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## ASX Announcement

# DRILLING TO RECOMMENCE AT MANIRY GRAPHITE PROJECT

### Highlights

- BlackEarth has recommenced exploration activities at Maniry with trenching activities in the Razafy Northwest area nearing completion
- Drilling to recommence shortly at the Maniry Graphite Project with extensive drill program to take place within the Company's Exploration Target area
- The drill program has been designed with the aim of adding to the existing Total JORC Resource of 20.2Mt at 6.51% TGC, by Q3 2021 (refer ASX announcement 27 December 2018)
- The proposed initial 1,000 metres diamond program will target the shallow high grade Razafy Northwest area identified earlier via trenching
- Further personnel and equipment are mobilising to site with drilling scheduled to commence shortly

BlackEarth Minerals NL (**ASX: BEM**) ("**BlackEarth**" the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that drilling is to recommence shortly at the Maniry Graphite Project in southern Madagascar, following the finalisation of planning, trenching and logistics for this targeted high grade drilling campaign.

The proposed initial drill program for 1,000 metres of diamond drilling will target Razafy Northwest which was identified as a high priority target following trenching work completed Q1 2019.

#### **BlackEarth Managing Director, Tom Revy, commented:**

*"We are very excited to be back drilling at the Maniry Graphite Project next week. Targeting the high grade Razafy Northwest area, the drill program aims to expand on the existing Maniry JORC Resource and to further improve our geological understanding of Maniry."*

*"This priority drilling program, which is expected to take around 6 weeks, is a targeted program with clear aims of identifying high grade zones capable of further enhancing the Project's NPV / IRR, increasing the Company's overall mineral resource inventory, and to gain further technical insight into the current Razafy Domain, which currently extends beyond 5km (refer ASX announcements 12 Feb 2019 & 25 Feb 2019)."*

The Company has appointed Orezone Drilling Madagascar SARL (Orezone) to undertake the drilling. Orezone has a global footprint in mining exploration activities, specialises in both surface and underground operations, and was responsible for all earlier drilling activities undertaken by the Company at the Maniry Graphite Project.

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The 1,000 metre program has been designed to potentially enable the Company to define a JORC Resource in the Razafy Northwest area. The drilling plan will include additional drillholes to confirm the northern strike of the area and to potentially increase the volume along strike.

BlackEarth also intends to undertake further trenching activities in the area, an exploration method that has proven to be a highly valuable technique for understanding the exploration potential in the Maniry region.

All exploration works will be carried within the Company's Exploration Target area containing an estimated 260Mt-380Mt at 6-8%TGC (**Refer ASX announcement 9 August 2018 and Note 1 below**).

Further personnel and equipment are mobilising to site with drilling scheduled to commence shortly.



Figure 1 - Trenching continues in the Northwest Razafy Area

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The Company will provide updates as the drill program progresses.

This release has been authorised by the Company's Disclosure Committee

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