

## **Over Four Hundred Potential Lithium Bearing Pegmatite Targets Identified at the Cyclone Lithium Project, James Bay Region, Quebec**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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- **Analysis of hyperspectral imagery has identified 415 potential lithium bearing pegmatite targets within the Cyclone Project area.**
- **Pegmatite targets within the project area are interpreted to cluster within nine distinct zones, a number of which are close to existing roads.**
- **Ground truthing hyperspectral targets remains the number one priority for the upcoming field season in preparation for drilling.**
- **Significant potential remains for massive nickel sulphides and orogenic style gold deposits in addition to lithium within the belt.**

**Megado Minerals Limited** (ASX: MEG) (**Megado** or the **Company**) has undertaken a detailed interpretation of hyperspectral imagery over its Cyclone Lithium Project.

[Terra Resources](#) (**Terra**) was engaged by Megado to conduct a detailed interpretation of hyperspectral imagery targeting lithium bearing pegmatite within the project area. Terra has a track record of successfully identifying lithium occurrences from remote sensing datasets, particularly in the James Bay Region. The interpretation by Terra relied on Aster and Sentinel-2 satellite imagery, in conjunction with proprietary algorithms that target lithium bearing pegmatites.

Terra's analyses identified 415 occurrences of potential lithium bearing pegmatite within the 130km<sup>2</sup> Cyclone Project area (Figures 1 & 2). The interpretation was aided by the correlation of historically identified pegmatite occurrences and known lithium spectral bands to provide the most robust results. Importantly, there appears to be nine (9) semi-contiguous clusters of occurrences within the greenstone belt – this is critical for the potential to build significant tonnage of possible mineralised rock. Clusters range in size but are generally over 4km in length, with individual targets in the order of 10's to 100's of metres in length. A number of these clusters are present within proximity to main road access into the Cyclone Project area.

#### **Megado Minerals CEO & MD, Ben Pearson commented:**

*"The outcomes of this survey work has exceeded our expectations. To identify 400+ potential lithium bearing pegmatite outcrops in nine distinct areas, shows that our underlying thesis regarding the prospectivity for lithium at Cyclone Project is sound. This is a belt that has not previously been explored for lithium. The potential for a discovery within the area is now significantly more favourable, especially given the success of our peers in similar greenstone belts. We are excited to follow up this work with a systematic program of ground truthing during the upcoming summer field season."*

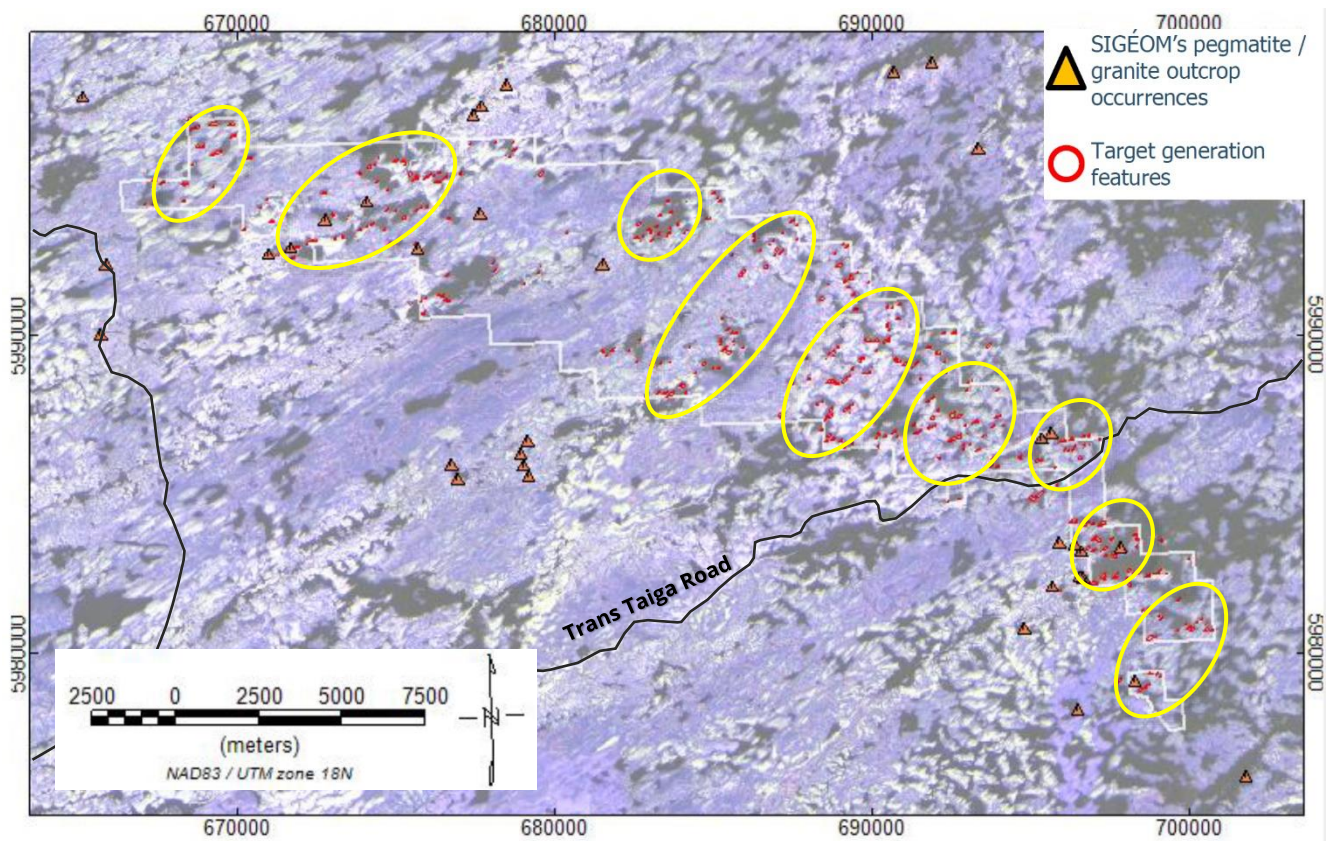


Figure 1: Aster band combination imagery over the Cyclone project, with potential lithium bearing pegmatite targets in red (n=415), identified by Terra Resources. The 415 occurrences appear to cluster within nine (9) distinct areas.

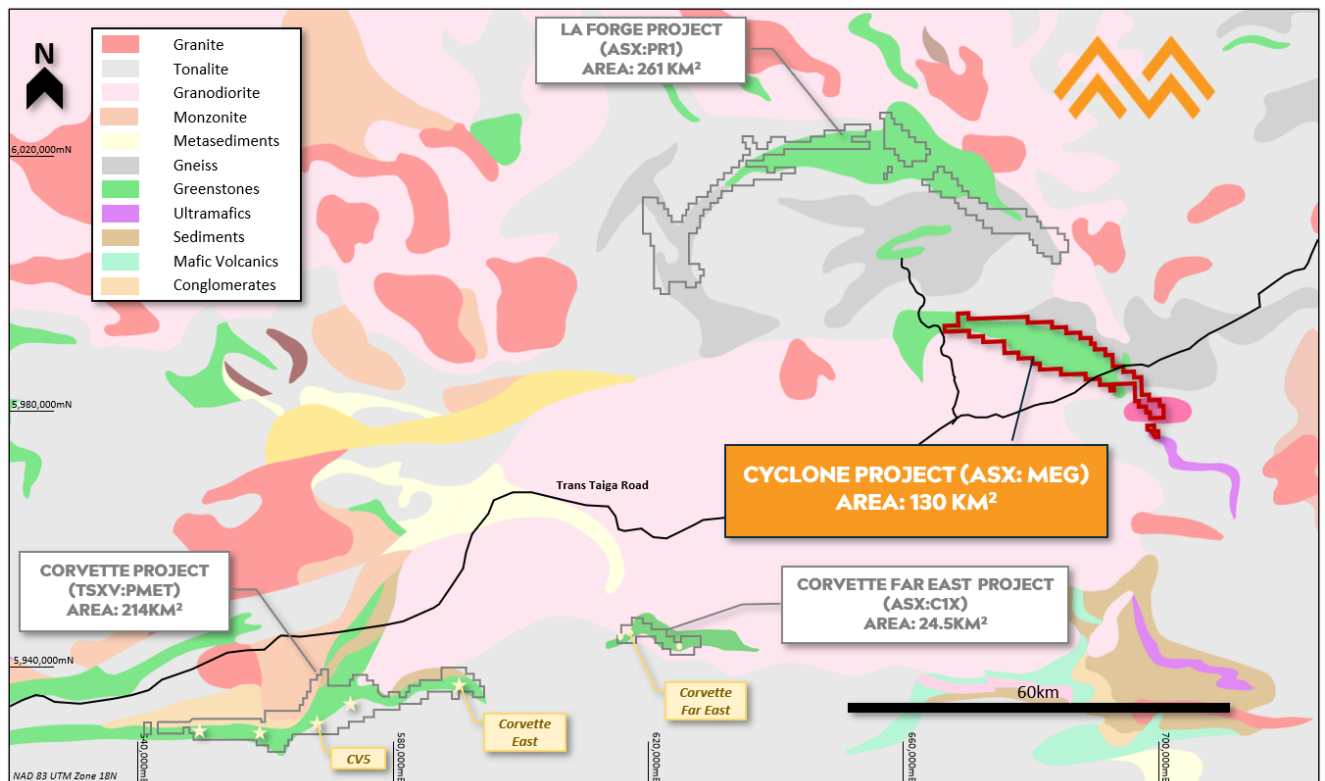


Figure 2: The large and previously unexplored for lithium, Cyclone Project, James Bay region, Quebec.

## Future Work Programs at Cyclone

Another remote sensing program is also underway, utilising high resolution satellite imagery and detailed topography to perform a structural analysis of the Cyclone Project. The aim of this work is to provide an additional data layer to aid initial field work and drill targeting, and to identify areas of possible pegmatite mineralisation that may be under cover. Results from this work will be announced once completed.

A more detailed review of these hyperspectral targets will be done, in combination with existing datasets of government mapping, high-resolution geophysics (previously acquired), and the upcoming high-resolution topography and satellite imagery based detailed structural analysis of the Cyclone Project. These datasets will be reviewed in combination to determine possible controls to pegmatite mineralisation, influence of glaciation and morphology versus host rock controls, and prospectivity of the target areas to develop a probabilistic ranking of targets.

Logistics planning is ongoing, looking to start the field season once the snow has cleared with drilling anticipated later in the season.

### Related Announcements:

<a href="#">29 March 2023</a>	Detailed Geophysics Identifies Exciting New Carbonatite Targets
<a href="#">14 March 2023</a>	Silver King Prospect at North Fork returns up to 15.85% TREE
<a href="#">27 February 2023</a>	North Fork REE Project Additional Claims Secured
<a href="#">17 February 2023:</a>	Canadian Lithium Project Acquisition
<a href="#">17 January 2023:</a>	Newly Acquired Historical Data North Fork REE Project
<a href="#">15 September 2022:</a>	Rock Samples at new REE Prospect at North Fork Project with up to 2.41% TREO, including 0.58% Nd-Pr
<a href="#">29 August 2022:</a>	Megado Initiates Strategic Review at USA Rare Earths Project
<a href="#">21 June 2022:</a>	Felix Strategic Minerals Acquisition Completes
<a href="#">15 June 2022:</a>	Carbonatites located at Surface at North Fork Project, Idaho
<a href="#">7 June 2022:</a>	MEG Raises A\$2.4m to Fund Initial Exploration at North Fork
<a href="#">14 April 2022:</a>	MEG to Acquire US High-Grade Rare Earth Element Project

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Authorised for release by the Board of Megado Minerals Limited.

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## About Megado Minerals

Megado Minerals Ltd (ASX: MEG) (the Company or Megado) is an ASX-listed mining exploration company. The company's assets include the North Fork Rare Earth Project in Idaho, USA and the Cyclone Lithium Project in the James Bay region in Quebec, Canada.

In June 2022, Megado completed the acquisition 100% of the rights, title, and interest in the North Fork Rare Earth Project ('North Fork'), located in the mining-friendly Idaho Cobalt Belt region of Idaho, USA. Subsequently, Megado has acquired new lode claims in the project area. North Fork now consists of 526 (granted and in application), covering approximately 45km<sup>2</sup> with outcropping, high-grade, rare-earth element (REE) mineralised rock. It contains multiple carbonatite-hosted, high-grade, REE mineralised veins that have been observed at surface across numerous prospects over 10km along strike. Previous exploration has returned exceptional grades in channel samples. REE mineralisation displayed at North Fork is high-grade and enriched in critical rare earths (CREO), (typically Y, Nd, Tb, Dy, Eu). Idaho, where North Fork is located, is ranked the best mining policy jurisdiction in the world in 2020 by Fraser Institute.

In February 2023, Megado announced the acquisition of the Cyclone Lithium Project. The Project is in Quebec's James Bay region and centred on the Aquilon Greenstone Belt. The Project encompasses 130km<sup>2</sup> and includes 304 claims. Located within Category-III lands, the Cyclone Project does not carry any restrictions relating to mining or exploration according to the James Bay Agreement. The Project area is easily accessible year-round via the Trans Taiga Road, which transects the southern part of the Project area.

## Forward Looking Statements

This announcement contains 'forward-looking information' that is based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections as of the date on which the statements were made. This forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements with respect to the Company's business strategy, plans, development, objectives, performance, outlook, growth, cash flow, projections, targets and expectations, mineral reserves and resources, results of exploration and related expenses. Generally, this forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as 'outlook', 'anticipate', 'project', 'target', 'potential', 'likely', 'believe', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'may', 'would', 'could', 'should', 'scheduled', 'will', 'plan', 'forecast', 'evolve' and similar expressions. Persons reading this announcement are cautioned that such statements are only predictions, and that the Company's actual future results or performance may be materially different. Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, level of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

## Competent Persons Statement

Information in this "ASX Announcement" relating to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves has been compiled by Dr Chris Bowden who is a Fellow & Chartered Professional of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is Chief Geologist of Megado Minerals Ltd.

He has sufficient experience that is relevant to the types of deposits being explored for and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code 2012 Edition). Dr Bowden has consented to the release of the announcement.

## Appendix B: JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<i>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g., 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.</i>	The nature of results in the body of this ASX Release relate to a hyperspectral survey carried out over the Cyclone Project.  Aster and Sentinel-2 satellite imagery was used.
	<i>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done.
	<i>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done.
	<i>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 pulverized 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 (e.g., submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done.
Drilling techniques	<i>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.).</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Drill sample recovery	<i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Logging	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.

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	<i>samples.</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no assay or laboratory procedures have been used.
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g., standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no samples generated thus no QAQC procedures have been adopted.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no assays conducted thus no significant intercepts reported.
	<i>The use of twinned holes.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i>	Digital copy of the hyperspectral survey, report, maps, and GIS data are stored on the company cloud server.
	<i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no assay data generated thus no adjustments to assay data made.
Location of data points	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done thus no downhole surveys conducted.
	<i>Specification of the grid system used.</i>	NAD83 UTM Zone 18N
	<i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done.
Data spacing and distribution	<i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no Exploration Results are reported.
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no Exploration Results are reported, nor Mineral Resource or Ore Reserve estimations done.
	<i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done thus no compositing has been applied.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done.
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Sample security	<i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done thus no sample security required.
Audits or reviews	<i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no sampling works done thus no audits or reviews required.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results  
(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code 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.	Information regarding tenure is included in the body of this release, and more specifically, within earlier releases outlining the Cyclone acquisition.
	The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a license to operate in the area.	The Concessions are believed to be in good standing with the governing authority and there is no known impediment to operating in the area.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	Limited historical work has been completed in relation to lithium. Historical work has been undertaken in relation to nickel and gold, however, none of these results have been independently verified. A geophysical survey was conducted by DGRM in 2022 which incorporated Heliborne Magnetics and TDEM acquisition. The survey was flown with traverse lines at 150m spacing and 1000m tie lines at an average receiver height of 61m and transmitter height of 36m. The magnetometer used was a Geometrics G-822A and the TDEM system was ProspectEM. Location data was collected using Omnistar DGPS. Although various magnetic and TDEM anomalies have been indicated by this survey, their materiality is yet to be determined until ground truthing can be carried out.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The Cyclone Project is within the La Grande Sub province, a subdivision of the Superior Province. Within the Project area are two folded Greenstone belts. These include: the northern La Forge Greenstone Belt which consists of paragneisses with minor conglomerates and felsic tuffs; and the southern Aquilon Greenstone Belt which consist of metabasalts, komatiites, metasediments and calc alkaline felsic rocks. The Aquilon Belt (Cyclone Project) varies in width from 2 to 5 km and is over 50 km long. Lithologies include tholeiitic metabasalts, ultramafic lavas, iron formation, metasediments and felsic volcanics. Plutonic rock of varying composition along with quartz veins, diabase and pegmatitic dykes crosscut rocks of the volcano sedimentary basin. Lithologies have undergone considerable deformation, faulting, and folding.
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: eastings and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in meters) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth hole length.	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	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.	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done thus no

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Data aggregation methods	<i>averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g., cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</i>	reporting of Exploration Results.
	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done thus no data aggregation methods were used.
	<i>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done thus no metal equivalent values have been calculated.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<i>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
	<i>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</i>	Not applicable for this release, no drilling works done.
Diagrams	<i>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.</i>	Appropriate maps have been included in this ASX Release.
Balanced reporting	<i>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.</i>	Not applicable for this release, no Exploration Results are being reported.
Other substantive exploration data	<i>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.</i>	To the best of our knowledge, no meaningful and material exploration data have been omitted from this ASX Release.
Further work	<i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g., tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i>	Megado Minerals is reviewing the data to determine the best way to advance the projects and will notify such plans once confirmed.
	<i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i>	Refer to figures in the main body of this ASX Release that shows where works have been conducted, and highlight possible extensions and where future exploration campaigns may focus.