

## KAISER REEF – NOVA1 GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

Ragnar Metals Limited (“Ragnar” or “the Company”, ASX: RAG) is pleased to provide the attached announcement by Kaiser Reef Limited (ASX:KAU) that was released to the ASX today regarding the Nova 1 Project.

### HIGHLIGHTS

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Ragnar is the largest shareholder of Kaiser, owning 16.3% of the Company following a strategic investment as announced to the market on 17 July 2024. Ragnar owns a total of 33.4 million ordinary fully paid shares in Kaiser as well as 16.7 million options with a \$0.22 exercise price and 31 July 2028 expiry. In addition to this, Ragnar will receive a 1.5% NSR on gold produced from the A1 Gold Mine for 5 years commencing from 1 July 2025. Ragnar's Chairman, Mr Steve Formica is the Company's nominee representative on the Kaiser board, and he will hold this position whilst Ragnar owns a stake greater than 10% in Kaiser.

Kaiser owns Victoria's fully permitted Nova Gold Project, which hosts the high-grade A1 gold mine. The investment diversifies Ragnar shareholder's commodity exposure and provides leverage to a high-grade production asset during this period of record gold prices. Last financial year, Kaiser brought A1 into production, producing 30,537 @11.6g/t.

For the purpose of ASX Listing Rule 15.5, the Chairman has authorised for this announcement to be released.

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## NOVA - HIGH GRADE GOLD TARGET REACHED

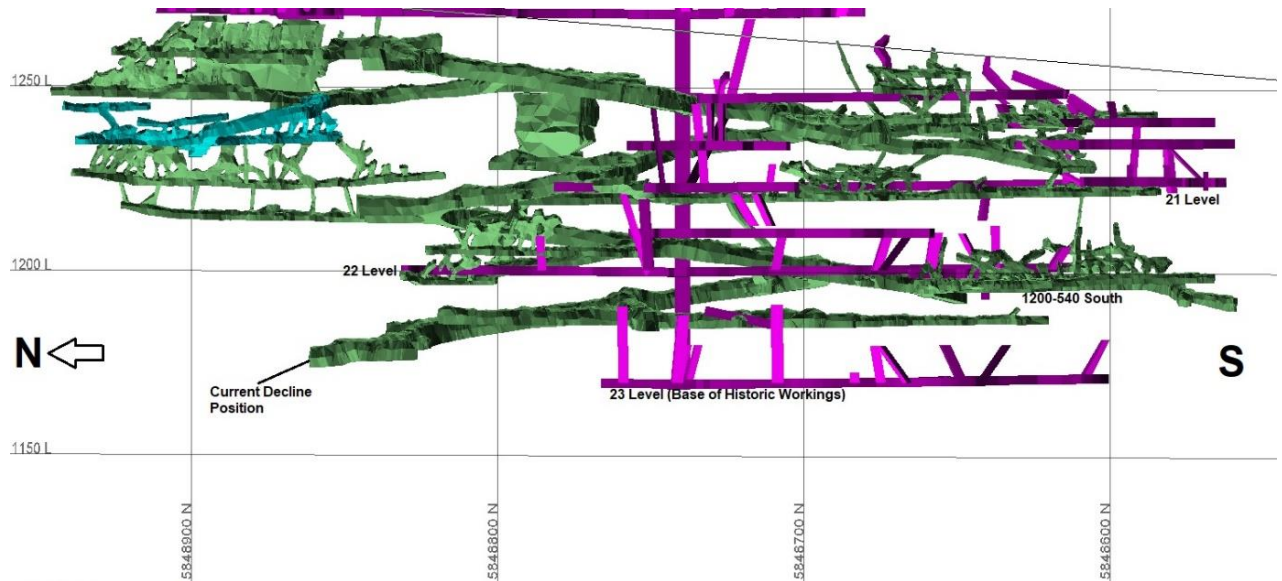
**Kaiser Reef Limited ("Kaiser" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the decline at the high-grade A1 Gold Mine has successfully reached the Nova Zone at the extremities of the historic mining.** This marks a milestone for Kaiser, signalling a new chapter in the Company's operations with miners having focused on extracting "remnant" ore for the past 30 years.

The A1 Gold Mine, has operated almost continuously since 1861, and historically produced approximately **800** ounces of gold per vertical metre, with some levels exceeding 1,000 ounces per vertical metre, a benchmark for significant gold mines. Most of the ore was exploited in the first 100 year mining phase. Modern remnant mining over the past 30 years however has been limited to producing less than **237** ounces per vertical metre.

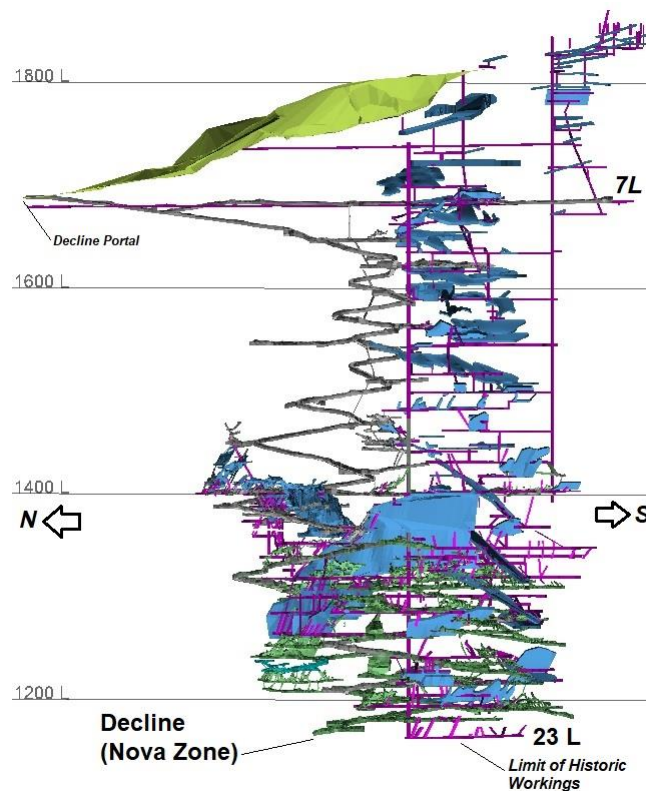
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Significant capital expenditure, estimated at over \$24 million, including supporting infrastructure, has been invested to reach these new levels. The transition to mining the primary ore, with the best material not having been previously mined, and access to the potentially substantially higher "ounces per vertical meter" enjoyed historically is a major achievement (Figure 1 and 2). Additionally, substantial upgrades to the infrastructure—including enhanced ventilation and high-voltage power systems—have been implemented to support the development work at the mine.



**Figure 1: Long section of the lower portion of the A1 Mine, showing historic workings as well as modern planning and importantly, where the current development has crossed a critical threshold into the Nova Project.**



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**Managing Director Jonathan Downes commented:**

*“This transformational achievement will provide a twofold opportunity for Kaiser. The first is that the best ore has now, not already been mined. The transition into the Nova Zone may allow access to more ore, and ore that is higher grade.*

*The second, and almost as compelling, will be the forward ability for Kaiser to develop a modern mine plan, optimised for increasing production. The benefits from the move into the Nova Zone is now being realised, with the recent discovery of high-grade ore, now in production at the Tasma Reef.”*

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**Figure 3: Twin Boom Jumbo advancing the main face of the decline at the 23 Level.**



**Figure 4: New ventilation fan station set in shotcrete ground support.**



**Figure 5: Vent door closing off ventilation recirculation, set in shotcrete and cable bolts for additional ground support.**





**Figure 6: New electrical substations to distribute high voltage power.**

Kaiser is also pleased to report that the new extended decline has delineated several new reef systems, including an extension to the historic Tasma reef, which has very rapidly been brought into production (Figure 7). The Tasma reef is displaying numerous occurrences of visible gold (Figures 8 and 9). This is a positive and immediate result of the advancing development.



**Figure 7: High grade airleg mining on the Tasma Reef.**



**Figures 8 and 9: Specimens of high grade ore taken from the Tasma Reef.**

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This announcement was approved for release by the Board of Kaiser Reef Limited.

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## About Kaiser Reef Limited (ASX: KAU)

Kaiser Reef is a high-grade gold producer and exploration company with a clear focus on gold within the prolific Victorian goldfields. Kaiser wholly owns and operates the A1 Gold Mine, the Maldon Gold Processing Plant and the Maldon Gold Mine (currently on care and maintenance) in Victoria.

### **Future Performance**

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