

### **ASX Announcement**

# Aus Tin Mining Limited (ASX:ANW)

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# Mt Cobalt Exploration Update

## Highlights:

- Field reconnaissance locates historic workings and weathered serpentinite host rock south of the existing target zone
- Preliminary metallurgical test work generates encouraging beneficiation results with ten-fold concentration of heavy minerals to a concentrate

The Directors of Aus Tin Mining Limited (the **Company**) are pleased to provide the following update in respect of the Company's Mt Cobalt project, approximately 40km west of Gympie, Queensland.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February the Company announced a target zone at Mt Cobalt of 350m long x 25m wide and open at depth and down dip to the west. It also reported the potential to extend the target zone to the south towards historic workings identified in a 1901 Queensland Government report. The Company has since undertaken field reconnaissance at Mt Cobalt and located the N°3 tunnel described in the report (Figure 1a) approximately 190m to the south of the target zone. The weathered serpentinite (which hosts the shear and enriched cobalt-manganese mineralisation further north in the target zone) was evident at the opening of the N°3 tunnel (Figure 1b). Rock chip samples from both the tunnel and outcrop proximal to the tunnel have been submitted for geochemical analysis



Figure 1a - N°3 Tunnel (@100m SSE of target zone)



Figure 1b – Target zone weathered serpentinite (above & left of hammer)

As previously reported, the exploration target zone containing the mineralised shear is interpreted to exist as a zone of weathered serpentinite overlying the unweathered serpentinite of the Mt Mia Serpentinite and remaining open to the north-west (Figure 2). The presence of the weathered serpentinite at the N°3 tunnel could support an extension of the previously identified target zone (orange shading in Figure 2) to the south and further field work will be undertaken.

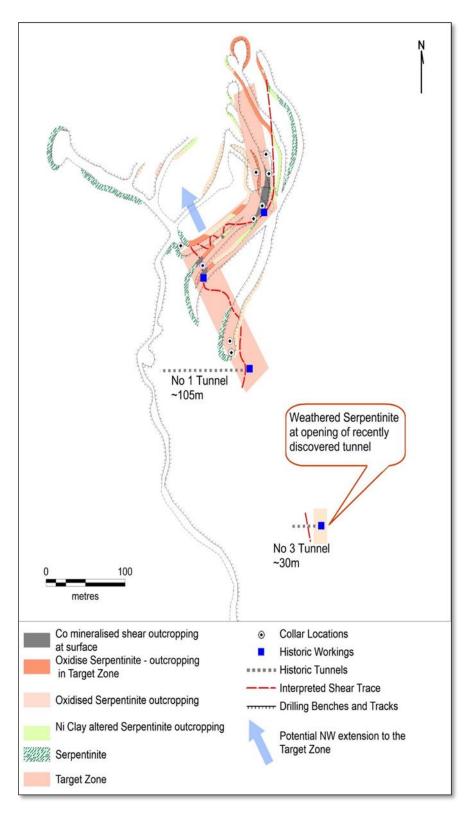


Figure 2 – Plan view of Mt Cobalt showing interpreted shear orientation and cobalt mineralised target zones

On the  $16^{th}$  February the Company also reported it had commenced a program of metallurgical test work to assess the potential to pre-concentrate material from the target zone. A series of heavy liquid separation (HLS) tests were conducted by Mineral Technologies on four size fractions to assess the amenability of the target zone mineralisation to gravity separation. Initial results indicate a potential ten-fold concentration of heavy minerals (specific gravity +2.85 t/m³) to sinks (Figure 3) with most of the heavier cobalt-manganese mineralisation expected to report to sinks. Sample fractions have been submitted for geochemical analysis to determine recoveries of cobalt, nickel and manganese.

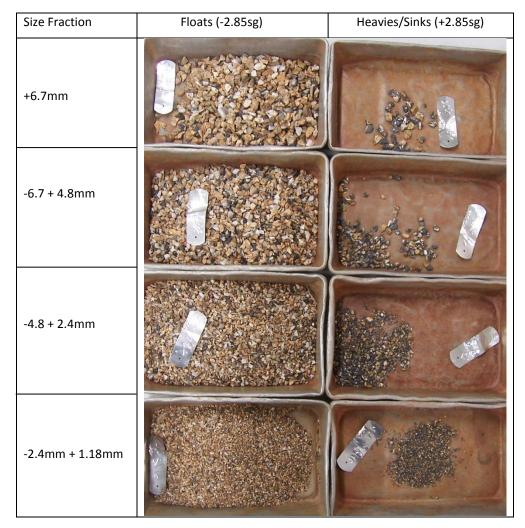


Figure 3 – Heavy Liquid Separation test products (floats and sinks fractions)

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The Company is also actively exploring for cobalt at its Mt Cobalt project west of Gympie (QLD). Recent drilling has returned high grades for an enriched cobalt-manganese oxide zone. In addition, the Company is exploring an approximately 4km arc along the contact with the Black Snake Porphyry which is prospective for cobalt, nickel, copper and gold.

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