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# **Exceptional drill intercepts at RAS North Honeypot**

Recent drilling at the northern extents of the Rise & Shine (RAS) deposit has outstanding high-grade intercepts, confirming the continuation of the high-grade core (HG1 domain) and highlighting the potential for substantial underground minelife extensions beyond the current plan.

The bonanza result of 8.7m at 30.6g/t Au in hole MDD487 ranks among the top 10 holes drilled to date at RAS, underscoring the strength of the HG1 (high-grade) domain compared to the broader ore system. This intersection included consistent gold grades above 15g/t Au with two assays exceeding 100g/t Au (pre-top-cut interval: 8.7m @ 40.2g/t), attributable to fine disseminated gold.

These new results reinforce the previous intersections in the northern Honeypot zone, which extends HG1 well beyond the current underground Reserve at least a further 230m down-plunge, for a 60% increase beyond the current mine design, for a potentially larger underground operation than previously defined.

Intercepts from these latest holes include:

MDD487 8.7m @ 30.6g/t Au from 302.3m (true width 7.1m)

MDD483 27.6m @ 3.5g/t Au from 447.4m (true width 25.4m)

MDD486 12.6m @ 4.2g/t Au from 479.4m (true width 11.3m)

MDD485 6.7m @ 2.0g/t Au from 459.3m (true width 6.3m)

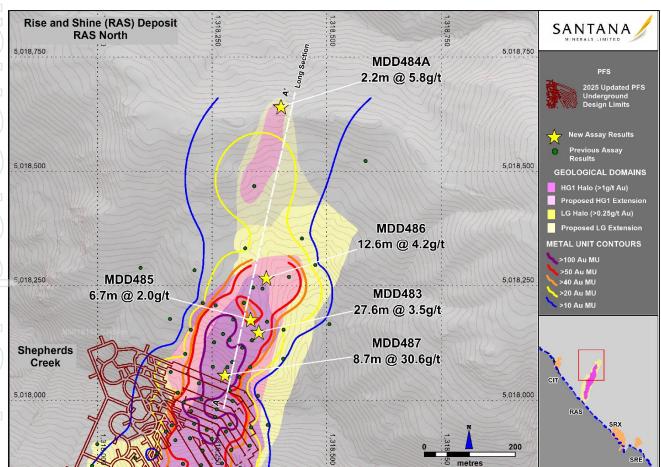


Figure 1. Plan view of RAS North showing new drill hole intercepts



Hole ID	FROM	ТО	Lithology	Interval	Au_ppm
MDD487	300	301	TZ3 Waste	1	BDL
MDD487	301	301.7	TZ3 Waste	0.7	BDL
MDD487	301.7	302.3	TGF	0.6	BDL
MDD487	302.3	303	Breccia + Veins	0.7	15.5
MDD487	303	304	Breccia + Veins	1	5.8
MDD487	304	305	Breccia + Veins	1	24.7
MDD487	305	306	Breccia + Veins	1	23.5
MDD487	306	307	Breccia + Veins	1	101.0
MDD487	307	308	Breccia + Veins	1	184.0
MDD487	308	309	Breccia + Veins	1	0.6
MDD487	309	310	Breccia + Veins	1	0.4
MDD487	310	311	Breccia + Veins	1	0.5
MDD487	311	312	TZ4 Waste	1	0.1
MDD487	312	313	TZ4 Waste	1	0.3
MDD487	313	314	TZ4 Waste	1	0.1

Table 1. MDD487 consistent high-grade interval assays

In addition to the above infill intercepts, aggressive RAS step-out drilling with MDD484A intercept of 2.2m @ 5.8g/t from 667.8m (true width 1.8m) extends the RAS orebody down-plunge by another 190m, past the previous step-out hole MDD466. The total down-plunge length of the RAS system now exceeds 2km, and mineralisation extends 650m beyond the current underground mine design.

The continued success of the extensional program highlights the strength and predictability of the geological model.

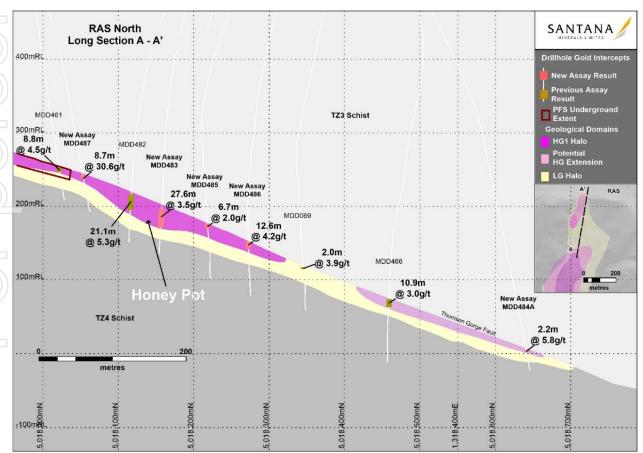


Figure 2. Long section showing high-grade intersections



The HG1 domain at RAS consistently returns thick, high-grade intercepts as shown in Figure 3 with the top ten gold metalunit intercepts (0.5g/t cut-off and up to 2m internal dilution, with a 100g/t top-cut applied). The HG1 domain contains 60% of the Indicated gold resource in approximately 34% of the Indicated rock mass. As demonstrated with the recent delineation of the northern Honeypot, the exceptional intervals cluster within the axis of this continuous HG1 domain.

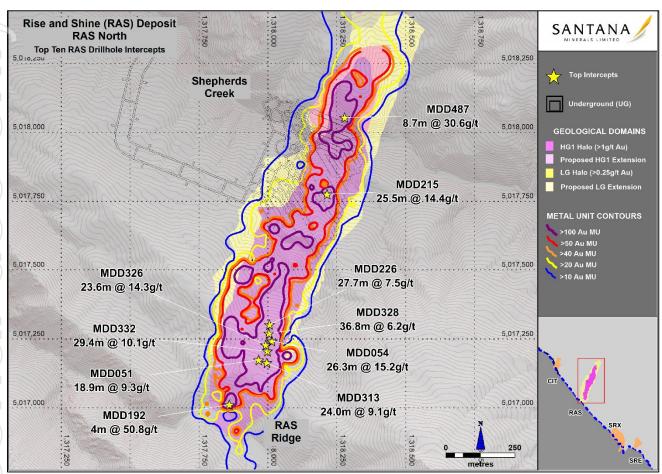


Figure 3. Location of top ten intercepts in RAS - 0.5g/t cutoff and 100g/t top cut

Santana's CEO, Damian Spring said:

"Today's results reinforce the continuity of high-grade mineralisation within the HG1 zone. The MDD487 interval returned a pre-top-cut grade of 40.2g/t, highlighting the strength of the system even before standard capping is applied. Intervals of this calibre, repeatedly observed across RAS, continue to strengthen our confidence in the geological model and the consistency of the high-grade domains."

Ends.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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### Previous Disclosure - 2012 JORC Code

Information relating to 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 "Rise and Shine Northern Honeypot Emerges" dated 23 July 2025
- ASX announcement titled "RAS Northern Honeypot Expanded and Sweetened" dated 18 November 2025

A copy of such announcement is available to view on the Santana Minerals Limited website <a href="www.santanaminerals.com">www.santanaminerals.com</a>. 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 Persons 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.

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# Appendix 1 - New Drill holes - New Mineralised Intercepts (top-cut to 100 g/t and at a 0.50 g/t lower cut-off grade with maximum 2m internal dilution)

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Deposit	Drillhole		From (m)	Drill Inter (m)		timated T Width (m		Average Gold Grade (g/t)		al Units gram/tonn
	MDD483		147.4	27.6		25.4		3.5		95.8
			667.8	2.2		1.8		5.8		12.9
	MDD484		577.0	1.0		0.8		0.6		0.6
			580.0	2.0		1.6		1.0		1.9
		4	159.3	6.7		6.3		2.0		13.8
		4	168.0	3.0		2.8		1.2		3.7
	MDD485	4	175.0	1.0		0.9		6.2		6.2
		4	180.0	1.0		0.9		1.0		1.0
( ) L		4	191.0	1.0		0.9		0.5		0.5
			179.4	12.6		11.3		4.2		52.5
RAS			196.0	1.0		0.9		2.9		2.9
	MDD486		501.0	1.0		0.9		0.6		0.6
7	14155-166		519.0	1.0		0.9		0.9		0.9
))			522.0	3.0		2.7		2.8		8.4
			536.0	2.0		1.8		0.6		1.2
			302.3	8.7		7.1		30.6		266.4
			316.0	1.0		0.8		2.7		2.7
3	B4DD407		320.0	1.0		0.8		1.3		1.3
			225.0	2.0		2.4		1.0		- 4
$\cup$ )	MDD487		325.0	3.0		2.4		1.8		5.4
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Peposit  RAS  RAS	Hole No MDD483 MDD484	- New Dril East NZTM 1318286 1318441	331.0 337.0 346.0 Iholes Rep North NZTM 5018241 5018410	2.0 1.0 1.0 ported (ii RL 627.2 642.0	Azimuth (T Avg) 143.0 271.4	1.6 0.8 0.8 Dip (Avg) -76.0	511.5 560.3	2.2 0.6 0.6 Method OHD OH	Completed Re-Drilled	4.4 0.6 0.6 Results
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# **Appendix 2 - New Drillholes Reported (in bold)**

	7	eposit	Hole No	East NZTM	North NZTM	RL	Azimuth (T Avg)	Dip (Avg)	Length	Method	Status	Results
		RAS	MDD483	1318286	5018241	627.2	143.0	-76.0	511.5	OHD	Completed	Reported
		RAS	MDD484	1318441	5018410	642.0	271.4	-67.0	560.3	ОН	Re-Drilled	No assays
1		RAS	MDD484A	1318441	5018410	642.0	347.2	-70.0	715.0	OHD	Completed	Reported
	IJ	RAS	MDD485	1318312	5018294	629.1	170.4	-75.0	512.3	OHD	Completed	Reported
		RAS	MDD486	1318426	5018322	617.0	174.3	-80.0	549.9	OHD	Completed	Reported
	))	RAS	MDD487	1318333	5017971	533.0	326.7	-71.0	360.0	OHD	Completed	Reported



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

Sampling techniques

#### JORC Code explanation

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).

meaning of sampling.

Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.

Material to the Public Report.

produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more were assayed this way. 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.

Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random 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.

These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad 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.

RC samples were sub-sampled at 1.0 m intervals using a rotary splitter mounted below the cyclone. The Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are 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.

In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this Fire Assay: Samples are crushed at the receiving laboratory to minus 2mm (85% passing) and split using a would be relatively simple (ea 'reverse circulation drilling was rotary splitter to provide 1kg for pulverising in a ring mill to -75um. Pulps are fire assayed (FAA) using a used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to 50g charge with AAS finish. Prior to 2019 only 200g of the crushed material was pulverised. 877 samples

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



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,	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). DD pre-collars are drilled open hole through unmineralised 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.
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.



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C	riteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
L	ogging	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	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.
		(or costean, channel, etc) photography.  The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	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.
			100% of all relevant (within the gold grade domains) intersections were logged. The logging is of sufficient quality and detail for resource estimation.
		If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	Industry standard laboratory sample preparation methods are suitable for the mineralisation style and involve oven drying, crushing and splitting of samples.
		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.	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
		ivieasures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative	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.
		Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	Larger screen fire assays (SFA), $1$ kg BLEG (LeachWELL) and $2*500$ gm 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'



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> 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.

Quality of assay data and laboratory tests

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.

The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and 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 laboratory 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, are 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.

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, 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 spacina 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 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.

appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve 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. Exploration step out 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

known, considering the deposit type.

If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the introduced bias for resource estimates. orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.

Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased Drillholes are oriented to intersect known mineralised features in a nominally perpendicular orientation sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is 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

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.

### **Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	ownership including agreements or material	Exploration is being currently conducted within Mineral Exploration Permit (MEP) 60311 (252km²) registered to Matakanui Gold Ltd (MGL) issued on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 for 5 years. In 2023 the term of this permit was extended for a further 5 years until 12 April 2028.
	partnerships, overriding royalties, native title	There are no material issues with third parties.
	interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.	$MGL\ was\ granted\ Minerals\ Prospecting\ Permit\ (MPP)\ 60882\ (40km^2)\ \ on\ 30\ Nov\ 2023\ for\ a\ term\ of\ 2\ years.$
	The security of the tenure held at the time of	The tenure of the Permits is secure and there are no known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate.
	reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	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.



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Exploration done by other parties	<ul> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	The RSSZ is a low-angle late-metamorphic shear-zone, presently known to be up to 120m thick. It is subparallel 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	<ul> <li>A summary of all information material to the</li> </ul>	Refer to the body of text.
•	understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	No material information has been excluded.
	<ul> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level –</li> </ul>	



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	elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar  o dip and azimuth of the hole o down hole length and interception depth o 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	averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.	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 returns are considered accurate for the suite of
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>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').</li> </ul>	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 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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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views.

Diagrams

Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and All significant intercepts have been reported.
 tabulations of intercepts should be included for any
 significant discovery being reported These should
 include, but not be limited to a planview of drill
 hole collar locations and appropriate sectional

**Balanced reporting** 

Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration All significant intercepts have been reported. 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.

Other substantive exploration data

Other exploration data, if meaningful and Not applicable; meaningful and material results are reported in the body of the text. 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.



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	Further work	tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or	DD infill and extensional drilling of existing inferred resources is continuing at BOGP and deeper subvertical structures.		
		large-scale step-out drilling).	Regional exploration and sterilisation drilling (RINA programme) continues.		
		<ul> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological</li> </ul>	Feid manning and soil sampling is ongoing for target generation		
		interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	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.		