

# Approval of Maiden Drilling for the Highway Project in South Australia ASX Release – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

**Taiton Resources Limited ("T88", "Taiton" or "the company")** is pleased to provide an update on its activities at the Highway Project (Figure 1) in the Gawler Craton of South Australia. The company has now received approval from the Department of Mines and Energy in South Australia for a proposed drilled programme at Merino prospect in accordance with Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (EPEPR) requirements.



Figure 1: Location of Taiton South Australian projects. The pink dot represents the location of the Merino prospect and the current location of the drilling program. Green mines are IOCG deposits.



The approval will allow Taiton to implement all the logistical steps to ensure our drilling program begin in earnest. The company has engaged a drill contractor and along with geological crews to mobilise for the commencement of the drill program in August.

## **Maiden Drilling Program**

The company plans to take a staged approach to exploring the Merino prospect with an initial orientation Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling program consisting of 3,000m with provision to expand metres based on drilling capabilities and geological observations from drilling.

The initial holes (priority 1) to be drilled will focus on high priority targets identified from historical shallow geochemical anomalism coincident with alteration halos interpreted from radiometric imagery and the recent IP survey as shown in Figure 2.

The company is taking a systematic approach to exploring the Merino prospect due to the potential scale in both area (alteration footprint of a nominal 3.7km by 2.6km) and depth (>500m from surface) and the style of mineralisation. To date the company has identified geochemical anomalism and alteration signatures which support the presence of a magmatic hydrothermal system driven by an interpreted intrusion.

The geological model is still yet to be determined with potential for the interpreted intrusion to lend itself to a molybdenum porphyry system or in a recent in-house interpretation to a potential polymetallic greisen.

The drill program is designed to identify potential mineralisation and the type (metal content) while also looking to confirm / understand the geological setting of the prospect.





Figure 2: Location of planned drilling collars at the Merino prospect coloured by priority (priority 1 - green and priority 2 - orange).

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Figure 3 represents the current interpreted geological setting consisting of an interpreted intrusion (modelled resistive shell) with associated alteration modelled from chargeability IP response.

Drilling will focus on the higher chargeability (9 mV/V shell) response coincident with resistive response.



Figure 3. Interpreted Intrusion (modelled 1,000  $\Omega$ m shell, yellow) with associated areas of potential alteration indicated by chargeability, Magenta (9 mV/V shell) and Red (5 mV/V shell) layered with historical drilling coloured by Mo ppm, green > 500 ppm and cyan 100 – 500 ppm.

## **Executive Director Noel Ong commented:**

"The time has finally come for Taiton to prove the prospectivity of the Highway project. It has taken a lot longer than we have had liked to get to this stage but nonetheless we are extremely excited to be finally able to begin our drilling stage.

The drilling program will begin a steady flow of news in the coming months. The news flow will hopefully outline the steps in unveiling a new mineral system in South Australia.



The drilling program is focused on allowing Taiton a systematic approach in dissecting the magmatic system. We have outlined a large alteration outline of 3.7km by 2.6km which requires a thoughtful strategy.

The pending results from the UltraFine soil survey will hopefully allow the company to start looking out of the Merino prospect and begin testing the other prospective parts of the highway project.

The Board would like to thank the Exploration Team in ensuring exploration continued while they worked tirelessly in getting the EPEPR completed and approved."

This announcement has been approved for release by the Executive Directors.

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## COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT

The information in this report that relates to exploration results and geological data for the Highway Project is based on information generated and compiled by Shane Tomlinson, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG).

Shane Tomlinson has sufficient experience that is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activities being undertaken to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".

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## **About Taiton Resources Limited**

Taiton Resources Limited (ASX: T88) is an early-stage mineral exploration and development company with a portfolio of projects across South Australia and Western Australia, comprising the following:

- (a) **Highway Project** total land holding of 2,930 sq km, located in South Australia,
- (b) Lake Barlee Project total land holding of 668.7 sq km, located in Western Australia; and
- (c) Challenger West Project total land holding of 997 sq km, located in South Australia.





#### Taiton Resources Limited (ASX: T88) project locations.

The company's initial focus is at Highway Project where magmatichydrothermal mineralisation has been identified at shallow depth and is interpreted to have formed at the same time as the world-class Olympic Dam deposit.

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