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# **RPM Valley Drill Results Confirm Further Resource Upside**

# RPM Valley results confirm an additional broad zone of mineralization for potential resource upside with further infill and step-out drilling

#### **Highlights**

- Broad high-grade gold intersections continue at RPM Valley where mineralization remains wide open. Significant results include (Table 1 and Figures 1 and 2):
  - **RPM-048** 
    - **54m** @ **1.2 g/t Au** from 244m including;
    - **22m** @ **1.8** g/t Au from 255m
    - **16m @ 2.4 g/t Au** from 255m

(RPM-048 returned an average grade of **0.7** g/t Au over **150m** from 218m at 0.1 g/t cutoff)

- o RPM-060
  - **54m** @ **2.1** g/t Au from 260m including;
  - **42m** @ **2.6** g/t Au from 270m
  - **17m @ 5.3 g/t Au** from 273m

(RPM-060 returned an average grade of 1.0 g/t Au over 204m from 110m at 0.1 g/t cutoff)

- o RPM-063
  - 9m @ 3.1 g/t Au from 83m
  - **70m** @ **1.1 g/t Au** from 205m

(RPM-063 returned an average grade of **0.5** g/t Au over **78m** from 68m and an average grade of **0.9** g/t Au over **84m** from 191m, at 0.1 g/t cutoff)

- Final assay results from the 2023 RPM resource infill and step-out drilling program have now all been received and reported with 6 holes (1,713m) from the RPM Valley area
- These results follow up and now confirm continuity of mineralization at RPM Valley where previous drilling included (ASX Announcements: 4-October and 21 December 2022):
  - o RPM-037: **103m @ 1.0 g/t Au**, including **30m @ 1.9 g/t Au**, **21m @ 2.5 g/t Au** from 325m
  - o RPM-037: **79m @ 1.0 g/t Au** from 471m, including **30m @ 2.0 g/t Au** from 501m
  - o RPM-025: **76m @ 1.2 g/t Au** from 440m, including **43m @ 1.5 g/t Au** from 474m
- Potential exists for RPM Valley to connect with RPM North, to be tested with further infill drilling, where previously announced high-grade infill and step-out drilling confirmed the potential for resource extension to the South, East and at depth, with over 10 broad intersections grading > 5 g/t Au. including (ASX Announcement: 11 December 2023):

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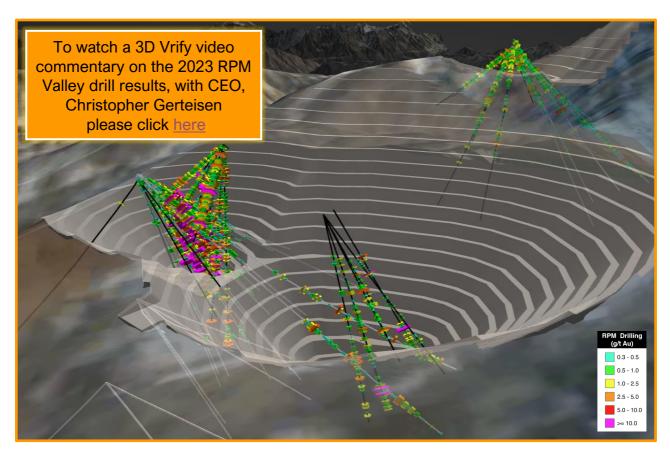
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**Main Operations** 



- RPM-056: 152m @ 2.3 g/t Au from 3m, including 98m @ 3.4 g/t Au from 48m and 38m @7.5 g/t Au from 99m
- RPM-057: 211m @ 3.2 g/t Au from 3m, including 120m @ 5.0 g/t Au from 93m and 79m @ 7.4 g/t Au from 128m
- RPM-065: 314m @ 1.9 g/t Au from 2m, including 231m 2.4 g/t Au from 39m and 118m 3.9 g/t Au from 152m
- The drill results from the overall 2023 drilling program at RPM clearly demonstrate that RPM is
  a large system that continues to grow with the deposit remaining wide open in several directions
  where the potential remains for continuity linking the mineralized zones and to discover further
  very high-grade pods similar to RPM North. The planned 2024 resource drilling program will
  prioritize RPM to continue to realize this upside potential
- With the success at RPM to date, and the upside potential and its close proximity to the Train area, RPM is starting to shape up to potentially be its own mining center, in addition to the bulk mining center proposed at Korbel
- PFS level studies are ongoing with METS Engineering conducting metallurgical test work to optimize the process flowsheet and Rough Stock Mining performing mining studies including geotechnical work that has confirmed a minimum pit slope angle of 50 degrees with the potential for further steepening under review, all of which is expected to provide additional economic upside
- Further results from the extensive soil and rock chip samples taken from across the project area in 2023 will be reported by area once received and processed





#### **Upcoming Milestones**

- Further results and potential new discoveries from the ongoing surface exploration mapping and sampling program
- Update on the potential US listing
- Material PFS test work results and trade-off studies as they become available, with a fast track production strategy being the priority
- Updated global MRE, including potential silver
- Metallurgical test work ongoing
- Environmental test work ongoing
- On-site 200kt bulk pit ore sorter pilot test program
- West Susitna access road updates
- Potential antimony opportunities as they progress

**Nova CEO, Mr Christopher Gerteisen commented:** "These new drilling results confirm an extensive mineralized zone within RPM Valley which presents further significant resource upside potential at RPM which will be followed up as a high priority target with infill and step out drilling in 2024 and beyond.

RPM continues to illustrate the unique opportunity that we have at the Estelle Gold Project, and we will now look to grow on the successes achieved with outstanding potential for resource and exploration upside. The latest results will be incorporated into an updated resource as part of the PFS study which is currently underway. Based on the multi-element assays from drilling to date, the company looks to include silver in resource estimates which is expected to provide significant bi-product credits at RPM and Korbel.

We are fast progressing through the formal strategic review process across the Estelle Gold Project with optimization work ongoing, reducing capex and setting and fastest path to commercial production to minimize shareholder dilution. While key objectives of the strategic review remain a work-in progress, we will keep our shareholders updated as relevant studies are completed to unlock further value from the Estelle Gold Project."

Nova Minerals Limited (Nova or the Company) (ASX: NVA, OTC: NVAAF, FSE: QM3) is pleased to again announce more broad high-grade gold results from its RPM deposit, this time from the new broad zone at RPM Valley, within the Company's flagship Estelle Gold Project, located in the prolific Tintina Gold Belt in Alaska.

#### **RPM Valley Drilling Summary**

A total of 6 holes were drilled into RPM Valley in 2023 designed to follow up and confirm on previous drilling which intersected a new mineralized zone in the valley in the lower part of holes RPM-037 (ASX Announcement: 21 December 2022) and RPM-025 (ASX Announcement: 4 October 2022), with results including:

- RPM-037: **103m @ 1.0 g/t Au**, including **30m @ 1.9 g/t Au**, **21m @ 2.5 g/t Au** from 325m
- RPM-037: **79m** @ **1.0** g/t Au from 471m, including **30m** @ **2.0** g/t Au from 501m
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The latest RPM results continue to prove up new broad zones of mineralization within the RPM resource area.



Geological observations indicate mineralization is hosted within an intrusive unit that may link to RPM North and RPM South representing a large IRGS system. RPM Valley remains wide open in all directions and further infill and step out drilling is planned in 2024 to increase the geological understanding and to prove up and determine the extent of the mineralization.

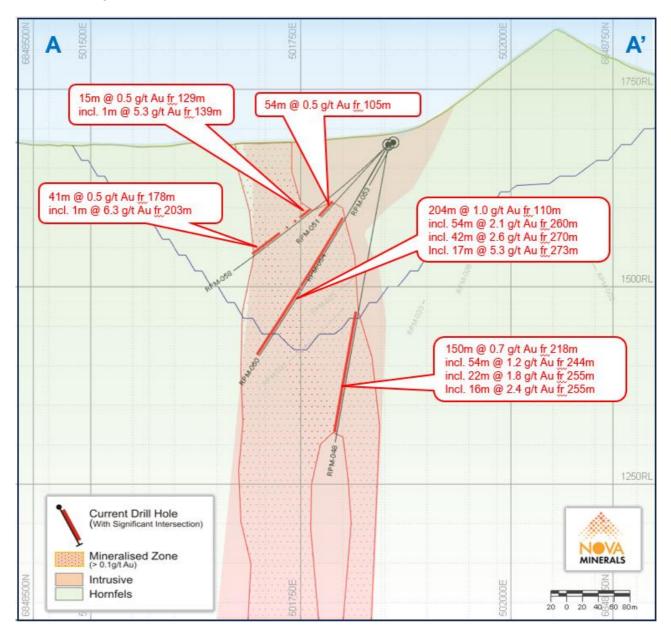


Figure 1. RPM Valley Section A-A'\_070azi showing continuity of mineralization



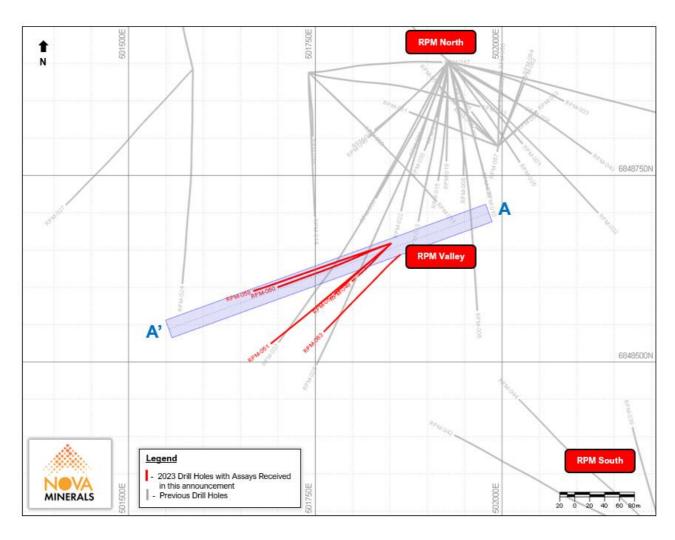
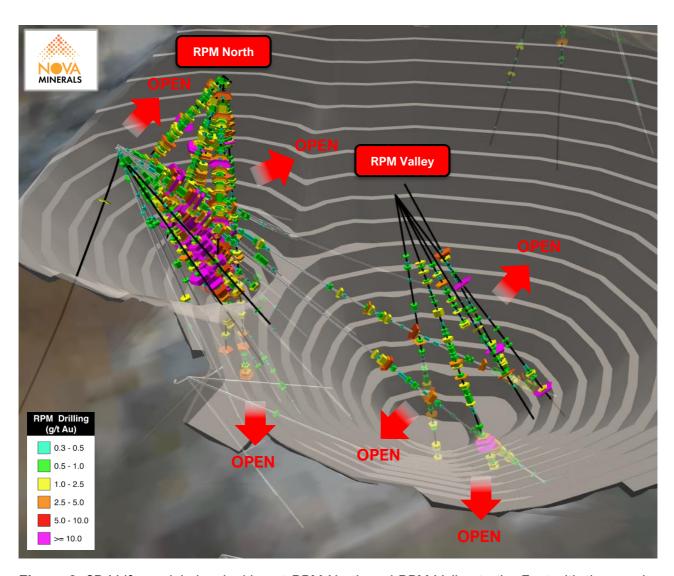


Figure 2. RPM North and RPM Valley plan view, with all drill holes to date





**Figure 3.** 3D Vrify model view looking at RPM North and RPM Valley to the East with the scoping study open pit shell. The arrows show the deposit remains wide open in many directions. New 2023 drill results have black line drill traces



Table 1. Significant intercepts\*

Hole_ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au g/t
RPM-048	218	368	150	0.67
including	244	298	54	1.16
	253	318	66	0.97
	255	271	16	2.37
	255	278	22	1.79
	293	298	5	1.98
	344	352	8	1.50
RPM-051	105	160	54	0.52
RPM-054	156	179	24	0.83
RPM-058	129	144	15	0.53
including	139	140	1	5.28
	178	219	41	0.50
including	203	204	1	6.28
RPM-060	110	313	204	1.00
including	126	132	6	1.64
	168	205	36	0.82
	179	192	13	1.23
	185	192	7	1.91
	211	235	23	0.82
	260	313	54	2.13
	270	312	42	2.60
	273	290	17	5.34
RPM-063	68	146	78	0.52
including	83	93	9	3.13
	191	274	84	0.91
including	205	274	70	1.06
	214	216	2	12.55

<sup>\*</sup>At 0.1 g/t Au cutoff and a minimum 50m width

Table 2. Drill hole details

Hole_ID	UTM_E	UTM_N	ELEV (m)	EOH (m)	AZI	DIP	Zone	Assay Results
RPM-048	501852	6848659	1680	384	230	-80	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24
RPM-051	501852	6848659	1680	297	230	-45	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24
RPM-054	501852	6848659	1680	191	230	-60	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24
RPM-058	501852	6848659	1680	253	252	-45	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24
RPM-060	501852	6848659	1680	313	253	-60	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24
RPM-063	501864	6848644	1683	274	230	-60	RPM Valley	ASX: 11/01/24

Note: UTM = NAD83 Zone 5



Table 3. RPM North Mineral Resource Estimate at various cut-off grades

Cut-	M	Measured Indicated		Inferred			Total					
off Au g/t	Tonnes Mt	Grade Au g/t	Au Moz	Tonnes Mt	Grade Au g/t	Au Moz	Tonnes Mt	Grade Au g/t	Au Moz	Tonnes Mt	Grade Au g/t	Au Moz
0.10	1.6	3.66	0.19	5.8	0.93	0.17	38	0.44	0.55	45	0.62	0.90
0.20	1.4	4.12	0.18	3.3	1.51	0.16	26	0.58	0.48	31	0.83	0.82
0.30	1.3	4.37	0.18	2.1	2.29	0.16	18	0.72	0.43	21	1.09	0.76
0.40	1.3	4.57	0.18	1.8	2.65	0.15	15	0.82	0.39	18	1.27	0.72
0.50	1.2	4.82	0.18	1.7	2.72	0.15	12	0.91	0.34	15	1.44	0.67

Further discussion and analysis of the Estelle Gold Project is available through the interactive Vrify 3D animations (which will be updated shortly with all the new drill results), presentations and videos all available on the Company's website.

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#### **Competent Person Statements**

Mr Vannu Khounphakdee P.Geo., who is an independent consulting geologist of a number of mineral exploration and development companies, reviewed and approves the technical information in this release and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG), which is ROPO accepted for the purpose of reporting in accordance with ASX listing rules. Mr Vannu Khounphakdee has sufficient experience relevant to the gold deposits under evaluation to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Vannu Khounphakdee is also a Qualified Person as defined by S-K 1300 rules for mineral deposit disclosure. Mr Vannu Khounphakdee consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in the announcement dated today that relates to exploration results and exploration targets is based on information compiled by Mr. Hans Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman, Owner of First Tracks Exploration, LLC, who is providing geologic consulting services to Nova Minerals, compiled the technical information in this release and is a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), which is ROPO, accepted for the purpose of reporting in accordance with ASX listing rules. Mr. Hoffman has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. Hoffman consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Exploration results were reported in accordance with Clause 18 of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (2012 Edition) (JORC Code).

Nova Minerals confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements, and in the case of the exploration results, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the results in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed

#### **Forward-looking Statements and Disclaimers**

This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Generally, any statements that are not historical facts may contain forward-looking information, and forward looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget" "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or indicates that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be" taken, "occur" or "be achieved." Forward-looking information is based on certain factors and assumptions management believes to be reasonable at the time such statements are made, including but not limited to, continued exploration activities, Gold and other metal prices, the estimation of initial and sustaining capital requirements, the estimation of labor costs, the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, assumptions with respect to currency fluctuations, the timing and amount of future exploration and development expenditures, receipt of required regulatory approvals, the availability of necessary financing for the Project, permitting and such other



assumptions and factors as set out herein. apparent inconsistencies in the figures shown in the MRE are due to rounding

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Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Forward looking information is made as of the date of this announcement and the Company does not undertake to update or revise any forward-looking information this is included herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.



## Appendix 1: JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 Estelle Gold Project - Alaska

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

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul> <li>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.</li> <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> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. '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 Au that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	Core is systematically logged from collar to EOH characterizing rock type, mineralization, and alteration. Oriented core measurements of structural features are taken where appropriate. Geotechnical measurements such as recoveries and RQDs are taken at 10-foot (3.05 m) intervals. Samples are taken each 10 feet (3.05m) unless there is a change in lithology, whereby <3.05m selective samples may be taken. In these cases samples are broken to lithologic boundaries. Samples are then half cut with one of the half cuts being sent to the ALS lab in Fairbanks Alaska for processing. The remaining half core is returned to the box and safely stored as reference material.
Drilling techniques	Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g. 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.).	HQ diamond core triple tube, down hole surveys every 150 feet (~50m), using a Reflex ACT-III tool.



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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>	<ul> <li>Core is processed at the on-site certified crush/split prep-lab with ~250g sample being sent of site to the ALS analytical lab in Reno Nevada. Recoveries were recorded for all holes, into a logging database to 3cm on a laptop computer by a qualified geologist using the drillers recorded depth against the length of core recovered. No significant core loss was observed.</li> <li>Triple tube HQ to maximise core recovery and enable orientation of core.</li> <li>No known relationship between sample recovery and grade. As no samples have been taken as yet, no assay results are reported, visual results only.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul> <li>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.</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>	<ul> <li>Core logging is carried out by qualified geologists using a project specific logging procedure. Data recorded includes, but is not limited to, lithology, structure, RQD, recovery, alteration, sulphide mineralogy and presence of visible gold. This is supervised by senior geologists familiar with the mineralisation style and nature. Inspection of the drill core by the site Chief Geologist is monitored remotely using photographs and logs. Rock codes have been set up specifically for the project. Logging is to a sufficient level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation and mining studies.</li> <li>Drill logging is both qualitative by geological features and quantitative by geotechnical parameters in nature. Photographs are taken of all cores trays, (wet) of whole core prior to cutting.</li> </ul>
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> </ul>	Samples are taken each 10 feet (3.05m) unless there is a change in lithology. In these cases samples are broken to lithologic boundaries. Samples are then half cut with one of the half cuts being sent to the ALS lab in Fairbanks Alaska for processing. Three different types of SRM are inserted each 20 samples. Duplicates of the reject are taken each 20 samples. One blank is inserted each 40 samples. Data is plotted and evaluated to see if



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	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub- sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.	the samples plot within accepted tolerance. If any "out of control" samples are note, the laboratory is notified.
	<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> </ul>	
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled	
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.	Samples are tested for gold using ALS Fire Assay Au-ICP21 technique. This technique has a lower detection limit of 0.001 g/t with an upper detection limit of 10 g/t. If samples have grades in
	<ul> <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>	excess of 10 g/t then Au-AA25 is used to determine the over detect limit. Au-AA25 has a detection limit of 0.01 g/t and an upper limit of 100 g/t. Three different types of SRM are inserted each 20 samples. Duplicates of the reject are taken each 20 samples. One blank is inserted each 40 samples. Data is plotted and evaluated to see if the samples plot within accepted tolerance. If any "out of control" samples are note, the laboratory is notified.
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. 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>	Assay data intercepts are compiled and calculated by the CP and then verified by corporate management prior to the release to the public.
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.	All maps and locations are in UTM grid (NAD83 Z5N) and have been measured by a digital Trimble GNSS system with a lateral accuracy of <30cm and a vertical accuracy of <50cm.All amounts in USD
	Specification of the grid system used.	
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control	



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Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	Drill holes have been spaced in a radial pattern such that all dimensions of the resource model is tested. Future geo-stats will be run on the data to determine if addition infill drilling will be required to confirm continuity.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <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>	The relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is confirmed by drill hole data driven ongoing detailed structural analysis by OTS structural consultants.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security	<ul> <li>A secure chain of custody protocol has been established with the site geologist locking samples in secure shipping container at site until loaded on to aircraft and shipped to the secure restricted access area for processing by Nova Minerals staff geologists.</li> <li>Secure shipping container at site until loaded and shipped to the secure restricted access room at TOMRA who forwarded to bureau veritas Metallurgical facility Adelaide.</li> </ul>
Audit or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	Detailed QA/QC analysis is undertaken on an ongoing basic by Qualitica Consulting.



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

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenement 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>	<ul> <li>The Estelle Gold Project is comprised of 450km2 State of Alaska mining claims</li> <li>The mining claims are wholly owned by AKCM (AUST) Pty Ltd. (an incorporated Joint venture (JV Company between Nova Minerals Ltd and AK Minerals Pty Ltd) via 100% ownership of Alaskan incorporate company AK Custom Mining LLC. AKCM (AUST) Pty Ltd is owned 85% by Nova Minerals Ltd, 15% by AK Minerals Pty Ltd. AK Minerals Pty Ltd holds a 2% NSR (ASX Announcement: 20 November 2017). Nova owns 85% of the project through the joint venture agreement.</li> <li>The Company is not aware of any other impediments that would prevent an exploration or mining activity.</li> </ul>
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgement and appraisal of exploration by other parties	Geophysical, Soil testing, and drilling was completed by previous operators in the past. Nova Minerals has no access to this data.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation	Nova Minerals is primarily exploring for Intrusion Related Gold System (IRGS) type deposit within the Estelle Gold Project
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</li> </ul>	See Table 2 which provides details of all holes drilled



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	the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	
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 of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Widths are report as core length. Future true widths will be calculated by measuring the distance perpendicular to the dip of the mineralized zone on any given cross section that the intercept appears on. Two holes per section are required to calculate true thickness. No "Top Cap" has been applied to calculation of any intercepts. A "Top Cap" analysis will be completed during a future Resources Study and applied if applicable. Widths of intersection are calculated by applying a weighted average (Sum [G x W] / Sum [W]) to the gold values and reported widths within any given intercepts. The CP will visually select the intercept according to natural grouping of higher-grade assays. Zones of internal dilution my vary depending on the CP discretion as to what is geologically significant. Sub intersection of higher grades within any given intercepts may be broken out if present.</li> <li>An overall average grade cut-off of 0.1g/t and a maximum of 6 meters of internal dilution was used.</li> </ul>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.	See above.
intercept lengths	If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	
	<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	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.	Plan view map in figure 2 shows the hole traces and pads used for drilling. Holes completed and/or in progress are also marked.
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	Does not apply. All Nova results have been disclosed to the ASX via news releases.



Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
	practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	
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.	No other substantive exploration data has been collected.
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>	Diamond drilling for 2023 is now complete and all assay results have been received and reported with planning for the 2024 drill program now underway.