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COPPER GRADES FROM TRENCH AT ILKIN PROSPECT

Sarytogan Graphite Limited (ASX: SGA, "the Company" or "Sarytogan") is pleased to provide an update on copper exploration at the Baynazar copper exploration project in Kazakhstan.

Highlights

- Baynazar copper exploration project was pegged last year, a high-resolution aeromagnetic survey was flown, and over 6,000 soil samples have been collected.
- Previous announcements introduced anomalies at "Ilkin" and "Aminbay" and "Sanabi".
- Samples from a trench dug in weathered diorite at "Ilkin" assayed **140m @ 0.09% Cu** including **86m @ 0.10% Cu** and including **8m @ 0.20% Cu** where soil sampling has identified copper anomalism coincident with a circular aeromagnetic feature.
- This prospect is now considered drill ready with KGK drilling recommended to pierce the weathered rock and define anomalism in bedrock ahead of deeper diamond drilling.

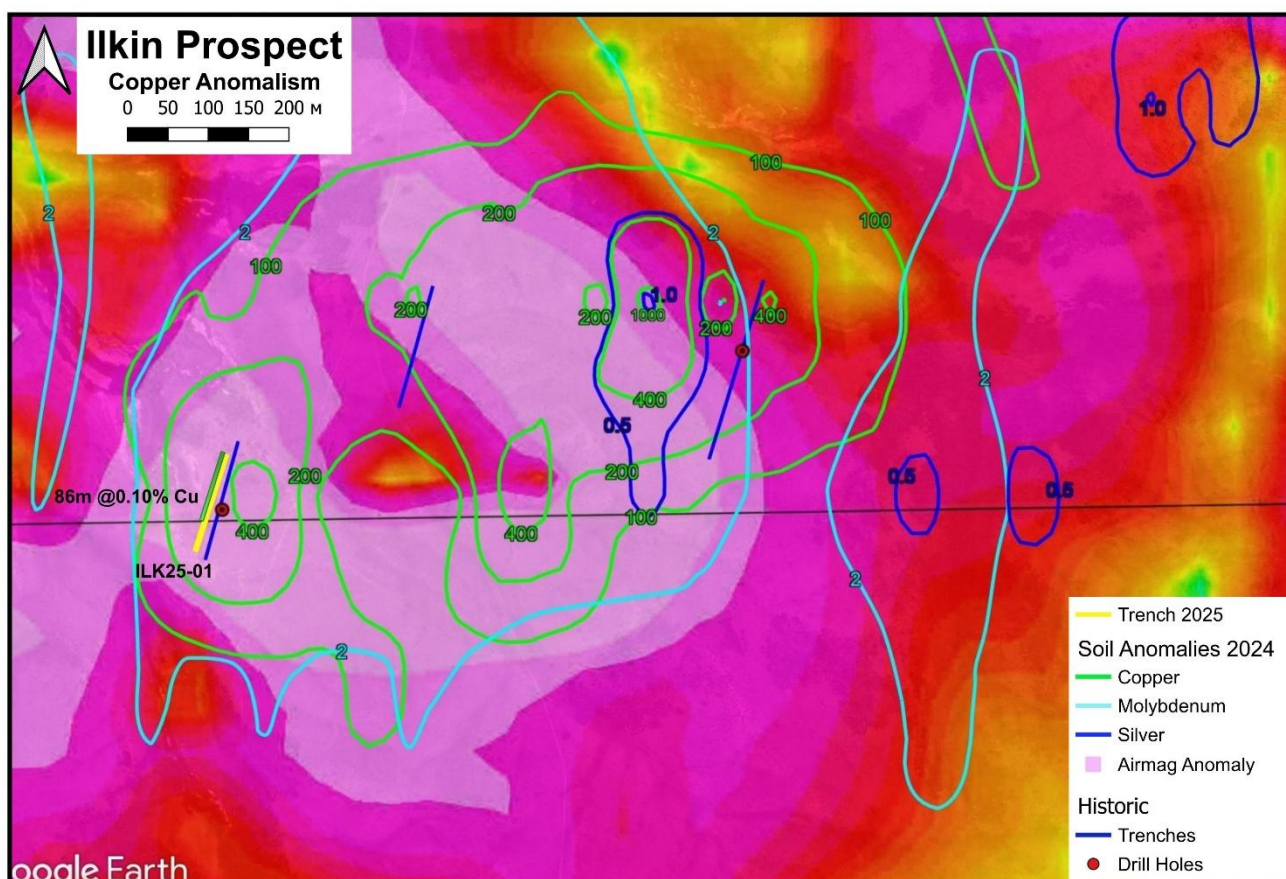


Figure 1 –Modern trench result with soil anomalies over RTP aeromagnetic image.

Sarytogan Managing Director, Sean Gregory commented:

"The Ilkin Prospect at Baynazar is now considered drill ready. This level of copper anomalism in highly weathered rock is unusually high and may indicate higher copper grades at depth. The prospect is now supported by a coincident circular aeromagnetic feature, multi-element anomalism from high quality soil samples, historical drilling and now copper in trenching."

Bainazar Copper Exploration Project

The Bainazar Copper Exploration Project was pegged by the Company last year as Kazakhstan is known to be an established mining jurisdiction, highly prospective for copper porphyry mines, with 4 of the 5 lowest cost copper mines being located there due to the low power, diesel and skilled labour costs (refer miningvisuals.com, October 2024 infographic).

Previous Exploration Results

Three shallow diamond drillholes were drilled at Ilkin in the 20th century totalling 320m. (Source: Karandyshev, et al. The Results of Geological Mapping, scale 1:50,000 and Exploration for Rare Metals on Bainazar Ring Structure 1969-1974). Diamond drill hole C-16 encountered 22m of oxidised diorites mineralised with malachite from surface. Further down the hole in fresh diorite, chalcopyrite, molybdenite, and quartz-chalcopyrite veinlets were observed. The entire drill hole was mineralised with copper grades reported as ranging from 0.02% to 0.1% Cu and generally increasing with depth (refer ASX Announcement 9 October 2024). The reliability of the results from this historical drillhole is unknown, and the Company would need to drill the prospect to verify this result which could have over- or under-estimated the grades.

Over 6,000 soil samples were collected during the 2024 field season (Figure 2). These samples have been processed at the Company's core shed and sample preparation facility in Karaganda and assayed to low detection limits at our preferred accredited laboratory in Kyrgyzstan. A high-resolution aero-magnetic survey was flown over the project (refer ASX Announcement 7 February 2025). Assay results from soil samples have previously been announced for the Ilkin, Aminbay, and Sanubi prospects (refer ASX Announcements 9 October 2024, 4 February 2025, and 12 March respectively).

Trench Result

A 140m long 2m deep trench was excavated at Ilkin. The trench is oriented NNE-SSW and parallels historical shallow trenches. The trench is adjacent to historical drill hole C-16 (Figure 1). The trench exposed completely weathered diorite. Channel samples were cut in the wall of the trenches and composited every 2m along the length of the entire trench (Figure 3). The samples were pulverised at the Company's core shed and assayed to low detection limits at our preferred accredited laboratory in Kyrgyzstan. The result was **140m @ 0.09% Cu** including **86m @ 0.10% Cu** and including **4m @ 0.20% Cu**.

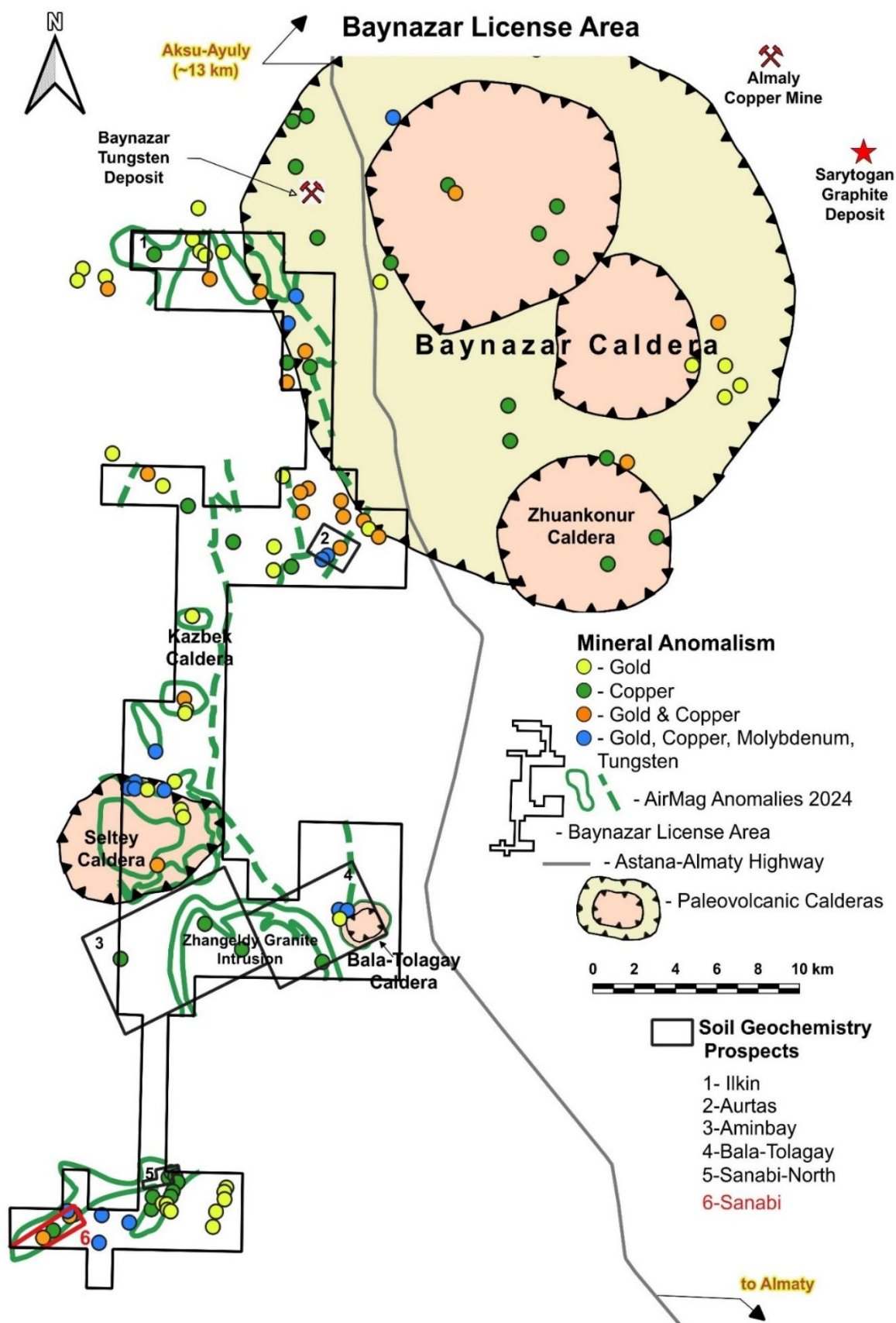


Figure 2 –Aeromagnetic Map with Major Calderas and Mineral Anomalism at the Baynazar Project



Figure 3 – 2m high trench wall showing completely weathered diorite at 38-39m where copper grades peak at 0.20% Cu.

Next Steps

The Ilkin prospect is considered drill ready. The proposed approach would be to cover the circular aeromagnetic anomaly with KGK drilling. KGK drilling is a relatively simple water coring drilling method that can penetrate transported cover and weathered rocks to intercept fresh bedrock, similar to the air-core method routinely used for first pass drilling in Australian exploration. The end of hole samples would then be used to define bedrock anomalies and diamond drilling targets.

The execution of the drilling program is subject to specific funding for the ongoing copper exploration as the recent investment from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is being preferentially directed to the development of the Sarytogan Graphite Project.

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About Sarytogan

The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit is in the Karaganda region of Central Kazakhstan. It is 190km by highway from the industrial city of Karaganda, the 4th largest city in Kazakhstan (Figure 1).

The project is designated as a Strategic Project under the European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act, validating Sarytogan's natural graphite deposit as world class and highlights our vital role in supplying sustainable critical raw materials to Europe for battery and other strategic uses.



Figure 4 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit location.

The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit was first explored in the 1980s with sampling by trenching and diamond drilling. Sarytogan's 100% owned subsidiary Ushtogan LLP resumed exploration in 2018. An Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource has recently been estimated for the project by AMC Consultants totalling **229Mt @ 28.9% TGC** (Table 1), refer ASX Announcement 27 March 2023).

Table 1 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit Mineral Resource (> 15% TGC).

Zone	Classification (JORC Code)	In-Situ Tonnage (Mt)	Total Graphitic Carbon (TGC %)	Contained Graphite (Mt)
North	Indicated	87	29.1	25
	Inferred	81	29.6	24
	Total	168	29.3	49
Central	Indicated	39	28.1	11
	Inferred	21	26.9	6
	Total	60	27.7	17
Total	Indicated	126	28.8	36
	Inferred	103	29.1	30
	Total	229	28.9	66

Sarytogan has produced flotation concentrates at higher than **90% TGC** (refer ASX Announcement 2 June 2025) and further upgraded the concentrate up to **99.9992% C** "five nines purity" by thermal purification, without any chemical pre-treatment (refer ASX Announcement 5 March 2024). Sarytogan envisages three product types:

- Microcrystalline graphite at up to 90% C for traditional uses,
- Ultra-High Purity Fines (UHPF) for advanced industrial use including batteries, and
- Spherical Purified Graphite (USPG and CSPG) for use in lithium-ion batteries.

A Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) was completed in August 2024 that outlined a staged development plan to match market penetration, minimise initial capital expenditure and deliver attractive financial returns.

An Ore Reserve of **8.6 Mt @ 30.0% TGC** (Table 2) was estimated using the Guidelines of the 2012 Edition JORC Code (refer ASX announcement 12 August 2024).

Table 2 - August 2024 Sarytogan Probable Ore Reserve estimate

Ore mass	TGC	Concentrate mass	Concentrate grade	TGC in conc.
kt	%	kt	%	kt
8,587	30.0	2,654	81.4	2,160

Notes:

- Tonnes and grades are as processed and are dry.
- The block mass pull varies as it is dependent on the TGC grade, concentrate grade (fixed) and process recovery (fixed) resulting in a variable cut-off grade, block by block. The cut-off is approximately 20% TGC with minimal mass below 20% TGC contributing.

Sarytogan is also progressing copper porphyry exploration at its Baynazar and Kopa projects across the highly prospective Central Asian Orogenic Belt.

Compliance Statements

The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Mineral Resources was first reported in ASX announcement dated 27 March 2023. The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Ore Reserves was first reported in ASX announcement dated 12 August 2024.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in relevant market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target, or the forecast financial information derived from the production target, in the initial public report (12 August 2024) continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Dr Waldemar Mueller, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr Mueller is a full-time employee of the Company and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity 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'. Dr Mueller consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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	<p>Nature and quality of sampling (eg 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.</p> <p>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</p> <p>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</p> <p>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised 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 (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</p>	<p>A 140m long, 2m deep trench was excavated in a NNE-SSW orientation with a small backhoe. Channel samples of approximately 2kg were taken to represent every 2m along the length of the trench.</p>
Drilling techniques	<p>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg 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).</p>	<p>No drilling is reported here.</p>
Drill sample recovery	<p>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</p> <p>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>No drilling is reported here.</p>
Logging	<p>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation,</p>	<p>The trench walls were logged by Company geologists, however also noted as completely weathered with</p>

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	<p>mining studies and metallurgical studies.</p> <p>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</p> <p>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</p>	<p>little detail available.</p>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<p>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</p> <p>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</p> <p>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</p> <p>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</p>	<p>The samples were pulverised to 80% passing 75um with quality checks on sizing completed on every 20th sample. The pulverisers are cleaned with quartz sand.</p>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<p>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Analytical studies are carried out in the chemical-analytical laboratory of LLC Stewart Assay and Environmental Laboratories, located in Karabalta, Kyrgyzstan (Certificate No. RU 181163 of 10/21/2001 and Certificate No. RU 227186 of 08/25/2008).</p> <p>The assays are high-quality and low-detection four-acid digest with an ICP-MS finish plus gold by 30g fire-assay.</p> <p>Quality control (QC) samples were submitted with each assay batch (certified reference standards, certified reference standard blanks and duplicate samples). The laboratory inserted their own quality assurance/quality control (QAQC) samples as part of their internal QAQC. All assay results returned were of acceptable quality based on assessment of the QAQC assays.</p>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<p>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</p> <p>The use of twinned holes.</p> <p>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data</p>	<p>Laboratory assay results were individually reviewed by sample batch and the QC results checked before uploading. All geological and assay data were uploaded into Excel. This data was then validated for integrity visually and by running systematic</p>

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	<p><i>storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i></p> <p><i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i></p>	<p>checks for any errors in sample intervals, out of range values and other important variations.</p>
Location of data points	<p><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></p> <p><i>Specification of the grid system used.</i></p> <p><i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i></p>	<p>Sample locations were recorded by handheld GPS with typical accuracy of +/- 5m.</p> <p>The grid system used at the deposit is the WGS84 UTM Zone 43 coordinate system, Baltic elevation system.</p>
Data spacing and distribution	<p><i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i></p>	<p>A single trench 140m long was sampled.</p>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<p><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></p> <p><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></p>	<p>The sampling grids are aligned perpendicular to the geological structure.</p>
Sample security	<p><i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></p>	<p>Control over the security of samples is carried out throughout the entire process. Each sample is assigned a unique number and tracked from the field to the Company's sample preparation facility and the laboratory.</p>
Audits or reviews	<p><i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></p>	<p>No audits of the trench sampling have been conducted.</p>

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	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>The exploration #2788-EL has been issued to Baynamys LLP on 15/08/2024 for six years. The exploration concession covers 282 km2.</p>

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Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	<p>Before 1991 the exploration works were carried out by different State exploration enterprises.</p> <p>Aeromagnetic and soil geochemistry survey in scale 1:50,000, sparse trenching and diamond drilling on separate occurrences of gold, copper, rare metals.</p>
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	<p>The Palaeozoic Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) runs through Kazakhstan, Northern China and Mongolia. The Baynazar ELA is situated within a Devonian volcanic belt that spans from central to south Kazakhstan as part of the broader CAOB.</p> <p>The Baynazar area is characterised by cluster of volcanic calderas, with the largest spanning 30 by 40 kilometres. This area is renowned for its diverse mineralization types.</p> <p>The Baynazar ELA encompasses the Baynazar Caldera's western contact zone and two southern satellite calderas, all exhibiting a favourable zonality for copper-porphyry mineralization. On the opposite margin of the Baynazar Caldera, lies the recently developed Almalý copper-porphyry mine.</p>
Drill hole Information	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ easting and northing of the drill hole collar ○ elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar ○ dip and azimuth of the hole ○ down hole length and interception depth ○ hole length. 	No drilling is reported here.

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	<i>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.</i>	
Data aggregation methods	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</i></p>	<p>The 140m @ 0.09% Cu interval is the complete length of the trench.</p> <p>The 86m @ 0.10% Cu interval is a run of greater than 0.10%Cu with internal dilution up to 12m.</p> <p>The higher grade 8m @ 0.20% Cu interval is a continuous run of greater than 0.10%Cu with no internal dilution.</p>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<p><i>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</i></p> <p><i>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</i></p> <p><i>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').</i></p>	The geometry of the mineralisation is not fully understood, but a circular aeromagnetic anomaly is targeted.
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>	Refer to diagrams in body of text.
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>	All trench samples have been 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>	Refer to the text for geological observations.
Further work	<p><i>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i></p> <p><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></p>	The prospect is now considered drill ready. A KGK drilling program is being designed, subject to funding.