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## SECOND FORTUNE PROGRESS UPDATE

- Level 1 strip-out and development extension (30 metres) completed
- Ore transportation to Burbank's process facility commencing next week
- Ore processing campaign to commence mid-April
- First gold pour expected late April
- Decline development to Level 2 expected to be completed within the next fortnight
- Development ore currently being processed through ore sorter
- Mine dewatered to immediately above Level 2

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 strip-out of level 1 has been completed and the level 1 ore drive has been extended beyond the historic workings by 30m in a southerly direction. Stoping of ore on level 1 will commence this month and will be processed through the ore sorter prior to transporting to Burbanks.

Decline development is progressing as planned and is at the 62m level (Figures 1 and 2). The level 2 development access will be cut within the next fortnight allowing access to the level 2 historic workings in preparation for stripping of the ore drive. Development ore will be processed through the ore sorter prior to shipment to Burbanks.

### Processing and Ore Haulage

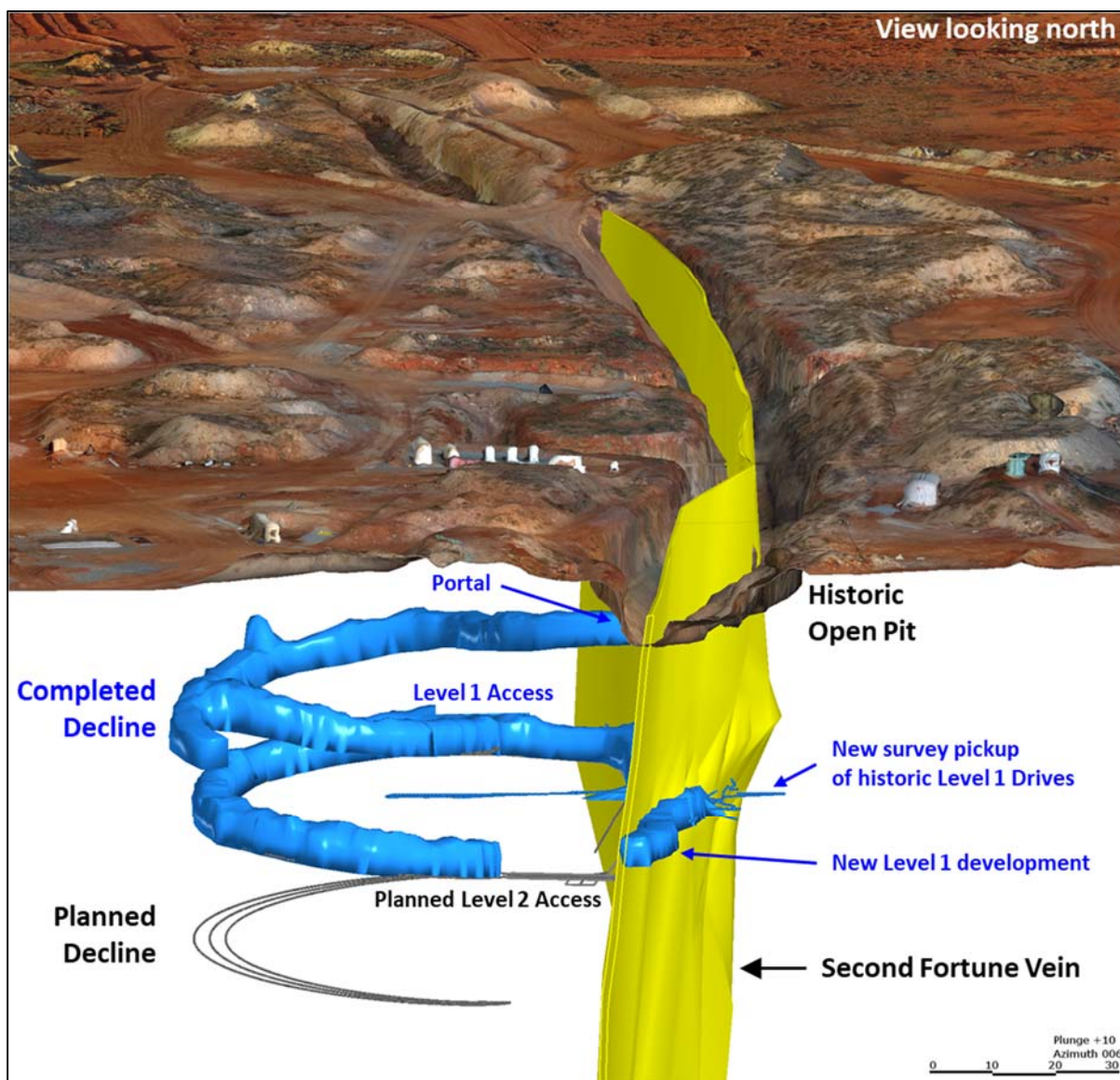
Ore haulage is set to commence next week with SideTippers contracted to transport ore from Second Fortune to the Burbanks processing facility. The initial ore shipment will be both fines and sorted ore from stockpiles plus new development and stope ore from level 1. The material will be stockpiled at Burbanks ahead of the first milling campaign on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. First gold production is expected in late April.

### Ore Sorting

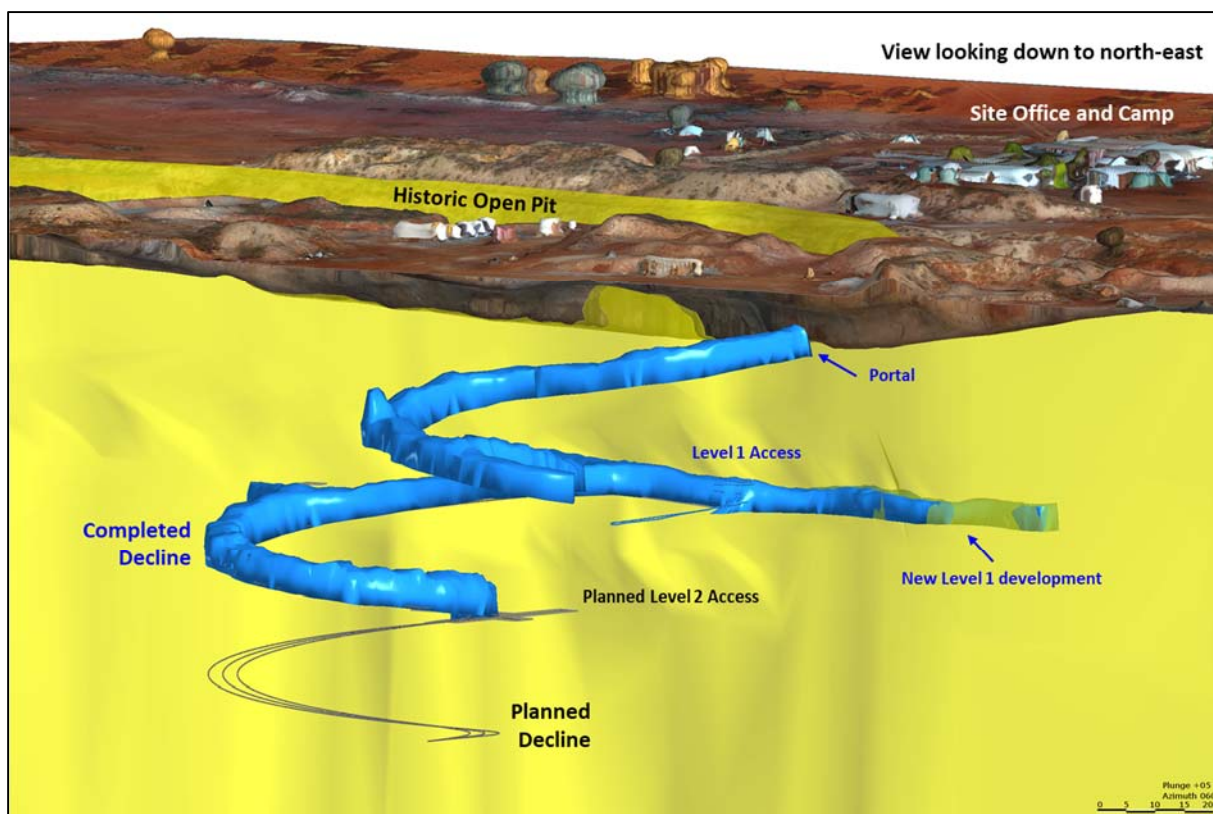
The ore sorter continued to process underground development material over the past month with performance as per expectations. The ore sorter utilises optical scanners to selectively identify and separate white quartz vein material from the darker mafic volcanic host rock, thereby removing most of the mining dilution and reducing haulage and processing costs.

### Dewatering

Dewatering of the mine has continued to immediately above level 2. The evaporation cannon has been commissioned and has operated continuously for a fortnight, enhancing the evaporation capacity of the dewatering system.



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



*Figure 2: Decline progress as at 12 March 2018*

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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.

For more information, please visit [www.anovametals.com](http://www.anovametals.com)

## 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.