

# American Rare Earths Ltd (ASX:ARR)

An Australian exploration company focused on the discovery & development of strategic technology mineral resources

#### **Commodity Exposure**

Rare Earth Elements, Heavy Mineral Sands, Cobalt, Base & Precious Metals, Industrial Metals

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF SAMPLING PROGRAM – LA PAZ RARE EARTH PROJECT

- Demonstrated the host mineralisation extended beyond the previously established resource parameters
- Significant REE'S and Scandium was identified in altered and unaltered gneiss, granodiorite, and cataclasite metamorphic rocks.
- The program took a total of 45 outcrop samples to the south and west of previously sampled areas.
- It Identified those rock types which host higher grade REE'S and Scandium
- The samples have between 59 and 693 PPM total REE, and 14 of the samples contain more than 300 PPM total REE (31%).
- Scandium content ranges from 1.4 to 23.5 PPM, and is roughly proportional to REE content.
- New rock types identified include a finely banded gneiss and an andesitic basalt
- The Andesitic basalt is a new rock type for the area and has an significantly high REE content (539 PPM).
- Future work in the area will need to examine this rock type (Andesitic basalt) in more detail to determine extent, nature of the occurrence (i.e. flow or intrusive), and its relationship to the other mineralized rock in the area.
- The single sample so far in hand is apparently unaltered, indicating that the REE content is inherent in the rock and not introduced.

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### Initial Sampling Program Completed for the La Paz Rare Earths Project

Based on historical drilling and sampling completed by previous operators who made the initial discovery of the rare earths and scandium, a more detailed sampling program was designed to follow up these results. Additional goals of the sampling program was to identify which rock types are associated with the rare earths and scandium and what if any the role of alteration and silicification had on the enrichment or depletion of rare earths and scandium values.

Geologists at the 100% owned La Paz Rare Earths Project located northeast of Phoenix Arizona (see following location map) have completed an initial round of surface sampling. This new sampling is a follow up to historical exploration on the property prior to 2020. In addition to the rare earths scandium was also included in the analyses.

Significant rare earths and scandium mineralization was found in several varieties of altered and unaltered gneiss, granodiorite and in faulted igneous and metamorphic rock called cataclasite<sup>1</sup>. Specifically, according to historic petrographic work the key association of the rare earths and likely the scandium is with the mineral allanite which occurs as inclusions in both igneous and metamorphic rocks<sup>2</sup>.

Results of the sampling in the primary rock types occurring on the property are given as follows (in ppm rounded):

Rock Type	No. of Samples	Range of REE Values	Avg. REE Value	Range of Scandium Values	Avg. Scandium Value
Augen Gneiss	91	82-714	395	3-26	14
Banded Gneiss	83	43-721	309	1-26	12
Granodiorite	62	34-596	201	2-22	8
Granite and Quartz Monzonite	13	68-226	143	3-17	8

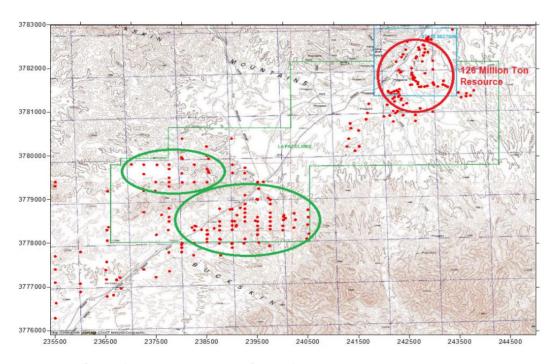
Results of Sampling of altered and silicified rock are given as follows (in ppm Rounded):

Rock Type	No. of Samples	Range of REE Values	Avg. REE Value	Range of Scandium Values	Avg. Scandium Value
Silicified Rock	41	9-384	116	0.4-11	4
Cataclastite	179	25-674	302	1-28	12

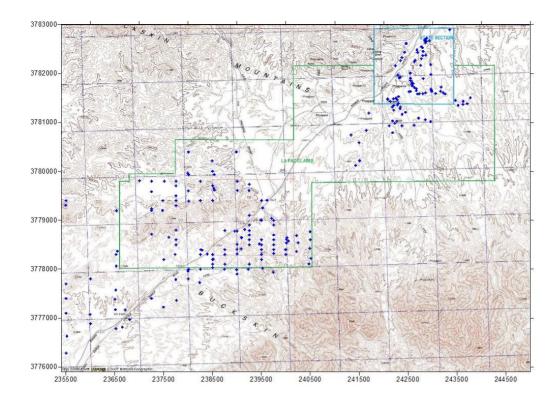
The locations of the average REE Values (300ppm or greater) and average scandium values (11ppm or greater) are shown on the following maps.



La Paz Project Location Map



Map Showing Rare Earths Combined Values 300 ppm or Greater



Map Showing the Values of Scandium 11 ppm or Greater

The results of the sampling program indicate that the highest grades of rare earths and scandium occur in the metamorphic rocks – specifically Augen gneiss and banded gneiss. Values were also high in the cataclastite likely because of fragments of gneiss caught up in these fault zones. Areas of silicification tended to have lower rare earths and scandium content-except for localized area where the silicification was less intense.

It is concluded that the metamorphic rocks (Augen gneiss and banded gneiss) are the best host rocks for rare earths and scandium mineralization. Because of the extensive alluvial cover on much of the property it was decided to trench these areas in order to expose bedrock for sampling and to gain a better understanding of the geology.

The trenching was completed in July 2020, the results of which will be presented in a separate report.

#### References

<sup>1</sup>Peterson, J., Sampling report for the La Paz Rare Earth Deposit La Paz County, Arizona, Internal Company Report, June 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Henderson, G., Review of the La Paz Metallurgical Test work Data and Program, Wood Internal Report, February 2020.

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## **JORC Code – Table 1 report**

## **Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or	Rock samples were collected by hand at the surface from in-situ outcrops.
	handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.	Grab samples are believed to be representative of the outcrops they came from.
	<ul> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> </ul>	1-2 kg rock samples were collected by a geologist, samples were broken using a rock hammer from outcrop. Rock samples were crushed in the laboratory and pulverized before analysis
	• In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more 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.	
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, facesampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	No drilling
Drill sample recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	No drilling
Logging	<ul> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource</li> </ul>	Rock samples were geologically described

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	<ul> <li>estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	Qualitative logging No drilling
Sub- sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> </ul>	No Drilling Samples were analysed at ALS Laboratories in Reno Nevada, the samples were crushed, pulverised and assayed by ICP-ME and MS61r for REE.  ~2kg of rock was crushed and pulverised and a subsample was taken in the laboratory and sent for analysis.
	<ul> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	Sampling was selective and based on geological observations.  Each sample was 1kg – 2 kg in weight which is appropriate to test for the grain size of the material.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	The samples were crushed and assayed for 60 elements by fusion ICP-MS. The procedure will report near total results  No geophysical tools used in this sampling program  Internal laboratory standards were analysed with rock samples.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	Consulting company personnel have observed the assayed samples  No drilling  Field data were all recorded in field note books and sample record books and then entered into a digital database  No adjustments were made.

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Location of data points	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Sample location is based on GPS coordinates +/-5m.
	Specification of the grid system used.	NAD83 / UTM zone 12N
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	Topography control is +/-10m.
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	All sample sites are shown on Figure 1.
	Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation	The data alone will not be used to estimate mineral resource or ore reserve.
	procedure(s) and classifications applied.	No compositing applied.
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.	Rock samples were taken of selected outcrops that were considered representative of varying rock types.
	<ul> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	No drilling
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	The samples were kept in numbered bags until delivered to the laboratory
Audits or reviews	<ul> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	Sampling techniques are consistent with industry standards.

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

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	The La Paz Rare Earth Project is located within Federal Lode mining claims that have been claim staked. Sampling has been carried within the guidelines established by the United States Bureau of land Management.  As above. The staked mining claims have no known impediment to future granting of exploitation rights provide appropriate permitting and bonding is completed.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	American Rare Earths Ltd.'s consultant undertook rock sampling within the region as a follow up to a previously uranium exploration program by a different company.
Geology	<ul> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	The deposit consists of REE's hosted in allanite primarily that occurs in gneisses, granodiorite and an altered cataclastite.
Drill hole Information	<ul> <li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:         <ul> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>hole length.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	No drilling
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting</li> </ul>	No high grade cutting  No aggregation used  No metal equivalents used

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	of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	
Relationship between mineralisation	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.	No drilling
widths and	If the geometry of the mineralisation with	No drilling
intercept lengths	respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	No drilling
	<ul> <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>	
Diagrams	<ul> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	Refer to descriptions and diagrams in body of text
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration 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.	Summary of results reported in the body of the text
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and 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.	Exploration trenching was recently completed and will be discussed in a separate report.
Further work	<ul> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	A drilling program is planned.  Refer to figures in the body of the report.