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Amended prior announcements

Australian Mines Limited (ASX: AUZ) ("AUZ" or the "Company") refers to its announcements to ASX dated 16 January 2024 and titled 'Exploration update'; and the announcement dated 24 January 2024 and titled 'Saprolite Clays & outcropping Charnockites identified' (**Announcements**).

In consultation with ASX the Company has made some formatting and footnote amendments to the Announcements, which are attached. No material changes have been made to the texts of the Announcements.

Amendments include:

- Inclusion of references to past announcement where exploration results were disclosed;
- Rewording of text to give clarification concerning Mibra Mine, a current producer expected to expand annual production to 130,000 tonnes of lithium concentrate;
- Updated JORC tables;
- Moving some footnotes to the body of the announcement

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Exploration Update - Brazil

Australian Mines Limited (ASX: AUZ) ("AUZ" or the "Company") is pleased to report on the initial findings from exploration works completed at the Resende Lithium Project¹, and further confirms the commencement of initial exploration works at the Jequie Niobium and Rare Eraths Project¹ located in the state of Bahia ("Projects"¹)

Highlights

Initial findings of early exploration work completed at the Resende Lithium Project located, within ~17km of AMG's² Mibra Mine, a current producer expected to expand annual production to 130,000 tonnes of lithium concentrate³, has confirmed;

- The presence of intrusive pegmatitic phases associated with the Ritapolis Pluton which hosts the mineralization at AMG's Mibra mine (See Figure 1), and
- Regional airborne geophysical data (magnetics) show the same corridor of deep-seated NE-SW trending regional controlling structures seen at AMG's Mibra Mine extending to and traversing the Resende concession package. (See Figure 2)

In addition, we have commenced preliminary exploration at the Jequie Niobium and Rare Earths Project. This work will comprise the ground truthing of the numerous regional geophysical anomalies located within the licence areas.

AUZ's CEO, Andrew Nesbitt commented "Despite the presence of an in-situ regolith cap, we are very pleased with these initial outcomes as it confirms our expectation of potential pegmatitic mineralization and as soon as we get

¹ The Projects are subject to acquisition terms as per ASX Announcement, 6 December 2023

² AMG Lithium GmbH ("AMG")

³ <u>https://amglithium.com/solutions/resources</u>



the sampling results, we will be in a position to plan a cost-effective geochemical programme to develop targets for follow up trenching and drilling".



Figure 1: Clear evidence pegmatitic activity within the Resende Lithium Project area

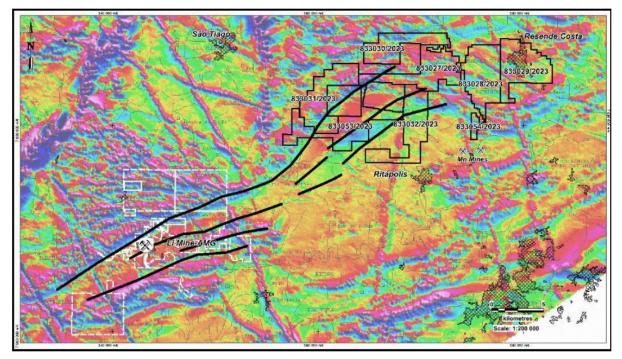


Figure 2: Deep-seated NE-SW trending structures which could reflect potential mineralisation corridors.

About Austrtalian Mines in Brazil



Resende Lithium Project (Lithium Valley, Minas Gerais)⁴

Minas Gerais is a global leading mining jurisdiction. The government is well known for supporting productive and sustainable operations in the state. Recently the government is focused on encouraging the development of the lithium minerals sector within the province. The Lithium Valley is home to 3 notable lithium producers and several ASX explorers. The notable producers include the Mina da Cachoeira underground mine with a production capacity of 45,000t per annum of 5.5% Li₂O spodumene concentrate⁵, AMG's⁶ Mibra lithium-tantalum-niobium-tin mine, which is expected to produce 130,000t lithium concentrate per annum⁷ and Sigma Lithium Corporation's (NASDAQ: SGML) Grota do Cirio operation, which is ramping up to 270,000t per annum of lithium concentrate⁸. There is no guarantee that the Resende Lithium Project will have the same or similar levels of results, or that it will become a producing project.

The Resende Lithium Project comprises 8 mineral right claims with total aggregate land holding of **13,314 HA** or ~**133km**² (Figure 2). The licences are in the Sao Joao del Rey Pegmatite Province, which is widely known for the presence of various mineralised bodies and is located~17km west of the AMG Mibra Spodumene producing Mine.

The licences are targeting the eastern extensions of the geological structures and intrusive rocks, responsible for the mineralised pegmatites that are currently being mined at AMG's Mibra lithium-tantalum-niobium-tin mine. The district is characterised by numerous pegmatite bodies of varying mineralogical composition dominated by spodumene but including beryl, tantalite-columbite and monazite. **Several historically mapped pegmatite and tantalum occurrences have been mapped within the boundaries of the exploration licences⁹ and have not been previously tested/explored for lithium.**

⁴ The Resende Lithium Project has no current or historical minerals resources

⁵ <u>Mina da Cachoeira underground mine, https://www.cblitio.com.br/nossas-opera%C3%A7%C3%B5es, production rates</u> and grades are not compliant with JORC 2012 reporting guidelines.

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⁷ <u>https://amglithium.com/solutions/resources</u>

⁸ Sigma Lithium, NI 43-101 TECHNICAL REPORT GROTA DO CIRILO LITHIUM PROJECT, 31 October 2022

https://sigmalithiumresources.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-01-SGML-Updated-Technical-Report-1.pdf ⁹ Based on Geological Survey of Brazil, <u>https://geoportal.sgb.gov.br/geosgb/</u>



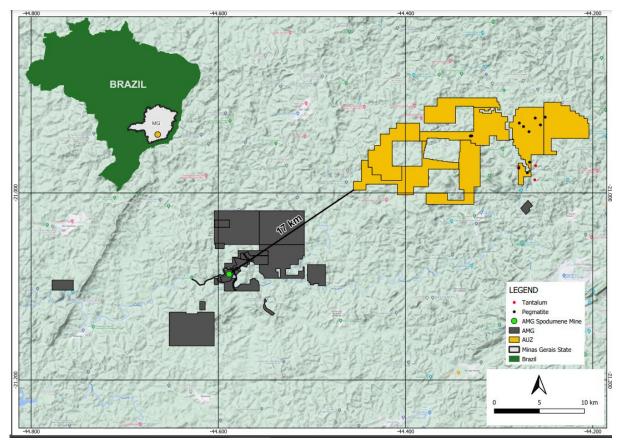


Figure 3: Location of Resende Lithium Project

Jequie Rare Earth Project (Bahia State)¹⁰

The project is located within the state of Bahia (Northeast Brazil). This renowned geological and government friendly jurisdiction has resulted in the establishment of several large-scale mining operations in the vicinity of the Jequie Rare Earth Project. The Jequie Rare Earth Project is expected to benefit from the associated complementary infrastructure of sealed roads and access to clean hydropower and a major deep-water port less than 200km distant.

The Jequie Rare Earth project comprises 45 mineral right claims covering a total aggregate land holding of **82,568 HA** or **~826km**² (Figure 1). The licences are located in the Jequié Block, a tectono-structural block of the northeastern Sao Francisco craton. The Jequié Block comprises granulite facies-metamorphosed intrusive rocks with demonstrated rare earth element ("REE") anomalism, with lonic clay and hard rock REE

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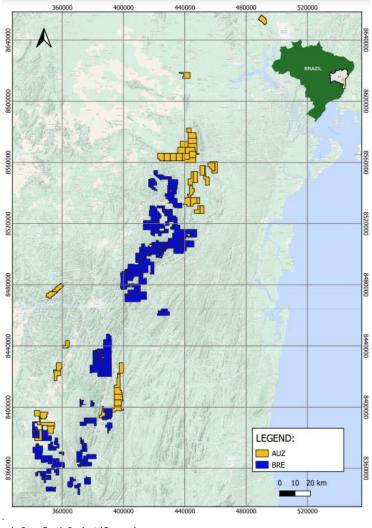


Figure 4: Location of Jequie Rare Earth Project (Orange) ENDS

¹¹ Brazilian Rare Earth Prospectus of 13 November 2023,Pg 164. Rocha da Rocha Inferred mineral resource statement as of 23 May 2023 (reported in accordance with the JORC Code (2012)). These results do not guarantee the same or similar levels of results at the Jequie Rare Earth Project.



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Appendix 1 – JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

The purpose of Table 1 below is to comply with Question 36 of the ASX "Mining Reporting Rules for Mining Entities: Frequently Asked Questions".

Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data

| Criteria | 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 handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. 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. | No assay results are reported. However, the company carried out rock-chip sampling and soil sampling, which were analysed using a LIBS machine. Samples with above background results will be sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Airborne geophysics used was obtained from public sources from the government. The state company CODEMIG executed the survey used at the Resende Costa project. |
| 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, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project |
| 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. | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project |
| Logging | Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and 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 (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project Not applicable as no drilling was performed at the project |



| Sub-sampling | • If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half | Not applicable as no assay |
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| techniques and | or all core taken. | results are reported. When the |
| sample | If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, | assay results are reported the |
| preparation | etc and whether sampled wet or dry. | sampling techniques and |
| | For all sample types, the nature, quality and | sample preparation |
| | appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. | methodology will be described |
| | Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling | |
| | stages to maximise representivity of samples. | |
| | 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. | |
| | Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain | |
| | size of the material being sampled. | |
| Quality of assay | The nature, quality and appropriateness of the | Not applicable as no assay |
| data and | assaying and laboratory procedures used and | results are reported. When the |
| laboratory tests | whether the technique is considered partial or total. | assay results are reported the |
| | For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF | Quality of the assay data and |
| | instruments, etc, the parameters used in | laboratory tests will be |
| | determining the analysis including instrument make | described, if applicable |
| | 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. | |
| Verification of | The verification of significant intersections by either | Not applicable, as no drilling or |
| sampling and | independent or alternative company personnel. | known drilling nor assay results |
| assaying | • The use of twinned holes. | are reported. |
| | Documentation of primary data, data entry | |
| | procedures, data verification, data storage (physical | |
| | and electronic) protocols. | |
| | Discuss any adjustment to assay data. | |
| Location of data | Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill | Not applicable, as no |
| points | holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, | drilling or known drilling |
| - | mine workings and other locations used in Mineral | nor assay results are |
| | Resource estimation. | reported. A handheld GPS |
| | Specification of the grid system used. | was used for sample |
| | • Quality and adequacy of topographic control. | location |
| Data spacing and | • Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. | Not applicable as no mineral |
| distribution | • Whether the data spacing and distribution is | resource estimation is reported |
| | sufficient to establish the degree of geological and | |
| | grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral | |
| | Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) | |
| | and classifications applied. | |
| | • Whether sample compositing has been applied. | |
| Orientation of | Whether the orientation of sampling achieves | Not applicable as only rock- |
| data in relation | unbiased sampling of possible structures and the | chip and soil sampling for |
| to geological | extent to which this is known, considering the | exploratory purposes was |
| structure | deposit type. | performed |
| | • 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. | |
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| Sample security | • The measures taken to ensure sample security. | The samples were securely bagged and remained in the possession of the exploration geologist |
| Audits or reviews | The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. | No previous reviews following the JORC code are known to this CP |

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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

| Criteria | Explanation | Commentary |
|---|---|---|
| Mineral tenement and land tenure status | 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. 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. | The details concerning the mineral tenement are described in the ASX announcement by Australian Mines Ltd of December 6th, 2023 <u>ASX Announcement 6</u> <u>December 2023</u> The surface area belongs to third parties (usually, small farmers) and have no interference with any known protected area |
| Exploration done by other parties | Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. | Nothing to report, the company is not aware of any previous reported exploration |
| Geology | • Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. | Refer to the information presented in the text above and in this announcement. |
| Drill hole Information | 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: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth 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 | Not applicable as no drilling was reported, nor has any known drilling taken place on the project in the past |



| | explain why this is the case. | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Data aggregation methods | 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. 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. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. | Not applicable as no assay results are reported nor available at this stage. |
| Relationship | These relationships are particularly important in the | Not applicable as no assay results |
| between | reporting of Exploration Results. | are reported nor available at this |
| mineralisation | • If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect | stage. |
| widths and | to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should | |
| intercept lengths | be reported. | |
| | 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'). | |
| Diagrams | Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) | • Not applicable as no assay results |
| J | and tabulations of intercepts should be included | are reported nor available at this |
| | for any significant discovery being reported | stage. |
| | These should include, but not be limited to a | |
| | plan view of drill hole collar locations and | |
| Balanced reporting | appropriate sectional views. Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration | Not applicable as no drilling nor |
| balanceu reporting | <i>Results is not practicable, representative</i> | assay results are reported nor |
| | reporting of both low and high grades and/or | available at this stage. |
| | widths should be practiced to avoid misleading | 5 |
| | reporting of Exploration Results. | |
| Other substantive | Other exploration data, if meaningful and | All relevant information regarding |
| exploration data | material, should be reported including (but not | geophysical and geological |
| | limited to): geological observations; geophysical | interpretation is presented in this |
| | survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; | announcement. |
| | metallurgical test results; bulk density, | |
| | groundwater, geotechnical and rock | |
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| | characteristics; potential deleterious or | |
| | characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. | |
| Further work | contaminating substances.The nature and scale of planned further work | A stream sediment |
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| Further work | contaminating substances. The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of | geochemical program, associated with soil sampling lines over mapped |
| Further work | contaminating substances. The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main | geochemical program, associated with soil sampling lines over mapped prospective units, is planned |
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JEQUIE RARE EARTH PROJECT – SURFACE SAPROLITE–CLAYS & OUTCROPPING CHARNOCKITES IDENTIFIED

Australian Mines Limited¹ (ASX: AUZ) ("AUZ" or the "Company") is pleased to report on initial findings from exploration works carried out at the Jequie Rare Earth Project² located within the state of Bahia (Brazil). AUZ confirms the identification of a high priority target (the "Target") for follow up exploration.

Highlights

The Target comprises:

- An airborne radiometric thorium anomaly, contained within the licences, of approximately **30km in length** and with a width of up to 2.5km (see Figure 1)
- Identified thick, in-situ **saprolite and saprolite clay profiles** which have the potential to host Ionic Adsorption Rare Earth Clay deposits and / or monazite sand deposits. (See Figure 2)
- Identified **Outcropping Leucogranite** and **Charnockite** which have the potential to either host primary Rare Earth Elements ("REE") or the source of secondary REE oxides contained within weathered saprolite clays. (See Figure 3)
- Field testing with a portable scintillometer returned positive readings for the presence of potential REEbearing minerals in outcrop.

AUZ's CEO, Andrew Nesbitt commented "We are very pleased to have rapidly identified and ground truthed such a high priority Target. The Target has all the ingredients to contain a significant Rare Earth Element resource, and we are looking forward to the next phase of exploration.

¹ To be renamed EcoMetal Resources Limited

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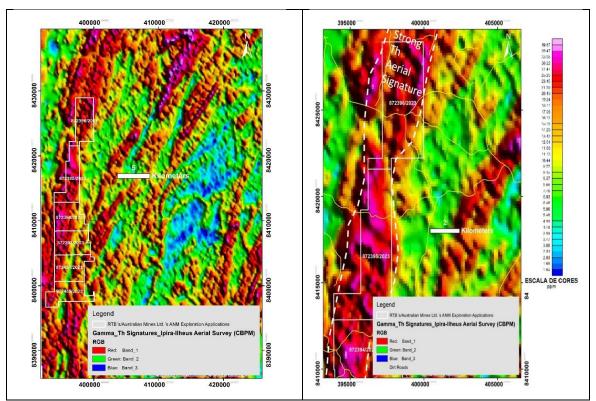


Figure 1: Airborne radiometric thorium anomaly.



Figure 2: In-situ weathered saprolite and saprolite clay profile and remnant Charnockite outcrop.





Figure 3: Charnockite outcrop, subcrop (boulders and rock fragments), note in-situ eluvial weathering.

Figures 2 and 3 represent images of the prospective fresh charnockite (100%), and its weathering product, a clayish soil. No REE mineralization, which can only be identified by assay, was visually identified. This geological setting is a known host for potential REE mineralisation within the area.

REE mineralisation, within the region, can generally be described by the following mineralisation models, which are:

- REE-enriched phases within hard rocks, such as charnockites, leucogranites and related lithologies.
- REE concentration by the physical degradation of REE-enriched source rocks by weathering to form soils and sands (e.g. monazite sands).
- REE concentration by the advanced weathering of source rocks to form saprolite and saprolite clay horizons in which REE are enriched by adsorption (ionic clay mineralisation).

All of these ingredients have been confirmed on neighbouring properties and will form the basis for planning ongoing exploration on the Jequie Rare Earth Project. Such exploration will include tracing and mapping more highly radioactive rock sequences in the field by gamma aerial geophysics (Th and U products) and by portable scintillometers. Rock-chip and soil samples taken from different outcrops and areas located on the project area will be analysed with a Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy ("LIBS") device. The samples which have above-background results for REE will be sent to a commercial laboratory for assaying. Results are expected in about 40 to 60 days.

Given the highly encouraging results from this initial reconnaissance program, AUZ will rapidly progress surface soil and outcrop rock-chip sampling to prioritize targeting thick weathered saprolite and saprolite clay horizons for **auger drill testing**.

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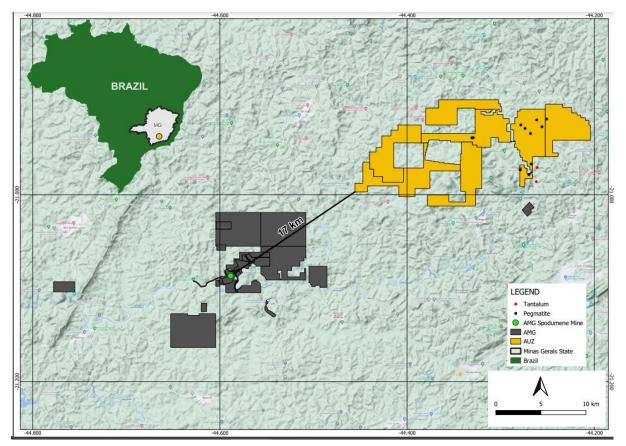


Figure 4: Location of Resende Lithium Project

Jequie Rare Earth Project (Bahia State)⁸

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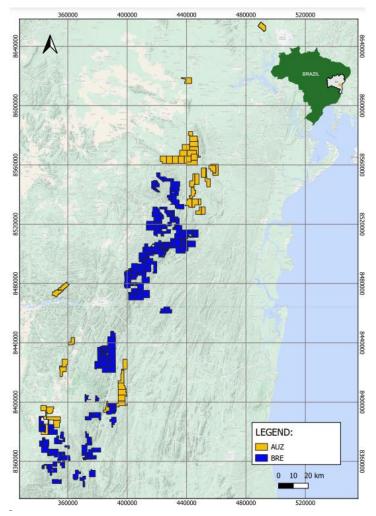


Figure 5: Location of Jequie Rare Earth Project (Orange)

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| 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 handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. 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. | No assay results are reported. However, the company carried out rock-chip sampling and soil sampling, which were analysed using a handheld XRF. Also, a radioactivity detector was used to investigate the possible association of radioactivity and REE mineralization. Samples, with above background results will be sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Airborne geophysics used was obtained from public sources from the state and federal government. The Brazilian Geological Survey in association with the Geological Survey of Bahia (CPRM/CBPM) executed the survey for the areas at the Jequié project. |
| 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, face- sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project |
| 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. | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project |
| Logging | Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and 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 (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. | Not applicable as no drilling is reported nor has known drilling taken place on the project Not applicable as no drilling was performed at the project |

Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data



| Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation | If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc 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. 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. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. | Not applicable as no assay results are reported. When the assay results are reported the sampling techniques and sample preparation methodology will be described |
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| Quality of assay data and laboratory tests | The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and 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. | Not applicable as no assay results are reported. When the assay results are reported the Quality of the assay data and laboratory tests will be described, if applicable For the radiation detection, a GC-01 by FNIRSI was used. It was used only as a support in the search for prospective rocks. |
| 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. | Not applicable, as no drilling or known drilling nor assay results are reported. |
| 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. | Not applicable, as no drilling or known drilling nor assay results are reported. A handheld GPS was used for sample location |
| Data spacing 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 appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. | Not applicable as no mineral resource estimation is reported |
| Orientation of data in relation | Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the | Not applicable as only rock-chip and soil sampling for exploratory purposes was performed |



| to geological structure | deposit type. 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. | |
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| Sample security | • The measures taken to ensure sample security. | The samples were securely bagged and remained in the possession of the exploration geologist |
| Audits or reviews | The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. | No previous reviews following the JORC code are known to this CP |

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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

| Criteria | Explanation | Commentary |
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| Mineral tenement and land tenure status | 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. 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. | The details concerning the mineral tenement are described in the ASX announcement by Australian Mines Ltd of December 6th, 2023 ASX Announcement 6 December 2023 The surface area belongs to third parties (usually, small farmers) and have no interference with any known protected area A small portion of licence 872455/2023 (<5%) has interference with two protected areas which allows mining under a more restrictive regime. |
| Exploration done by other parties | Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. | Nothing to report, the company is not aware of any previous reported exploration |
| Geology | Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. | Refer to the information presented in the text above and in this announcement. |
| Drill hole Information | 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: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth hole length. | Not applicable as no drilling was reported, nor has any known drilling taken place on the project in the past |



| Data aggregation methods | 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. 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. 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. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. | • Not applicable as no assay results are reported nor available at this stage. |
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| Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths | These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. 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'). | Not applicable as no assay results are reported nor available at this stage. |
| Diagrams | 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. | Not applicable as no assay results are reported nor available at this stage. |
| 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. | Not applicable as no drilling nor assay results are reported nor available at this stage. |
| 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. | All relevant information regarding geophysical and geological interpretation is presented in this announcement. |
| Further work | The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. | A stream sediment geochemical program, associated with soil sampling lines over mapped prospective units, is planned for the next phase of work. |

