

## GRANT FUNDING FOR NICKEL-COPPER-PGE-GOLD DRILLING AT COATES PROJECT

*AVL successful applicant in Round 23 of WA Government Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS)*

### KEY POINTS

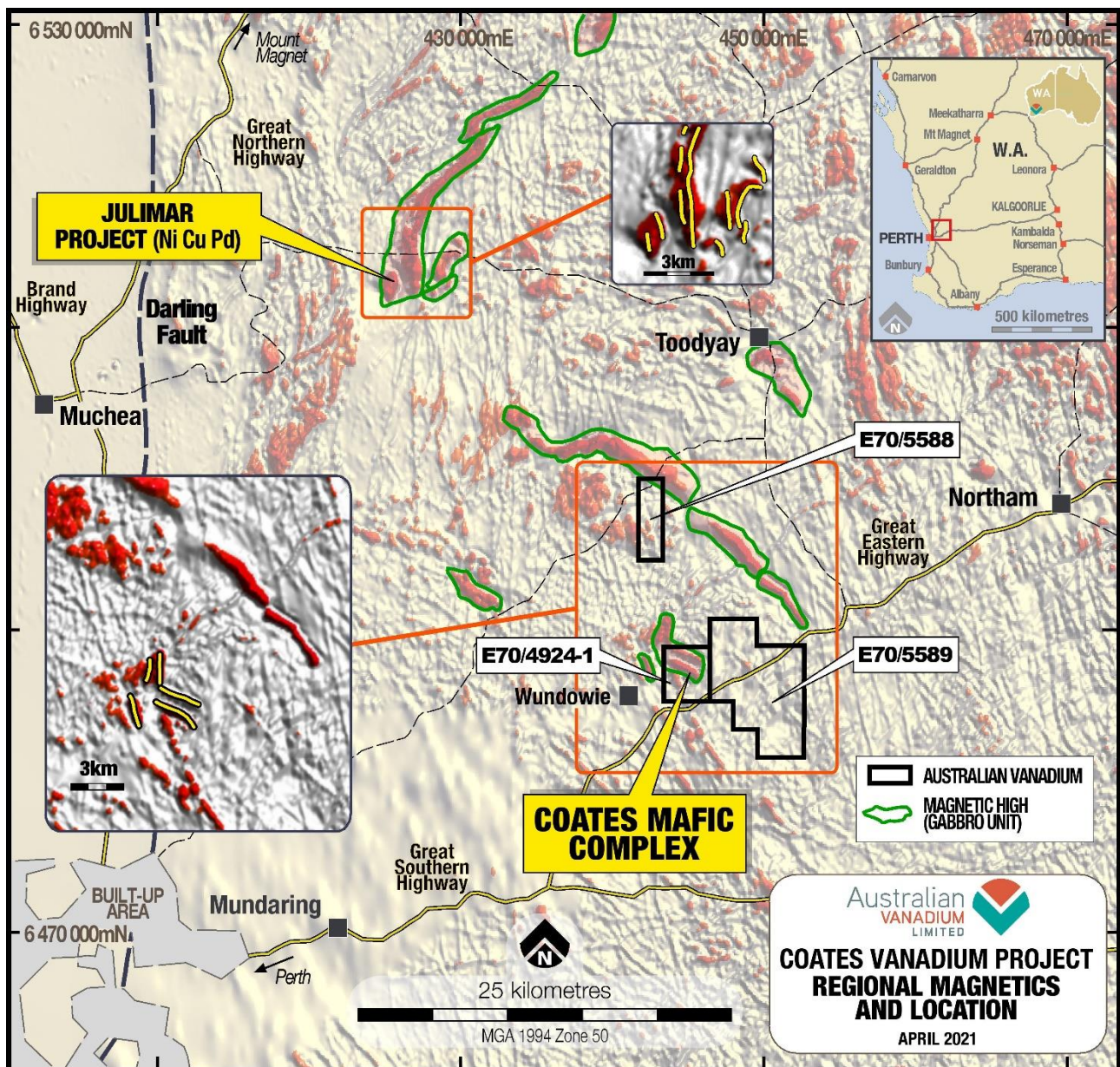
- Government of Western Australia EIS to fund up to \$112,500 of drilling at the Coates Nickel-Copper-Platinum Group Elements-Gold Project.
- The Ni-Cu-PGE-Au Project is located around the 100% AVL owned Coates vanadium deposit, approximately 35km north east of Perth in the Shire of Northam near Wundowie.
- The Coates Project is located 29km south east of the Ni-Cu-PGE-Au discoveries by Chalice Gold Mines (ASX: CHN) in a similar geological setting.
- The co-funded drilling program to obtain multi-element data from eleven geochemical and mineralogical drillholes including downhole geophysics.
- AVL has extended its tenement holding in the area, with the grant of E70/5588 along strike to the north of the main Coates intrusion.
- Drilling program approval in place for EIS work to commence.

Australian Vanadium Limited (ASX: AVL, “the Company” or “AVL”) is pleased to announce that its application has been successful in Round 23 of the Government of Western Australia’s Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS) program for the 2021/22 Financial Year. The program is designed to test for Ni-Cu-PGE-Au mineralisation at AVL’s Coates Project, south east of the Julimar PGE discoveries in Western Australia.

The Company will receive grant funding of up to \$112,500 from the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) as a contribution towards drilling costs at the Coates Ni-Cu-PGE-Au Project which is located north east of Perth (see Figure 1).

Managing Director, Vincent Algar, comments, “While AVL’s main focus remains on the development of the Australian Vanadium Project, our geological data review of the Coates Mafic Complex identified its significant similarity and potential to the Ni-Cu-PGE-Au discoveries such as those at

*Julimar and Yarahwindah and the associated discovery opportunity. The excellent exploration incentive scheme run by the WA Government will assist with drilling work in this exciting region.”*



**Figure 1 Coates Mafic Complex Location with Challice Gold Mines Julimar Discovery shown on 80m GSWA Aeromagnetics Imagery<sup>1</sup>**

Under the co-funded drilling program, the Company will drill eleven drill holes across the intrusion with Reverse Circulation (RC) to 60 - 75 metres depth, followed by diamond drilling of NQ core to maximum total hole depths of between 120 and 300 metres. Holes are planned to achieve full

<sup>1</sup> Brett JW, 2020, 80 m Magnetic Merged Grid of Western Australia 2020 version 1: Geological Survey of Western Australia, [www.dmp.wa.gov.au/geophysics](http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/geophysics)



stratigraphic coverage of the gabbro sequence. Downhole ElectroMagnetics (EM) will be used to evaluate the rocks around the drill holes for conductors.

Recent soil sampling has been undertaken at the Coates Project as part of the ongoing program of evaluation. Soil sampling programs will continue to outline geochemical targets in tandem with the EIS program. The Company has drilling locations approved for the proposed program and the EIS drilling will commence when internal resources are available. The program timetable must be concluded and reported with one year of grant.

The program will include downhole EM surveys to identify nearby conductors. This technique has been highly successful in the identification of mineralised bodies in recent exploration in this region. Airborne or ground based EM surveys are also planned for the project, but are not part of the EIS project funding.

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VSUN Energy is AVL's 100% owned subsidiary which is focused on developing the market for vanadium redox flow batteries for energy storage.

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## COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT – EXPLORATION STRATEGY

The information in this statement that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by independent consulting geologist Brian Davis BSc DipEd who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and is employed by Geologica Pty Ltd. Brian Davis has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Davis consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information made available to him, in the form and context in which it appears.

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