



# Chairman's Letter

Eddie Rigg

## Dear Fellow Shareholder,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with a brief recap of our activities over the last 12 months. I would also like to take the opportunity to provide you with a picture of the year ahead.

Anova is in the best position it has been in for some time. Big Springs is an asset with world-class scale potential in an established and highly prolific mining district. Our team is focussed and highly committed. The business is now well funded and has a strong, debt-free balance sheet. Perhaps most importantly, there is a clear vision and delineated pathway for growing shareholder value via sustained economic exploration success.

The endowment potential of Big Springs has been severely underexplored from a modern perspective. In particular, the application of newer geophysical techniques over this part of the Independence Trend in Nevada has driven sharply enhanced understanding and the generation of exciting new exploration targets. We believe the methodical and data-driven approach we have adopted holds the key to unlocking the huge, relatively untapped potential that Big Springs offers.

### Delivery of the 2020 field program

The 2020 exploration program at Big Springs was designed to form the foundation for the next 18 to 24 months. This foundation is targeted at allowing aggressive growth in the current Big Springs resource base over this period.

The 2020 program was holistically comprehensive. It included gravity and magnetic surveys over the entire Big Springs tenement package, hyperspectral imaging, field mapping and a 10-hole 1154m diamond drilling program towards the end of the year.

Overlaying all this work was a detailed review of historical geological and geochemical data and reprocessing of historical geophysical data. To say our understanding of Big Springs has taken a step-jump over the past 12 months would be a considerable understatement.

The 2020 diamond drilling program was the

first at Big Springs since early 2017, and the first one to test the 401 deposit since 2007. The program was a combination of extensional drilling of the existing 1.03 Moz Big Springs Mineral Resource and testing of new exploration targets.

Resource extension targets tested in this campaign included the Crusher Zone, North Shoot and SWX Shoot at North Sammy, and the 401 deposit at South Sammy. Depth extension of mineralisation associated with Schoonover and Argillic structures at North Shoot and footwall lodes at North Sammy were also tested.

Seven holes were drilled at North Sammy and three at the 401 deposit, South Sammy. Outstanding intervals were received with some of the best results including:

- 5.49m @ 15.23g/t from 106.07m, including 1.52m @ 31.5g/t;
- 10.85m @ 3.96g/t from 87.33m, including 3.05m @ 6.16g/t;
- 4.54m @ 3.98g/t from 91.75m, including 1.39m @ 7.24g/t; and
- 15.24m @ 2.53g/t from 28.35m, including 3.05m @ 7.90g/t.

Details of all drill results can be found in the Anova ASX releases of 18 January, 25 January and 25 February 2021.

The key outcomes from the 2020 drilling were significant. Gold mineralisation at the 401 deposit (South Sammy) and the North and SWX Shoots (North Sammy) has been



extended by over 30 metres (and in the case of the SWX Shoot by over 50 metres). Continuity of delineated mineralisation has been enhanced in the process – with expected implications for resource confidence categorisation. New lodges were also discovered including the high-grade discovery at North Shoot (5.49m @ 15.23g/t) and the footwall lode at SWX Shoot (9.14m @ 2.18g/t).

The 2020 drilling has not only further improved our confidence in the geological model, but also affirmed the potential for substantial resource growth with further drilling programs. The greater geological definition gained across known deposits has also improved our new target identification abilities across the entire Big Springs tenement base.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to comment on the 2020 field program without also expressing my sincere thanks to all our dedicated employees and contractors. The COVID-19 environment presented, and continues to present, many challenges. Our people have taken these in their stride. It is their dedication and commitment to the task that has enabled us to press forward and deliver the ultimate successes of the 2020 program.

### The 2021 program and the path ahead

Design of the 2021 exploration program for Big Springs is almost complete with an overview of planned activities expected to be released in coming weeks.

The 2021 program is planned to aggressively test extensions to existing resources at Big Springs as well as enable drilling of high-priority new exploration targets worked up through the 2020 field season. This is set to involve a substantial volume drilling through the course of this year.

Soil sampling and mapping are to be conducted in order to test earlier stage regional targets such as Golden Dome and Jacks Creek. Infill gravity and IP surveys have also been planned on selected targets such as North Sammy and Beadles Creek, in order to detect the high-grade mineralisation related E-W cross faults in the region and the sulphide alteration underneath.

In short, we are excited about getting this year's field season underway. We are now in a position to really go after the full exploration upside that Big Springs offers. As a result, I firmly believe that successful execution of the planned 2021 exploration program has the clear potential to significantly reposition scale expectations for Big Springs.

I encourage you to review the presentation from our Annual General Meeting, which was released to the ASX on 26 November 2020. It provides a clear snapshot of Anova's work at Big Springs over the past 12 months and a vision of where the business is headed over the next year.

As Chairman of Anova, I want to thank you for your support of the Company. I can assure you that it is not taken lightly by myself or any of the committed team at Anova. Our objective is a simple one – to be amongst the highest performing gold exploration companies globally. I hope that you will continue to travel this journey with us.

Yours sincerely,

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