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Peru Maiden Drilling Campaign underway

Australian battery minerals explorer, Firetail Resources Limited (**Firetail** or **the Company**; ASX: FTL) is pleased to confirm that the maiden drilling program at the Picha Copper Project in Peru has commenced.

Experienced drilling contractor, Explo Drilling Peru has mobilised to site and has started the planned diamond drilling program comprising ten drill holes for ~5,000m.

Firetail expects the drill program will be approximately 2-3 months in duration, with assays expected to be received in 6-10 weeks and then progressively during the drilling campaign.

Executive Chairman, Brett Grosvenor, commented:

"The Firetail team is extremely excited to start the drilling campaign at the Picha Copper Project in Peru. The commencement of the program coincides with an increase in focus by the Peruvian Government in supporting the Peruvian mining and exploration industry to remain as a world top 3 copper producer in the face of increasing demand for the commodity from the evolving EV market."

"The team has generated a significant number of targets through the exploration work completed so far, and we look forward to bringing regular drilling updates to our shareholders and followers in the coming weeks."



Figure 1: Drill rig on site at Cobremani target

Picha Copper Project, Peru

On 21 August 2023, shareholders of Firetail voted to approve the issue of shares and performance rights relating to Firetail’s acquisition of up to an 80% interest in Valor’s Picha Copper Project and Charaque Copper Project in southern Peru¹.

Under the acquisition agreement, Firetail will acquire up to 80% of the issued share capital of Kiwanda S.A.C. (Kiwanda), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Valor which holds the mining concessions that make up the Picha and Charaque Projects.

The transaction was completed on 6 September 2023, and has resulted in Firetail inheriting Valor’s experienced in-country management and technical team as well as an Earn-in Agreement with leading global gold and copper producer Barrick Gold Corporation covering the Charaque Project².

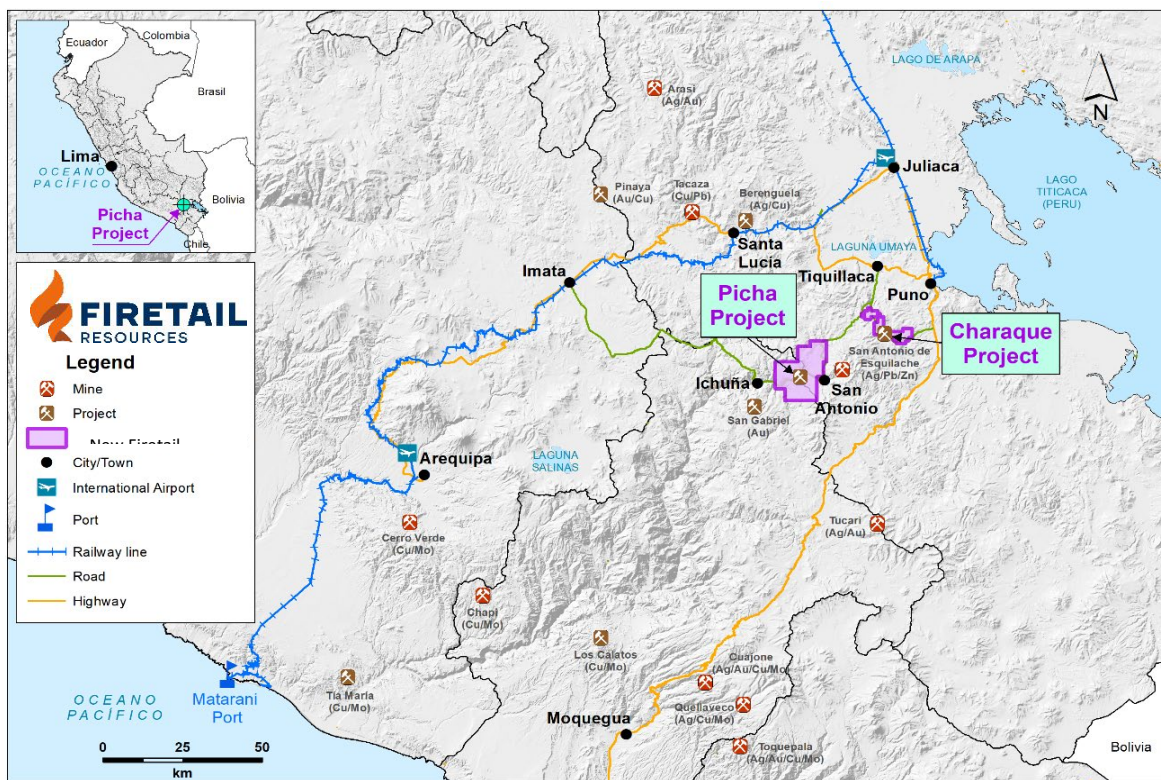


Figure 2: Picha and Charaque Copper Projects in Peru

Final regulatory approval was received by Valor³ and announced on 4 August 2023. Receipt of the Autorización de Inicio (Permission to Begin Drilling) from the Peruvian Ministry of Energy and Mines (“MEM”) is a key milestone for the Picha Copper Project, and allows the Company to commence the maiden drilling program within the approved Effective Area.

The drilling permit allows drilling of up to 120 holes at Picha, comprising up to 40 drill platforms with three holes planned per platform. A maiden diamond drilling program of around 5,000m is proposed to test four targets within the Effective Area – Cobremani, Cumbre Coya, Maricate and Fundicion (see Figure 4 below).

¹ ASX Announcement 21 August 2023 – Results of General Meeting

² ASX Announcement 5 July 2023 – Binding Terms Sheet Signed for Acquisition of Peru Copper Projects

³ VAL ASX Announcement 4 August 2023 – Valor Secures Final Drilling Approvals for Picha Project

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Figure 3: Picha exploration team and camp site

Drill Targets

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Firetail is pleased to present details of these high-potential targets and proposed drill-holes here:

- Cobremani Target – Drill-hole PDH-04 (surface geochemical anomaly including channel sample of **41.6m @ 1.12% Cu and 22.85g/t Ag**, and strong geophysical anomaly at ~200m depth).
- Maricate Target – Drill-hole PDH-35 (surface geochemical anomaly including channel sample of **17.6m @ 1.95% Cu**).
- Cumbre Coya Target – Drill-hole PDH-48 (surface geochemical anomaly including channel sample of **32.85m @ 0.61% Cu and 209 g/t Ag** and chargeability anomaly) and Drill-hole PDH-76 (geochemical and chargeability anomaly at ~250m depth).
- Fundicion Target – Drill-hole PDH-70 (chargeability anomaly at ~250m depth), Drill-hole PDH-87 (geophysical chargeability anomaly at ~250m depth), Drill-hole PDH-91 (geophysical chargeability anomaly at ~300m depth) and drill holes PDH-102 and 112 (chargeability anomaly at ~150m depth).

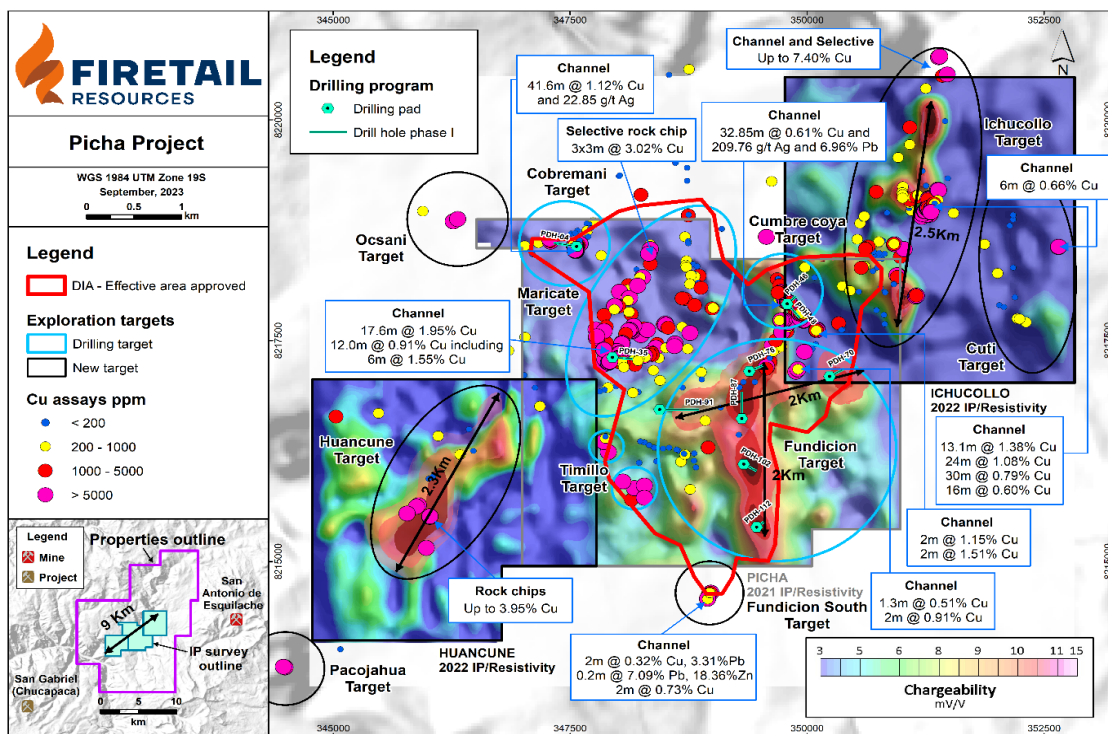


Figure 4: Picha proposed drill program and DIA approved area

⁴ FTL ASX Announcement 10 July 2023 – Drill Targets Identified at Peru Base Metals Projects

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The information in this announcement that relates to exploration activities is based on information compiled by Mr Robin Wilson who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Wilson is a consultant to Firetail Resources and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking 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' (the JORC Code). Mr Wilson consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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About Firetail Resources

Firetail Resources (ASX:FTL) is a battery minerals company with an exciting project portfolio with exposure to multiple battery mineral commodities at its well-located Western Australian and Queensland projects. The projects range from early exploration stage at the Paterson and Yalgoo-Dalgaranga Projects through to advanced exploration-early resource stage at the Mt Slopeaway Project.

After receiving recent shareholder approval, Firetail is about to commence exploration in Peru, with the acquisition of up to 80% of the of the issued share capital of Kiwanda, a wholly owned subsidiary of Valor Resources Ltd (ASX: VAL) that holds mining concessions comprising the Picha Copper Silver Project and Charaque Copper Projects in Peru. Picha is an exciting copper-silver project with multiple drill-ready targets to be tested in coming months; and Charaque hosts a farm-in deal completed with leading global mining company, Barrick Gold Corporation.

With a portfolio of highly prospective assets plus the experience of a strong technical team, the Company is well positioned to rapidly explore and develop its battery mineral projects and become a significant contributor to the green energy revolution.

Peru Projects



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