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## SECOND FORTUNE PROGRESS UPDATE

- **Mining on-track for first ore production late this month**
- **Decline development has advanced to the 1st level**
- **Stripping of the level 1 ore drive should be completed this week with commencement of stoping to follow**
- **Processing of ore from the Western Lode through the ore sorter has commenced**
- **Haulage quotes to deliver ore to the Burbanks process facility have been received**
- **Evaporator for evaporation ponds has been installed and is operational**
- **Toll treatment payment made to secure priority treatment allocation at the Burbanks process facility**

Anova Metals Limited (ASX: AWV, "Anova" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on mine activities at the Second Fortune Gold Project in Western Australia.

### **Mining**

The decline development is progressing as planned and the level 1 historic workings have been intersected. Ore and Waste stockpile areas are currently being established in preparation for stripping of old drives and stoping of remnant ore zones. Parallel development of the decline to level 2 and stripping/production from level 1 are planned through February and March.

### **Dewatering**

Dewatering of the decline development and remnant workings continues as planned. An evaporator (cannon) has been installed on the ponds to enhance the evaporation capacity of the dewatering system. The mine is currently dewatered to below level 1.

### **Ore Sorting**

First ore from the underground development has been successfully processed through the ore sorting plant. The decline was designed to intersect the Western Lode where possible to recover valuable quartz in the process of developing the decline. The sorting operation allows the quartz to be efficiently recovered from the development ore, facilitating a reduction in development costs.

### **Processing and Ore Haulage**

A priority processing allocation has been secured at the Burbanks facility on anticipation for the planned production in February and March. A pre-payment has been made to secure the processing slot.

The haulage contract to move ore from the Second Fortune Mine site to the Burbanks Plant is near finalisation with all quotations received.

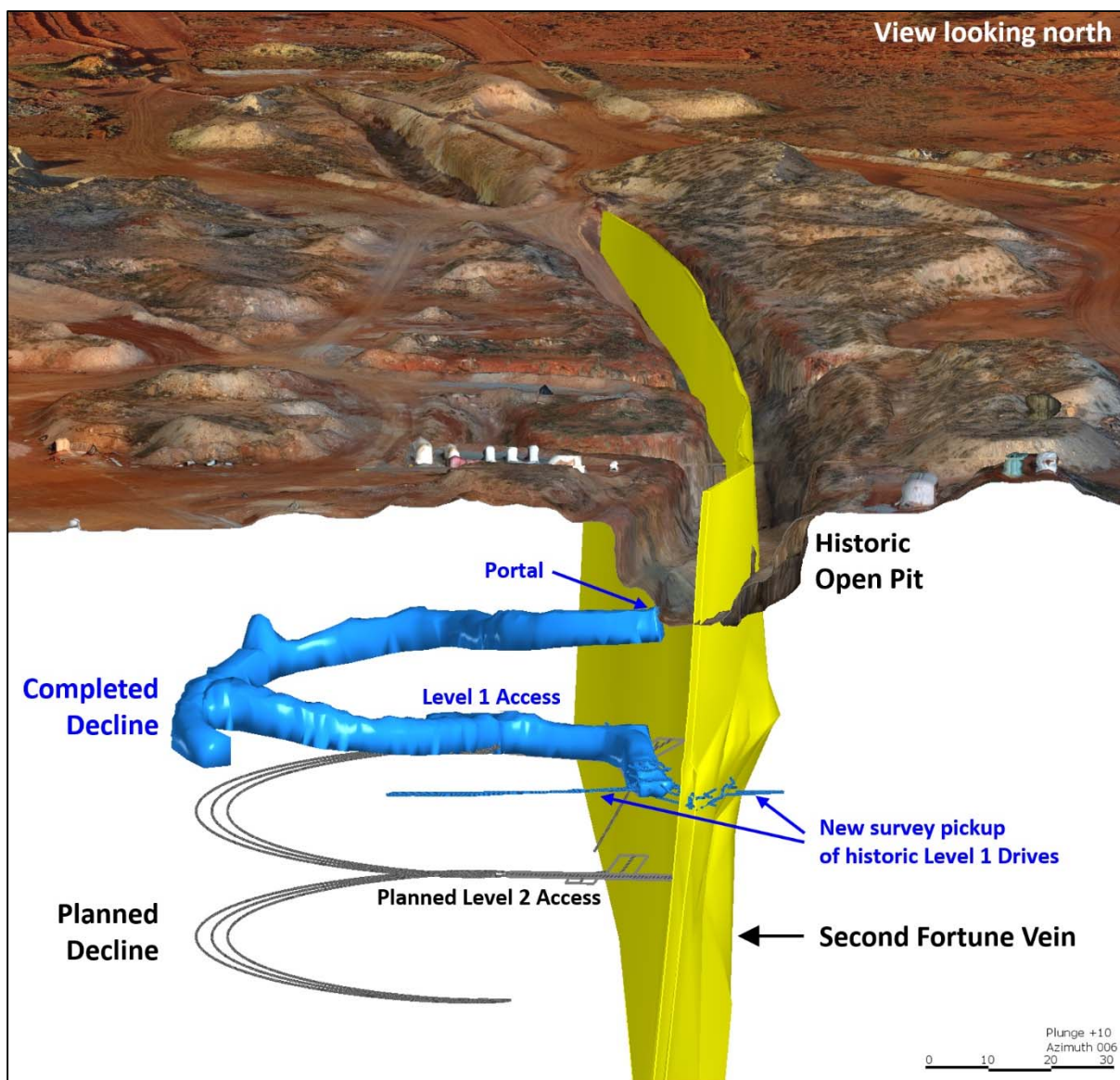
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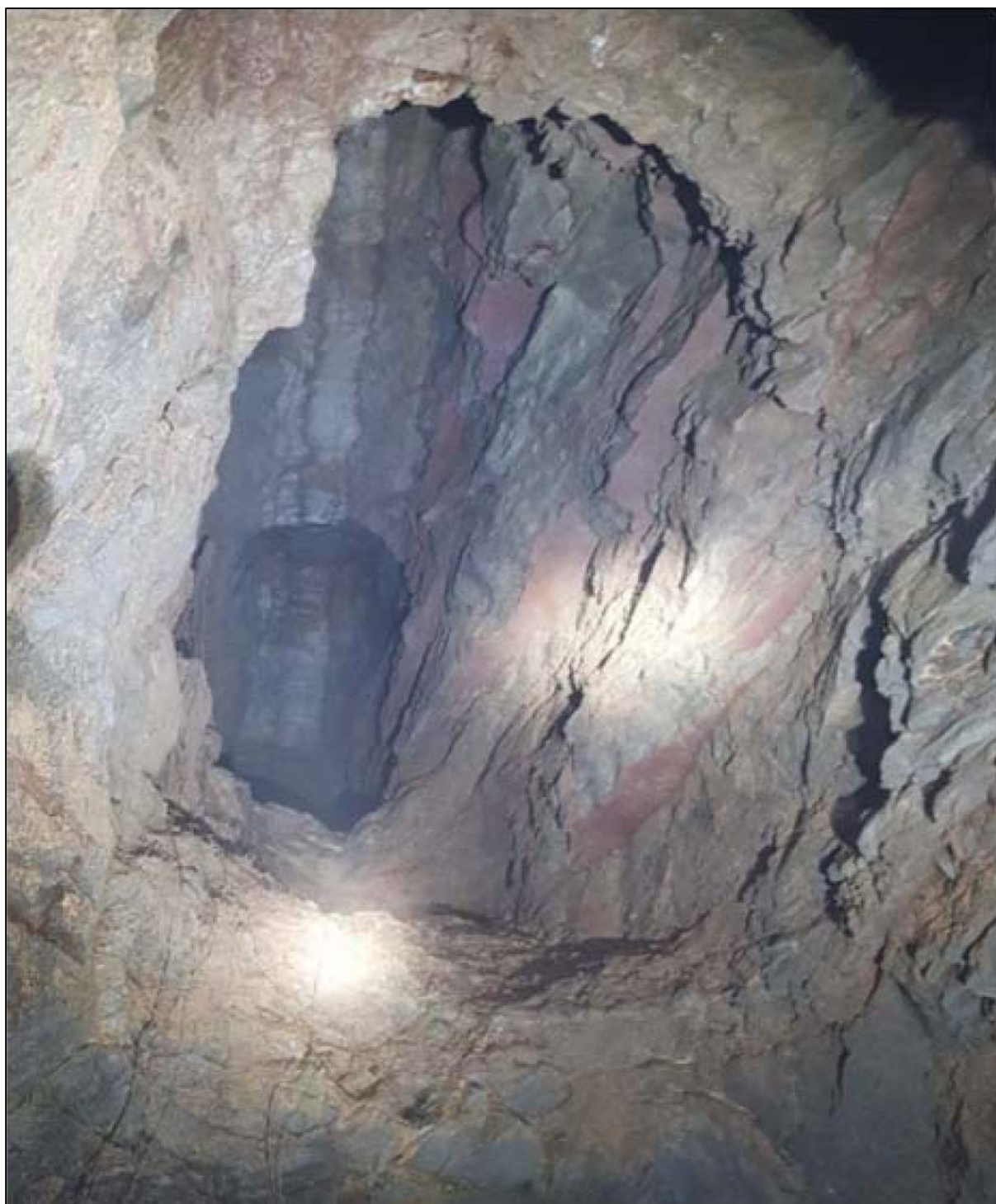
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**Figure 1:** Decline progress as at 12 February 2018



**Figure 2:** Historic Level 1 with Main Vein in back



**Figure 3:** Historic Level 1 stope with Main Vein



**Figure 4:** Historic Level 1 (south drive) with Main Vein in back



*Figure 5: Evaporator cannon in action*



*Figure 6: Ore sorter in action*

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## About Anova Metals

Anova Metals is an Australian Securities Exchange listed gold exploration and development company with projects in Western Australia and Nevada, USA.

In WA, the Company's focus is on the Linden Gold Project in the North Eastern Goldfields region, within the Laverton Tectonic Zone, which hosts multi-million ounce deposits including Sunrise Dam (AngloGold Ashanti) and Granny Smith/Wallaby (Gold Fields). A feasibility study has recently been completed on the Second Fortune Gold Mine demonstrating the technical and economic viability of the project and all regulatory approvals are in place for the underground mine and associated infrastructure. Commencement of the portal development is planned for Q4 2017.

In the US, the Company is progressing towards production on the Big Springs Project, a Carlin-style gold deposit located in an established gold mining region, 80km north of Elko in north eastern Nevada. The Project was mined by Independence Mining Company between 1987 and 1993 producing 386,000 ounces of gold and currently has a JORC 2012 Mineral Resource 16 million tonnes at 2.0 g/t gold. Applying a cut-off grade to 2.5 g/t gold results in a high grade core to the deposit of 2.9 million tonnes of 4.2 g/t gold for 388,000 ounces. Big Springs recently received permitting approval to commence its first phase of mining operations.

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## Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Lauritz Barnes, Principal Consultant Geologist, Trepanier Pty Ltd. Mr Barnes is a shareholder of Anova Metals. Mr Barnes is a member of both the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Barnes consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Refer to Exterra Resources Limited's (ASX:EXC) announcement titled Feasibility Study Confirms Robust High Grade Gold Mine and dated 25 May 2017 for further information in relation to the Second Fortune Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimate for the Second Fortune project. 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 and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which the competent persons findings have not been materially modified from the original announcement.