

MT. BERGHAUS EXPLORATION LICENCE UPDATE

Caeneus Minerals Limited (ASX:CAD) ("CAD" or "the Company") wishes to provide an update on its application for exploration licence 45/5041 referred to as Mt Berghaus located in the Mallina Basin, Pilbara WA.

Blue Ribbon Mines Pty Ltd applied for the tenement on 4 October 2017. The Company then acquired the tenement under application from Blue Ribbon, as part of a package of tenements including Roberts Hill (E47/3846) and Yule River (E47/3857), on 19 October 2017. See Figure 1.

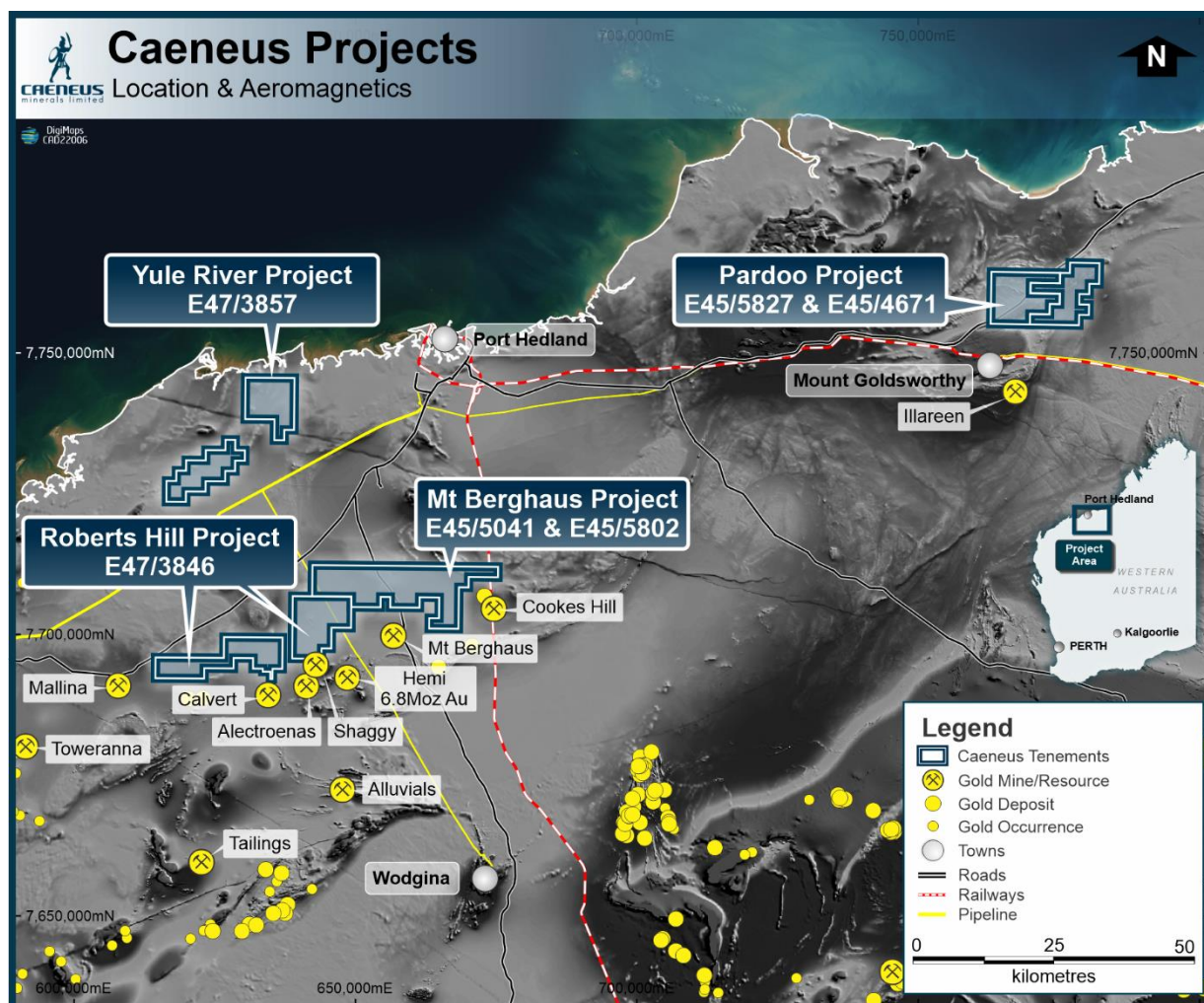


Figure 1: Location map of Caeneus Projects in the Pilbara of Western Australia.

Following the acquisition of these licences and consistent with standard practice, the parties put to the Warden an agreed Minute proposing that the parties' excise land around key infrastructure such as rail lines. Following the Wardens decision in relation to this access condition, The Department of Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety ("DMIRS") deemed that it was not possible to excise the railway licences and easements from the tenement application. The case was then referred to the Supreme Court as part of DMIRS concerns as to the lawfulness of excisions and bespoke conditions in relation to the licencing of tenements.

The Supreme Court action has since become a significant decision for the Court to consider as it seeks to clarify the ultimate authority granted to the Minister in relation to excisions and bespoke conditions on licences. The legal outcome is important for the entire industry seeking greater clarity in relation to these standard matters in the future and one that has been fully supported by CAD.

Chief Justice Quinlan handed down his decision on 31 October 2022 and the findings from this judgement can be found at:

<https://ecourts.justice.wa.gov.au/eCourtsPortal/Decisions/DownloadDecision?id=0960dc43-c155-4f18-95bb-4f7fd9b617a7>

In summary the Chief Justice determined the following:

1. The Minister does not have power to excise areas the subject of a miscellaneous licence from the grant of an application for an exploration licence in the sense that the Minister may not grant an exploration licence over part of a block by reason of the presence of a miscellaneous licence over the rest of that block.
2. The Minister does not have power to excise private land from the grant of an application for an exploration licence in the sense that the Minister may not grant an exploration licence over part of a block by reason of the presence of private land over the rest of that block.
3. The Minister has power to impose conditions which prohibit mining or exploration activities upon the grant of an exploration licence.
4. The Minister has power to impose conditions which prohibit certain actions unless there is consultation or consent is obtained from the Minister or other parties.

The matter will now be relisted to be heard by the Mining Warden in Perth with a hearing expected in early 2023. After this hearing, CAD remain optimistic that the grant of the tenement will occur, albeit this outcome is contingent on the standard legal and appeals process and timetable.

Once the final approvals have been granted, CAD intend to commence its long awaited exploration initiatives across what is a highly prospective land holding located within close proximity to De Grey Mining (ASX:DEG) and its wholly owned Mallina Gold Projects containing current resources of 10.6Moz.

Chairman Davide Bosio commented *"The Board is very pleased with this recent development. The process has been frustrating for the Company and its shareholders however the outcome from the recent Supreme Court hearing provides us with greater clarity and progress enabling the application to move towards grant. Given the highly prospective nature of this project and the enormous success of our neighbours in relation to their identification and proposed development of resources, we look forward to rewarding shareholders in the near future for their patience and support during this period."*

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

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