

VIKING CONFIRMS MINING IN ROYALTY CLAIM IN GHANA

- **Court appointed and internationally renowned mining experts SRK Consulting have completed site visit to Akoase Project**
- **Evidence of extensive mining activity seen in photos taken by Viking representative accompanying the site visit**
- **Independent expert scheduled to present their report on mining activity to the Court on 4 July 2022**
- **Viking seeking royalty payments up to US\$2M owed from mining and costs plus interest associated with the claim**

Viking Mines Limited (ASX: VKA) ("Viking" or "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on ongoing litigation matters in Ghana against the purchasers of the Akoase Project ("**the Project**"), namely Akoase Resources Limited, BXC Company Ghana Limited and Cheng Yi ("**the Defendants**") from Viking's wholly owned subsidiary Resolute Amansie Ltd ("**RAL**").

As announced on 7 February 2022, the registrar of the High Court of Ghana (commercial division) formally appointed SRK Consulting (internationally accredited mining experts) as independent Expert ("**the Expert**") to assess the extent of mining at the Project to determine the extent of royalty payable RAL.

Since the appointment in February 2022, Viking has been working with our legal representation in Ghana to secure access to the Project to allow the Expert to complete the court mandated assessment. The Defendants have been uncooperative in facilitating the site visit and as such the Expert requested a police escort to ensure their safety. Further instructions were required from the Court which delayed the process further.

Between 1-3 June 2022, the Expert finally gained access to Akoase and completed the site visit. The visit confirmed active mining is currently underway with extensive workings evident (Figure 1 & Figure 2).

The Expert's report is scheduled to be submitted to the Court on 4 July 2022. Viking expect the Court to adjourn at this hearing to a future date where the Expert will be available to be cross-examined by both parties before the Judge is able to rule on the extent of the US\$2M Royalty payable.

Potential Claim Outstanding

As reported on 20 October 2021, the judge ruled in favour of RAL and the Defendants are liable to pay the following:

- US\$3M outstanding from the sale price;
- US\$120k transfer fees;
- A royalty on any mining completed of US\$40/ounce up to a maximum of US\$2M; and
- Interest on each of the above amounts.

The Court needs to establish the amount of the royalty which is due and appointed the Expert to determine this. The Defendants paid US\$3M towards the outstanding claim in July 2020, but considerable sums remain of the aggregate amount owed. RAL will also be pursuing punitive legal costs in addition to the above items.



Figure 1; Photos showing mining activity at the Akoase Project in Ghana. Top: View to the NE of 5m benches in the Northern end of the Akoase Project. Bottom: Active mining taking place at the Akoase Project at the time of the site visit.





Figure 2; Top: Photo of mining bench with ore blocks demarcated with white tape; Bottom: SRK contracted surveyors setting up a drone for topographical survey to determine extents of mining activity.



Commenting on the completion of the site visit by the independent expert, Viking Mines Managing Director & CEO Julian Woodcock said:

"I am feeling positive that our patience with the process in Ghana has been justified. We knew that the Independent Experts site visit would confirm that mining has been undertaken at Akoase, and as such royalties are owed to our subsidiary RAL.

The next step in the process is to receive SRK's report to determine how much is payable and seek a judgement ruling to determine the final amount.

With the royalty agreement providing up to US\$2M payable, as well as costs and interest yet to be determined, I am optimistic that that the Court will rule that a substantial sum is due to RAL.

As has always been required with the legal process in Ghana, we must continue to be patient and allow the process to run its course."

Any funds received will further strengthen Viking's already strong cash balance."

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This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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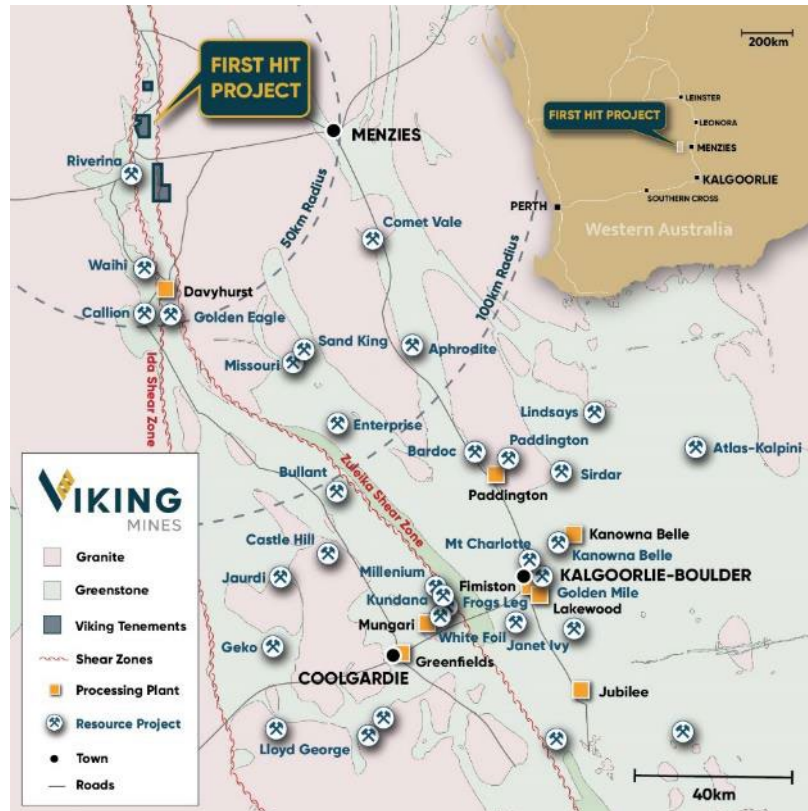
ABOUT VIKING MINES

Viking Mines is a gold focussed company with the **First Hit Project** located 150km NW of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia being the primary asset under exploration.

Viking have an aggressive exploration strategy to explore for high grade gold occurrences and discover ounces along fertile gold structures. The historically mined, First Hit gold mine is the focus of Vikings activity to deliver on this strategy. Rapid advancement and exploration are occurring to explore, discover and develop gold ounces at the Project. The strategy will generate shareholder value through the discovery of new gold resources.

First Hit Project, Western Australia

The **First Hit Project** is centred around the historic high-grade First Hit gold mine situated along the prospective Ida and Zuleika Shear zones in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia. The Project incorporates ~28km² of tenements with 6 active Mining and Prospecting licences and 1 Exploration licence under application. At the core of this landholding is a 6.4km² group of contiguous tenements which host the historic First Hit gold mine.



Prior to closure of the First Hit gold mine by Barra Resources in 2002 and at a time of depressed gold prices of US\$ 320/oz, the First Hit mine produced ~30koz ounces of gold at an average grade of ~7.7g/t Au. No modern exploration activity has been conducted in the past 18 years and creates a significant opportunity for Viking. The Company is focused on delivering exploration programmes to test near mine extensions and regional targets around the **First Hit Project** with the objective of defining fertile structures and discovering gold ounces.

Examples of the high-grade nature of the mineralisation previously drilled at First Hit include:

- 4.9m at 64.8g/t Au from 62.1m (FHU045)¹
- 3m at 77.6g/t Au from 224.0m (BFH030)¹
- 4m at 26.1g/t Au from 58.0m (BFH005)¹

The Project area is well serviced by infrastructure and is located 50km west of the sealed Goldfields highway and the township of Menzies. The nearest operating Gold Processing Plant is the Davyhurst Mill 50km to the south, owned and operated by Ora Banda Mining (ASX:OBM). The nearest operating gold mine is the Riverina open pit, located 8km south of the First Hit gold mine, owned by OBM.

The Company also has projects located in Ghana. Viking is currently undergoing legal proceedings to secure costs and interest associated with the sale of the Akoase project in Ghana.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Competent Persons Statement

Information in this release that relates to Exploration Results on the Western Australian projects is based on information compiled by Mr Ian Stockton, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Stockton is a full-time employee of CSA Global. Mt Stockton is engaged by Viking Mines Ltd as an independent consultant. Mr Stockton has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being 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'. The exploration results were first reported to ASX on 26 November 2020. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original.

¹ASX announcement dated 26th November 2020