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# AMENDED ANNOUNCEMENT -ANSTO ISR COLUMN PERMEABILITY AND RECOVERIES BODE WELL FOR FIELD PILOT TRIAL

Brazilian Critical Minerals Limited (**ASX: BCM**) ("**BCM**" or the "**Company**") refers to the announcement lodged on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Attached is the announcement with additional information for investors on the location of the sample work and a revised competent person statement.

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

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#### **Highlights**

- 74% magnet (MREE) recovery and 62% (TREE + Y) recovery from ISR (in-situ recovery) column test at ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation) significantly higher than recent scoping study base parameters
- ISR test was designed to mimic conditions of density, pressure and moisture measured in the ground and expected during eventual production
- Individual final calculated MREE recoveries;
  - o Praseodymium 85%
  - o Neodymium 72%
  - o Terbium 70%
  - Dysprosium 63%
- ISR recoveries were achieved over only 28 days of leaching, resulting from permeability flow rates sufficient for commercial extraction
- Recoveries achieved using low strength 0.5M MgSO<sub>4</sub>, pH 4.5, at ambient temperatures
- Test results bode well for the upcoming field pilot testwork which will commence during Q2 2025

#### ANSTO, commented:

"A pressurised column set at 2bar, the equivalent of approximately 20m depth below surface resulted in permeability flow rates in line with those achieved by the Company in Brazil from the same sample. The test also showed that the rare earths are readily soluble using MgSO<sub>4</sub> resulting in high recoveries after the passing of only 1.9 pore volumes (the ratio of the material's air volume to total volume)."

#### Andrew Reid, Managing Director, commented:

"Over the past 6 months the team has been actively working on the steps required to maximise the recoveries of rare earths whilst minimising impurity levels. The ANSTO column test followed the same sequence, the same MgSO<sub>4</sub> reagent and concentration, as well as the same physical parameter setup in the column to mimic ISR. These results give us confidence in being able to replicate these lab tests in the field with the pilot trial commencing in the coming weeks."



Brazilian Critical Minerals Limited (ASX: BCM) ("BCM" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that results have been received from an ANSTO column test that was set up and run to mimic conditions of temperature, pressure, density and moisture as those measured from in-situ samples at the Ema project.

The Company requested ANSTO to supplement their ongoing column work with a standard ISR column test on the Ema material. The test involved packing the ore into a column to achieve a bulk density as close as possible to that underground and feeding the MgSO<sub>4</sub> lixiviant through the mineralised material at a pressure equivalent to that at the depth of the orebody, with the column in a vertical configuration. The aim of the ISR test was to provide a more accurate assessment of the permeability of the undisturbed clay underground, as well as provide relevant leaching data such of rare earth extraction vs pore volume as well as MgSO<sub>4</sub> reagent consumption rates.

#### **Results**

A head grade analysis of the sample was determined at ALS Geochemistry Laboratory, Brisbane to contain **829ppm** TREY (15 REE elements + Yttrium) of which **30% or 250ppm** were of the elements Nd, Pr, Dy and Tb. These results have not been converted to rare earth oxide form.

Over the course of 28 days, the MgSO<sub>4</sub> lixiviant at pH 4.5 was injected through the column which resulted in high recoveries of TREY and MREE relative to the recent values used in the Ema scoping study<sup>1</sup> (table 1).

#### Key takeaways;

- High recoveries of MREE achieved over the test period (table 1), with most of the recovery occurring over only 17 days
- <2 pore volumes (the ratio of the material's air volume to total volume) required to achieve final recoveries (Figure 1.)
- Individual MREE recoveries were;
  - Praseodymium 85%;
  - o Neodymium 72%;
  - o Terbium 70%; and
  - Dysprosium 63%

Table 1. Comparison of Scoping Study recoveries vs ANSTO Column recoveries

	TREY (%)	MREE (%)
Scoping Study Recoveries <sup>1</sup>	48	62
ANSTO Column Recoveries	62	74



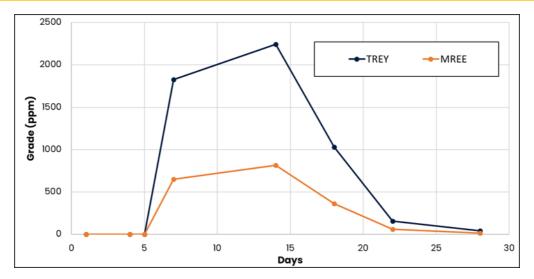


Figure 1. Solution concentration of rare earth elements in (ppm) over the 28-day test period.

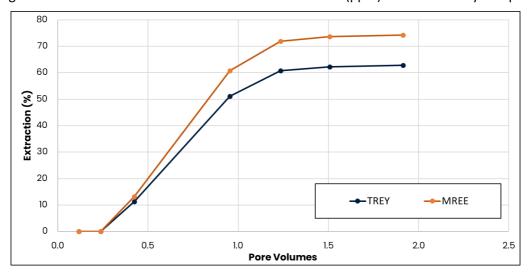


Figure 2. Cumulative extraction of rare earth elements in (%) over the 28-day test period.



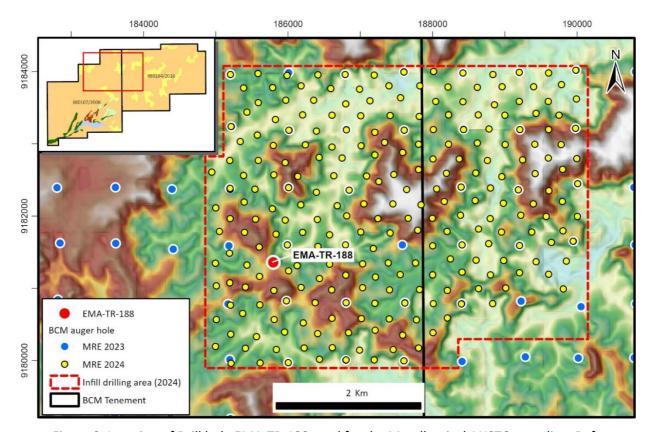


Figure 3. Location of Drill hole EMA-TR-188 used for the Metallurgical ANSTO sampling. Refer to Appendix 1 & 2 for detailed co-ordinates and assay information.



#### **Next Steps**

The field pilot trial is an important next step in the evolution of the Ema rare earths project, designed to gather important information for the next study phase. To date, the Company has completed numerous field slug tests<sup>1</sup> and column test results both within Brazil and at Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO) in Sydney, all of which have shown that there is a degree of permeability within the weathered clays that allows solution flow and the ability to ionically recover rare earths into solution.

#### References

<sup>1</sup>Brazilian Critical Minerals (ASX:BCM) – Ema Scoping Study confirms low CAPEX and OPEX 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Brazilian Critical Minerals Limited (BCM) is a mineral exploration company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Its major exploration focus is Brazil, in the Apuí region, where BCM has discovered a world class Ionic Adsorbed Clay (IAC) Rare Earth Elements deposit. The Ema IAC project is contained within the 781 km² of exploration tenements within the Colider Group and adjacent sediments.

BCM has defined an indicated and inferred MRE of 943Mt of REE's with metallurgical recoveries averaging 68% MREO, representing some of the highest for these types of deposits anywhere in the world.

The Company has converted the MRE central portion from Inferred into the Indicated category with an extensive drill program during 2024 which informed the scoping study and economic analysis released in February 2025.





Ema REE Global Mineral Resource Estimate @COG 500ppm TREO

JORC Category	cut-off ppm TREO	Tonnes Mt	TREO ppm	NdPr ppm	DyTb ppm	MREO ppm	MREO: TREO %
Indicated	500	248	759	176	16	192	25
Inferred	500	695	701	165	16	181	26
Total	500	943	716	168	16	184	26

The information in this announcement relates to previously reported exploration results and mineral resource estimates for the Ema Project released by the Company to ASX on 22 May 2023, 17 July 2023, 19 July 2023, 31 July 2023, 13 Sep 2023, 19 Oct 2023, 06 Dec 2023, 06 Feb 2024, 22 Feb 2024, 13 Mar 2024, 02 Apr 2024, 08 Oct 2024 19 Nov 2024, 21 Jan 2025 and 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025. The Company confirms that is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the above-mentioned releases.

#### **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this report that relates to exploration results released by the Company to the ASX on 22 May 2023, 17 July 2023, 19 July 2023, 31 July 2023, 13 Sep 2023, 19 Oct 2023, 06 Dec 2023, 06 Feb 2024, 22 Feb 2024, 13 Mar 2024, 02 Apr 2024, 08 Oct 2024 19 Nov 2024, 21 Jan 2025, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 is based on information compiled by Mr. Antonio de Castro, BSc (Hons), MAusIMM, CREA, who acts as BCM's Senior Consulting Geologist through the consultancy firm, ADC Geologia Ltda. Mr. Castro has sufficient experience which is relevant to the type of deposit under consideration and to the reporting of exploration results and analytical and metallurgical test work to qualify as a Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserve Committee (JORC) "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr. Castro consents to the report being issued in the form and context in which it appears.

The Company confirms that is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the above-mentioned relevant market announcements, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announces continue to apply and have not materially changed.



#### Appendix 1 – Total REE oxide distribution down-hole

Auger	From	Interval	TREO	%	% HREO <sup>2</sup>	DyTb	NdPr
hole	(m)	(m)	(ppm)	MREO¹		(ppm)	(ppm)
EMA-TR-188	4	10	1315	30	26	31	367

HoleID	From	То	TREO (ppm)	% HREO	% MREO	NdPr (ppm)	DyTb (ppm)	Average (ppm)
EMA-TR-188	0,5	1	338	20	6	12	7,6	
EMA-TR-188	1	2	480	16	6	21	8,5	
EMA-TR-188	2	3	439	15	10	39	7,3	
EMA-TR-188	3	4	464	15	15	61	7,7	
EMA-TR-188	4	5	723	18	25	172	12,2	
EMA-TR-188	5	6	947	19	31	275	15,8	
EMA-TR-188	6	7	1579	25	32	479	34,4	4245
EMA-TR-188	7	8	1667	28	31	470	39,7	1315
EMA-TR-188	8	9	1587	31	30	436	43,3	
EMA-TR-188	9	10	1389	34	30	370	41,9	

# Appendix 2: Auger drill-hole locations

Hole ID	East	North	RL (m)	Depth (m)	Azimuth	Dip	Tenement
EMA-TR-188	185794	9181359	163	10,0	0	-90	880.107/2008

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  MREO (Magnetic Rare Earth Oxide) = Tb4O7 + Dy2O3 + Nd2O3 + Pr6O11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HREO (Heavy Rare Earth Oxide) = Sm2O3 + Eu2O3 + Gd2O3 + Tb4O7 + Dy2O3 + Ho2O3 + Er2O3 + Tm2O3 + Yb2O3 + Y2O3 + Lu2O3



# **Appendix 3**

The following Table and Sections are provided to ensure compliance with JORC Code (2012 Edition).

JORC (2012) Table 1 – Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data for auger hole drilling

Item	JORC code explanation	Comments
or specific appropriate hole gamm examples sl sampling.  • Include re representat measureme	quality of sampling (eg cut channels. random chips. specialised industry standard measurement tools to the minerals under investigation. such as down a sondes. or handheld XRF instruments. etc). These hould not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of ference to measures taken to ensure sample ivity and the appropriate calibration of any ent tools or systems used.	<ul> <li>Metallurgical results are for a 60kg composite sample, not dried, maintaining in-situ moisture level, from a twin auger hole EMA-TR-188, from 4m to 10m.</li> <li>Every 1-metre sample was collected in a plastic bag in the field, immediately sealed to preserve natural humidity.</li> <li>Sampling was supervised by a BCM geologist.</li> <li>Each metre weighted around 10kg.</li> <li>The plastic bags as received from the field were sent to ANSTO.</li> </ul>
would be rused to obto produce a explanation that has inloralisati	here 'industry standard' work has been done this elatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was ain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more may be required. such as where there is coarse gold herent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or on types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant of detailed information.	
Drilling Techniques	Drill type (eg core. reverse circulation. openhole hammer. rotary air blast. auger. Bangka. sonic. etc) and details (eg core diameter. triple or standard tube. depth of diamond tails. facesampling bit or other type. whether core is oriented and if so. by what method. etc).	<ul> <li>Auger drilling was completed by a hand-held mechanical auger with a 3" auger bit. The drilling is an open hole. meaning there is a significant chance of contamination from surface and other parts of the auger hole. Holes are vertical and not oriented.</li> </ul>
Drill Sample Recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No recoveries are recorded.</li> <li>The operator observes the volume of each metre and notes any discrepancy.</li> <li>No relationship is believed to exist between recovery and grade.</li> </ul>
Logging	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.	<ul> <li>All exploration holes were logged by GE21 geologist. detailing the colour. weathering. alteration. texture and any geological observations. Care is taken to identify transported cover from in-situ saprolite/clay</li> </ul>



Geological data was logged onto paper and transferred to Excel spreadsheets at end of the day and then transferred into the drill hole database. Microsoft Access is used for database storage and management and incorporates numerous data validation and data integrity checks. All assay data is imported directly into

the Microsoft Access database.

Item	JORC code explanation	Comments
Sub- Sampling Techniques and Sampling Procedures	<ul> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean. channel. etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> <li>If core. whether cut or sawn and whether quarter. half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core. whether riffled. tube sampled. rotary split. etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types. the nature. quality and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>zones and the moisture content. Logging was done to level that would support a Mineral Resource Estimate</li> <li>Qualitative logging with systematic photography of th stored box.</li> <li>The entire auger hole is logged.</li> <li>Sampling was conducted from 4m to 10m by auge drilling.</li> <li>Each metre was fully collected in a plastic bag, the immediately sealed to preserve its natural moisture.</li> </ul>
•	sampling stages to maximise representativity of samples.	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	
Assay Data and Laboratory Tests	<ul> <li>The nature. quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ANSTO sent the composite sample to determine it head grade at ALS-Brisbane.</li> <li>The assay technique used for REE was Lithiur Metaborate Fusion ICP-MS, which is a total analysis</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>technique for the REE suite and associated elements.</li> <li>Assays for recovered REE were conducted at ANSTO</li> <li>All assay results in this report for REE are presented for the element, not its oxide.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards. blanks. duplicates. external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established</li> </ul>	
Verification of Sampling and Assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Apart from the routine QA/QC procedures by th Company and the laboratory, there was no othe independent or alternative verification of sampling an assaying procedures.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data. data entry procedures. data verification. data storage</li> </ul>	Analytical results for REE were supplied digitally directly from ANSTO to the CEO in Australia.
	<ul><li>(physical and electronic) protocols.</li><li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li></ul>	This sampling is from a twin hole, 1m from EMA-TR 188, from 4m to 10m.

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Item	JORC code explanation	Comments
		No adjustments were made to the data.
		<ul> <li>All REE assay data received from the laboratory in element form is unadjusted for data entry.</li> </ul>
Location of Data Points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys).</li> </ul>	The UTM WGS84 zone 21S grid datum is used for current reporting.
	trenches. mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.	• EMA-TR-188 185794N 9181359E 163RL
	• Specification of the grid system used.	
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	
Data Spacing and	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	Single auger hole, twin of EMA-TR-188, sampled from 4m to 10m for metallurgical test work on a natural
Distribution	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	sample, not dried, with its in-situ moisture.
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	
Orientation of Data in	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and	<ul> <li>The location and depth of the sampling is appropriate for the deposit type.</li> </ul>
relation to Geological	the extent to which this is known. considering the deposit type.	• Relevant REE values are compatible with the exploration model for ionic REEs.
Structure	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	No relationship between mineralisation and drilling orientation is known at this stage.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	<ul> <li>The auger samples in sealed plastic bags were sent directly to ANSTO by bus and then airfreight. The Company has no reason to believe that sample security poses a material risk to the integrity of the assay data.</li> </ul>
Audit or Reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	<ul> <li>The sampling techniques and data have been reviewed by the Competent Person and are found to be of industry standard.</li> </ul>



# JORC (2012) Table 1 - Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC code explanation	Commentary
Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The EMA and EMA EAST leases are 100% owned by BCM with no issues in respect to native title interests. historical sites. wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The Company is not aware of any impediment to obtain a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	
Exploration done by Other Parties	<ul> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	No exploration by other parties has been conducted in the region.
Geology	Deposit type. geological setting and style of mineralisation.	<ul> <li>The REE mineralisation at EMA is contained within the tropical lateritic weathering profile developed on top of felsic rocks. rhyolites as per the Chinese deposits.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>The REE mineralisation is concentrated in the weathered profile where it has dissolved from the primary mineral. such as monazite and xenotime. then adsorbed on to the neo-forming fine particles of aluminosilicate clays (e.g. kaolinite. illite. smectite).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>This adsorbed iREE is the target for extraction and production of REO.</li> </ul>
Drill Hole Information	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration	<ul> <li>Auger locations and diagrams are presented in previous announcements.</li> </ul>
	results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	Details are tabulated in the announcement.
	<ul> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>down hole length and interception depth</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>hole length.</li> </ul>	
	• 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.	



Criteria	JORC code explanation	Commentary
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results. weighting averaging techniques. maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weighted averages were calculated for all intercepts.</li> <li>500ppm TREO cut-off grade was applied to define the relevant intersections.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	No metal equivalent values reported.
	<ul> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	
Relationship between mineralization	<ul> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant values of REE were reported for the auger samples.</li> </ul>
widths and intercepted	Results.  • If the geometry of the mineralisation with	<ul> <li>Mineralisation orientation is not known at this stage although assumed to be flat.</li> </ul>
lengths	respect to the drill hole angle is known. its nature should be reported.	• The downhole depths are reported, true widths are not known at this stage.
	<ul> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	
Diagrams	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Maps and tables of the auger holes location and target location are inserted in previous announcements.
Balanced reporting	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Relevant REE mineralisation with grades higher than 500ppm TREO in auger holes were reported with confirmation of IAC (Ionic Adsorbed Clay) type mineralisation obtained in almost all the auger holes from phase 1 in this same geological setting.</li> </ul>
Other substantive exploration data	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.	No other significant exploration data has been acquired by the Company.
Further Work	<ul> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional metallurgical test work at ANSTO.</li> <li>Permeability test work under WSP co-ordination.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the mail geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information in not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	n e