

#### SANTANA MINERALS TO PRESENT AT NOOSA MINING INVESTOR CONFERENCE

**19 July 2023** Santana Minerals Limited (ASX: SMI) ("Santana" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that Damian Spring, CEO, will be presenting an update on the Company and its progress at the Bendigo-Ophir gold project at the Noosa Mining Conference being held from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Damian will be presenting on Friday 21st July 2023 at 1:45pm AEST or 3:45pm NZST. A copy of the presentation is attached to this announcement. For further details and to register to watch proceedings online visit www.noosaminingconference.com.au.

This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Board. For further information, please contact:

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Bendigo-Ophir Project New Zealand

A rapidly growing multi-million ounce gold resource in the Central Otago goldfields

**Noosa Mining Investor Conference** 

**July 2023** 



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The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information provided in the following ASX announcements:

\* "RAS Resource Upgrade – One Million Ounces Added at Higher Gold Grades" dated 2 February 2023

Information relating to general Resources, Exploration Targets and Exploration Data associated with the Company's projects in this announcement is extracted from the following ASX Announcements:

- ASX announcement titled "MDD054 "Jewellery Box" Drillhole Delivers Exceptional Result" dated 26 July 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "MDD054 Jewellery Box Re-Assays to 1,400g/t Gold" dated 22 August 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "New gold intercepts exceed previous grades & thicknesses" dated 6 September 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "Multiple Gold intercepts beyond all Resource Halos" dated 18 October 2022
- ASX announcement titled "RAS continues to deliver strong gold grades" dated 2 November 2022
- ASX announcement titled "RAS Glows with more high gold grades over wide intervals" dated 29 November 2022
- ASX announcement titled "More High Gold Grades from RAS Infill Drilling" dated 4 April 2023
- ASX announcement titled "New Gold Assays and Metallurgical Results from RAS" dated 24 April 2023
- ASX announcement titled "New Gold Assays and Metallurgical Results from RAS" dated 24 April 2023
- ASX announcement titled "New Infill Drilling Gold Assay Results from RAS" dated 3 May 2023
- ASX announcement titled "High Grade Intercept from Infill Drilling South of RAS Ridge" dated 3 June 2023
- ASX announcement titled "RAS High Grade Zones Expand with New Drilling Results" dated 22 June 2023
- ASX announcement titled "Results of Infill Drilling at RAS continues to grow confidence" dated 13 July 2023

A copy of such announcement is available to view on the Santana Minerals Limited website <a href="www.santanaminerals.com">www.santanaminerals.com</a>. The reports were issued in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the JORC Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and, in the case of estimates of mineral resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changes. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

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Our vision is to develop the Bendigo-Ophir project into a world class, long life, environmentally sustainable mining project that will bring generational employment and prosperity to the **Central Otago Region**.

**Bendigo-Ophir Project** 

### **Executive Summary**

**Highlights** 









292km² land package located on mainly freehold land within the richly endowed and historically mined Otago goldfields of New Zealand's South Island, 1 hour's drive from Queenstown

Ongoing exploration success is rapidly adding gold ounces and increasing grade

Current MRE of 2.9Moz total global resource across all 4 RSSZ deposits Project development studies underway with the objective of establishing a long-life, environmentally sustainable mining operation Experienced Board and Management team with a track record of mine development and shareholder value creation

1M oz

Added in 6 months since July 2022 MRE upgrade

-2.66M oz

Current RAS resource including maiden Indicated Resource of 280k oz at 4.3g/t.

300%

Increase in gold grades since project acquisition in November 2020

A\$3.50/oz

Approximate cost per discovery ounce... Resources are being added cheaply.

# Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project, Central Otago

### 90km NW of OceanaGold's Macraes Gold Mine

Multiple prospects over 30km along the Rise and Shine Shear Zone (RSSZ)



- Matakanui Gold Limited (MGL) granted exploration permit over Rise and Shine area
- MGL declares initial MRE of **0.2Moz** @ **0.9g/t Au**, 0.25g/t COG and top cut at SHR, CIT and RAS
- Santana acquires 100% ownership of MGL and raises A\$7.5M to fund exploration
- MDD007 drilled at RAS 40.3m@2.05g/t with visible gold. MRE updated to **0.5Moz** @ **1.5g/t Au**, 0.5g/t Au COG with top cut.
- MRE updated to **1.9Moz** @ **1.8g/t Au.** MDD054 "Jewellery Box" intercepts 1m @ 1400 g/t Au with visible gold
- MRE updated to 2.9Moz @ 2.3g/t Au, including maiden indicated resource at RAS of 0.3Moz @ 4.3g/t Au



## Rise and Shine Shear Zone (RSSZ)



### Outstanding exploration success and down-plunge potential over four deposits



Come In Time Ris



Rise and Shine 2,662koz @ 2.5g/t Au



59koz @ 1.5 g/t Au

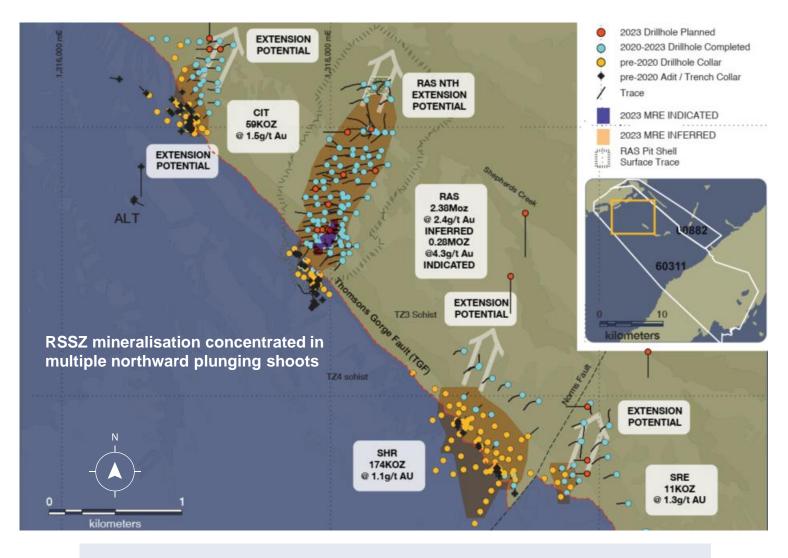
Shreks 174koz @ 1.1 g/t Au



Shreks-East 11koz @ 1.3 g/t Au



Combined Total 2,909koz @ 2.3 g/t Au\*



RSSZ extends 4km NW-SE along strike of a total 30km within EP60311.

<sup>\*</sup> refer to Appendix 1 for further details of the Mineral Resource Estimate

### RAS

### The Jewel in the Crown...so far

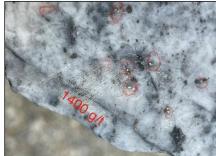
- The Rise and Shine (RAS) deposit is a 450m wide, mineralised zone extending down plunge 1,700m and is still open at depth.
- It is hosted within the Rise and Shine Shear Zone (RSSZ) low angle late metamorphic shear zone dipping 20 – 30 degrees to the NE.
- The hanging wall is marked by the very planar and predictable Thomson Gorge Fault, a postmetamorphic reactivation of the hanging wall shear of the RSSZ.

- RAS is dominated by two mineralized domains averaging 14m and 11m each. A further 4 domains exist below these, but are smaller in extent and average between 6 and 8m thick
- Drilling to date totals 45,404m
- 2.7Moz @ 2.5g/t I&I JORC Resource including 0.3Moz @ 4.3g/t Indicated resource
- +99.9% of the resource is contained within fresh schist rock

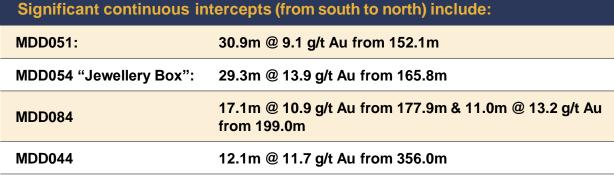
### TOTAL HOLE GOLD METAL UNITS (MU) **MDD044** TZ4 Schist homsons Gorge Fault (TGF >100 Au MU >50 Au MU >40 Au MU >20 Au MU MDD084 >10 Au MU 2023 RAS COMBINED 2.66Moz @ 2.5g/t Au (top-cut, min 0.5g/t) MDD051 MDD054 2023 INFERRED 2.38Moz @ 2.4q/t Au 2023 INDICATED 0.28Moz @ 4.3a/t Au

Rise & Shine (RAS) Deposit 2023 MRE & Drill hole Gold MU (g\*m)





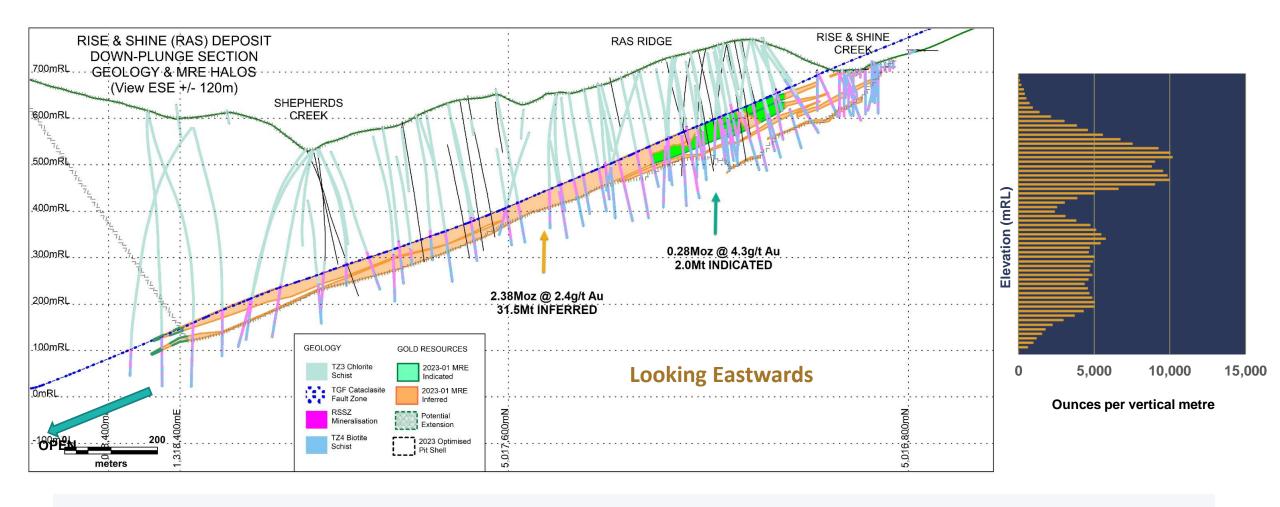




## **RAS** Deposit

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### Amenable to open pit mining with 10:1 to 14:1 vertical strip ratio





Orebody geometry and grade distribution points to early access to high grade ore.



Highest oz/vertical metre located within 200m of surface.



250m

All +5koz/vertical metre within 250m from surface.

# Permitting in NZ – a clear pathway exists



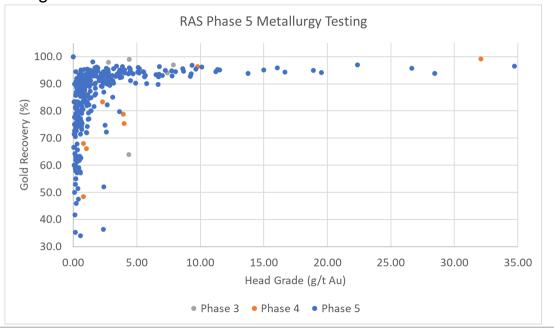
### Three pillars to commence mining

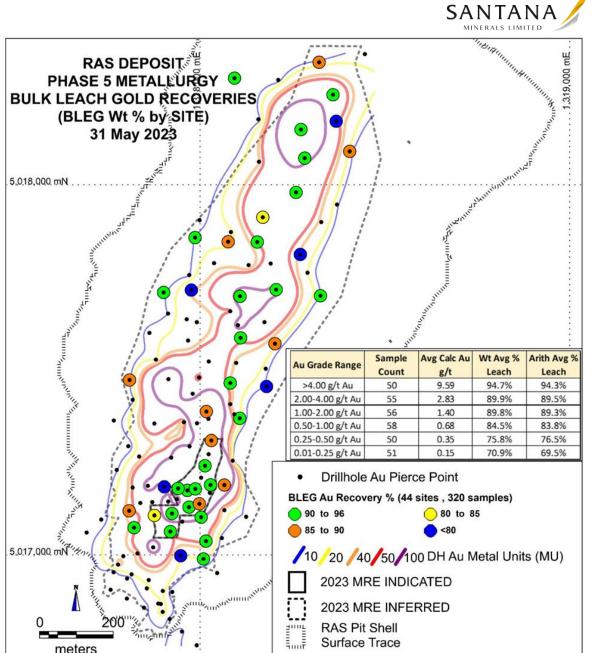
	Mineral Access	Land Access	Resource Consenting (Environmental Approval)
Principal Act	CMA 1991	CMA 1991, OIA 2005	RMA 1991
Authority	NZ Petroleum and Minerals (NZPAM)	<sup>1</sup> Private freehold <sup>2</sup> Crown leasehold - Land Information NZ (LINZ)	Central Otago District Council (CODC) Otago Regional Council (ORC)
Current	Exploration Permit EP60311 Application for Extension of Duration for EP60311 being processed EP60311 continues until EOD granted	Agreements in place with:  Bendigo Station <sup>1</sup> Ardgour Station <sup>1</sup> Matakanui Station <sup>2</sup> that enables mining.	Baseline studies completed or underway: Water flow and quality Weather and air quality Ecology Archaeology and heritage
Pending	Application for Mining Permit	Nil	Assessment of Environmental Effects Applications for Resource Consents to CODC and ORC

# Metallurgy

# Amenable to Gravity + CIP

- RAS is 100% fresh, unoxidized schist rock
- Standard gravity-cyanide leach testwork undertaken by ALS on multiple composite samples, overseen by KCAA
- Indicative metallurgy shows free milling gold recoverable by gravity followed by cyanide leach together expected to achieve in the order of 90% recovery
- Phase 5 tested 320 drill core crush reject samples from 44 drillholes by BLEG at P80 -75µm followed by fire assay of the residue. Weighted average recovery between 84.5% and 94.7% for samples >0.5g/t.



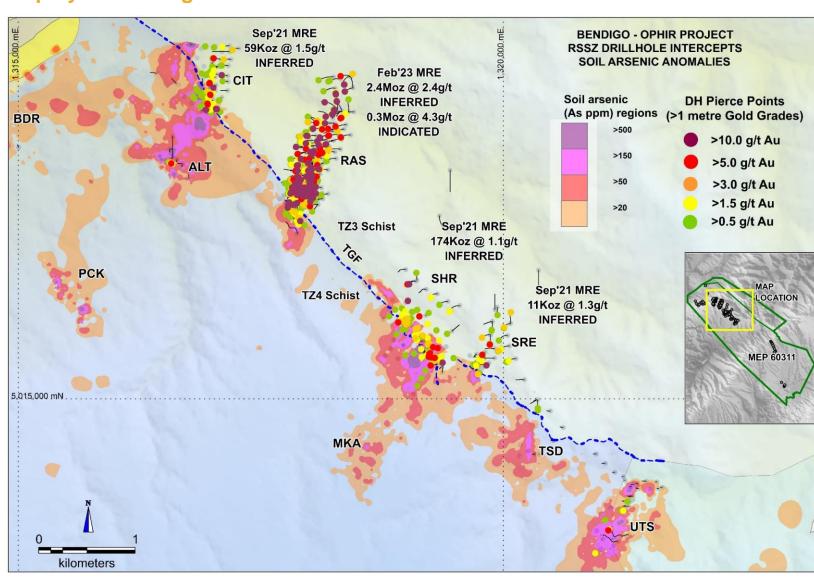




# Regional Exploration

### Strong arsenic soil anomalies followed up by RC drilling

- Several of arsenic soil anomalies have been identified at:
  - BDR Bendigo Reefs
- ALT Alta
- TSD Thomsons Saddle
- UTS Upper Thomsons
- MKA Mount Moka
- PCK Perrys Creek
- A number of these have been drilled to date including
- ALT
- UTS
- Results are pending ahead of updating the regional exploration plan scheduled to resume in spring



### The Year Ahead



### Numerous catalysts to drive shareholder value

#### **Ongoing Drilling**

- ❖ 36,000m program for 2023
- ♦ 4x Diamond rigs, 1x RC rig
- Extension and infill drilling of RAS
- Extensional drilling at CIT, SHR and SHE
- Target definition drilling at TSD, UTS, ALT

#### **Resource upgrades**

 Revised MRE Q3 2023 including increased Indicated Resource based on extensive infill drilling

#### **Project Development**

- Engineering / consultant groups under selection
- Ongoing metallurgical testwork to optimise process flowsheet
- Scoping study targeted for delivery in Q3 2023

#### Consenting

- Baseline environment studies underway
  - Water Flow and Quality Monitoring
  - Weather and Air Quality
  - Aquatic Ecology
  - Terrestrial Ecology
- Archaeological and Heritage

#### • Feb 2023

Updated MRE of 2,909koz at 2.3g/t Au 0.5g/t COG and top cut, incl 2.67Moz @ 2.5g/t at RAS

# Sep 2023 Quarter

Final Stage 5 Metallurgy Results

MRE update

Scoping Study Results

# Dec 2023Quarter

Seasonal baseline studies

Geotechnical and metallurgical drilling

# Dec 2024Quarter

Prefeasibility Results

Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) and Resource Consent Application (RCA)

Mining Permit Application (MPA)

### Early 2026

### Granting of:

Resource Consent Application and

Mining Permit Application

### Board and Management



# **Tony McDonald**Non-Executive Director



Mr McDonald has extensive experience as a lawyer and a director of listed public companies. Mr McDonald has previously served as the Company's Managing Director and is currently a Non-Executive director of ASX listed PPK Group Limited.

# Richard Keevers Executive Director



Mr Keevers is an experienced geologist having spent 20 years in the mining industry where he held senior positions with BH South Ltd and Newmont. For the next 13 years he was a director of and substantial shareholder in a stockbroking business, until the business was sold, then for the last 23 years he has been a director of a number of ASX listed mining and industrial companies. Mr Keevers is currently Chairman of Renascor Resources Ltd.

# Kim Bunting Non-Executive Director



Mr Bunting is a geologist with over 48 years of exploration experience. Mr Bunting worked in Southern Africa for over a decade with Anglo American Corp. After managing Anglo's New Zealand subsidiary, Gold Mines of NZ in 1984, he moved to private company operations and identified alluvial gold resources in both the West Coast and Otago Provinces of NZ which were subsequently commercially mined.

### Warren Batt Non-Executive Director



Mr Batt is a geologist and mining professional with over 45 years of experience in the Australian mining and exploration industry. He has held previous directorships with former ASX-listed Perilya Limited and Redfire Resources Limited. As manager of Homestake NZ Exploration Limited, Mr Batt was responsible for acquiring and managing the Macraes gold project prior to the sale of Homestake's NZ interests to BHP in 1987.

# **Damian Spring**Chief Executive Officer



Mr Spring is a Mining Engineer and is a chartered professional member of AuslMM as well as holding a First Class Mine Manager Certificate. He has spent many years as a consultant and employee in the precious metals sectors in New Zealand, Australia and Argentina. Mr Spring's more recent roles have built experience in integrating mining operations with environmental, community and regulatory compliance and expectations in New Zealand.



# Corporate Snapshot



Santana Minerals Limited, ASX:SMI	17 July 2023
Share Price	\$0.54
52-week trading range	\$0.485 - \$0.98
Shares on Issue	173.6m
Fully Diluted Shares (Inc. Options @ \$0.20 - \$0.30)	176.4m
Market Capitalisation (Undiluted)	A\$93.7m
Cash (30/06/23)	A\$17m

Substantial Shareholders	
Regal Funds Management	7.9%
Depot Corporation (Kim Bunting)	7.7%



# Appendix 1: Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE)



February 2023

RSSZ Mineral Resource at 0.5g/t cutoff (with top-cut)						
Deposit	Category	tonnes (Mt)	Au grade (g/t)	Gold (koz)		
RAS <sup>1</sup>	Inferred	31.5	2.4	2,383		
	Indicated	2.0	4.3	279		
RAS Total	Indicated and Inferred	33.5	2.5	2,662		
CIT <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	1.2	1.5	59		
SHR <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	4.7	1.1	174		
SRE <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	0.3	1.3	11		
RSSZ Total	Inferred	37.7	2.2	2,628		
	Indicated	2.0	4.3	279		
RSSZ Total	Indicated and Inferred	39.7	2.3	2.909		

#### Notes:

- 1. The Feb 2023 RAS Mineral Resource Estimates (MRE) is based on work completed by Mr Kerrin Allwood, a Competent Person (CP) who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Allwood is a Principal Geologist of GeoModelling Limited, Petone, New Zealand and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is 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". Refer to ASX announcement on 2 February 2023 for further detail.
- 2. The information in this report that relates to prior 2021 Mineral Resource Estimates (2021 MRE) for CIT, SHR and SRE deposits completed by Ms Michelle Wild (CP) continue to apply and have not materially changed. Refer to ASX announcement on 28 September 2021 for further detail.



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