acquire up to 85% of the Tarato permits through staged earn-in payments. On a decision to mine, the vendor may convert its remaining 15% interest into a net smelter return royalty of up to 1.5%.

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Distances referred to in this announcement are approximate and, unless otherwise specified, have been measured using available cadastral and publicly available project-location information.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFORMATION

This announcement refers to information previously reported by the Company in its ASX announcements dated 23 October 2026 (exercise of initial options over the Côte d'Ivoire gold portfolio) and 9 November 2026 (Tarato satellite remote sensing study), available on the ASX

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platform and on the Company's website. 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.

COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration targeting, historical data and the planned exploration program at PR1016 is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Dejan Jovanovic, a Competent Person who is a member of the European Federation of Geologists and holds the European Geologist (EurGeol) title. The European Federation of Geologists is a Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Code 'Recognised Professional Organisation' (RPO). Mr Jovanovic is an independent consultant with FrontFinders Exploration Consulting Services and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation, type of deposit under consideration and activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Jovanovic consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

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