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Gold - Exploration Update

Mt Ridley Project, Albany – Fraser Range

- New gold anomaly confirmed
- Anomalous area covers 3 km x 1.5 km
- Peak value of 24 ppb gold in soils
- Favourable magnetic complex
- Potential similar geological setting to Tropicana
- Air Core drilling planning underway
- New ground applied for – ELA63/1902

Mount Ridley Mines Limited (ASX: MRD) (“Mount Ridley”, “the Company”) is pleased to announce an exploration update at its 100% owned Mt Ridley Project in the Albany Fraser Range Province (WA).

Gold Geochemistry

Gold assay results have now been received from ALS Global and modelled by the Company’s consulting geological team at CSA Global. The latest round of gold in soils geochemistry confirms the broad spaced area of anomalous gold discovered last field season. The anomaly has been strengthened with multiple new peak readings with a maximum value of 24 ppb Au. A total of 1,396 auger geochemistry samples have now been collected to define this anomalous zone.

Up until May last year, the immediate area of these elevated gold values had received no previous regional geochemistry. The greater area has attracted some of the major mining companies previously, with historical widely spaced sampling traverses conducted, restricted to points of easy access along existing regional tracks. The auger survey area originally was designed as a broad spaced regional soil sampling program targeting Broken Hill Style lead-zinc-copper mineralisation. This style of mineralisation was the focus of exploration by BHP Minerals in the area in the late 1990’s.

The new area of anomalous gold appears to be associated with a discrete magnetic feature exhibiting structural complexity at a high angle relative to the prominent northeast regional trend of the Proterozoic Albany-Fraser Orogen (AFO). This magnetic complex is within the northern margins of the rocks attributed to the AFO in this area, close to the southern margin of the Yilgarn Craton. This setting of structurally complex magnetic features on the margin between the AFO and the Yilgarn Craton has many similarities to the geophysical and geological setting of the Tropicana Gold deposit (Inferred Resources of 34.2Mt @ 1.95 g/t Au, Indicated Resources of 87.9Mt @ 1.74g/t Au and Measured Resources of 26.1Mt @ 1.16g/t Au, source: www.tropicanaajv.com.au/reserves-resources-statement , 480km to the northeast along strike on the AFO margin.

The Company is in the process of planning follow-up aircore drilling covering the gold anomalous area and looks forward to updating the market once further exploration commences.

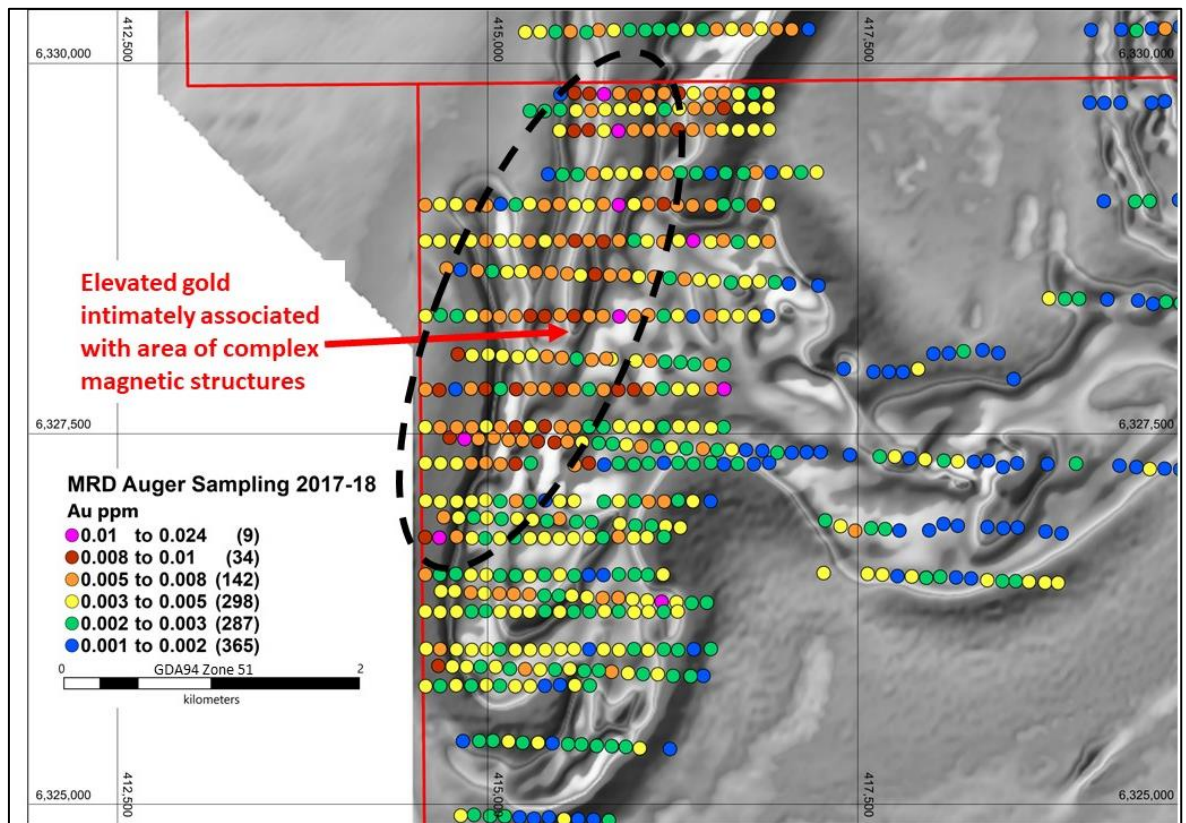


Figure 1. Stage two anomalous infill auger soil sampling completed E63/1564. (1st Vertical Derivative of Total Magnetic Intensity airborne magnetic data).

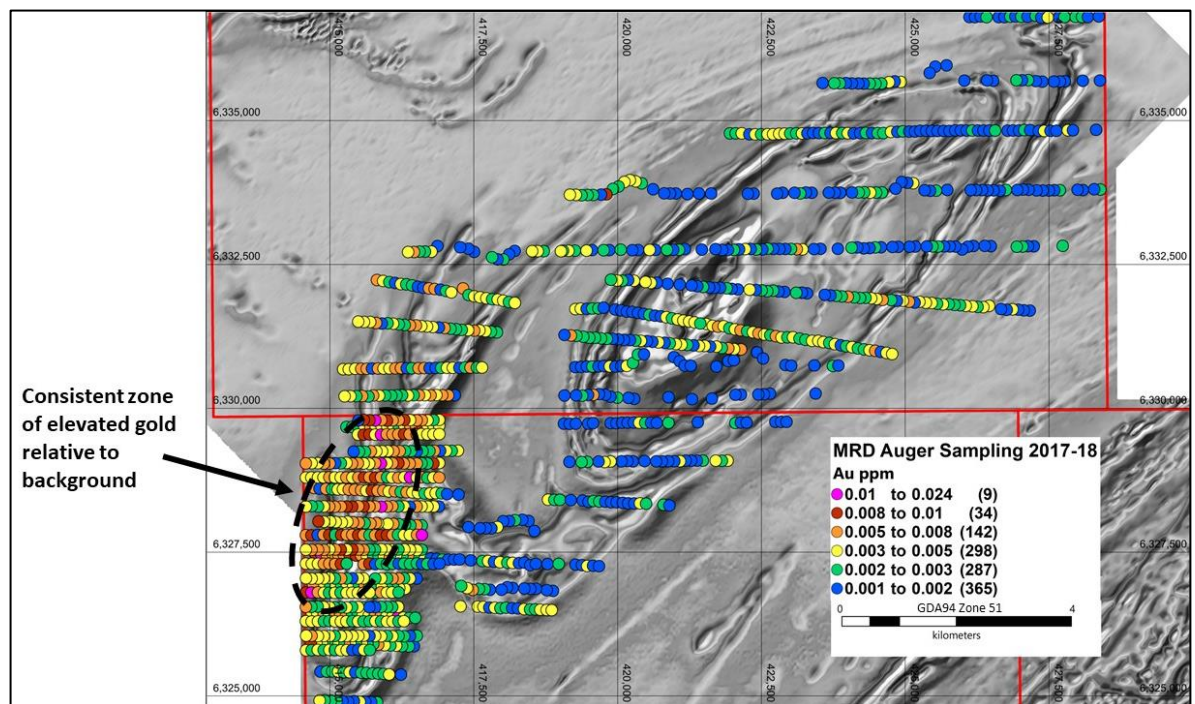


Figure 2. Detailed view of stage two anomalous infill auger soil sampling completed E63/1564 (1st Vertical Derivative of Total Magnetic Intensity airborne magnetic data)

Geophysics Update

The HP MLTEM geophysics survey at Keith's and Winston's/T19 target areas has been completed and the data has been modelled. While some broad mid to late time anomalous conductivity zones were detected in the initial survey, extension lines were completed to check and confirm that these were not related to discrete bedrock conductors targeted for magmatic nickel-copper style mineralisation. It appears the anomalous features identified are related to a greater regional NE-SW striking structural conductive zone coincident with a major regional cross-cutting structural feature observed in the regional magnetics and gravity data, and most likely corresponds to a major conductive saline water and/or clay filled regional fault zone.

The Mt Ridley project area has had its challenges over the years with highly conductive lacustrine and saline clay cover sequences, salt lakes and excessive unseasonal wet summers causing multiple survey and modelling issues along the way.

The company is satisfied with the quality of data provided in this survey recently completed, and feels that many of the issues with penetrating conductive overburden have now been resolved, thus giving confidence to use the same HP MLTEM survey system and parameters at other intrusive style targets still yet to be explored within the Mt Ridley gravity corridor. Planning is underway for further exploration and the company looks forward updating the market when exploration activity commences.

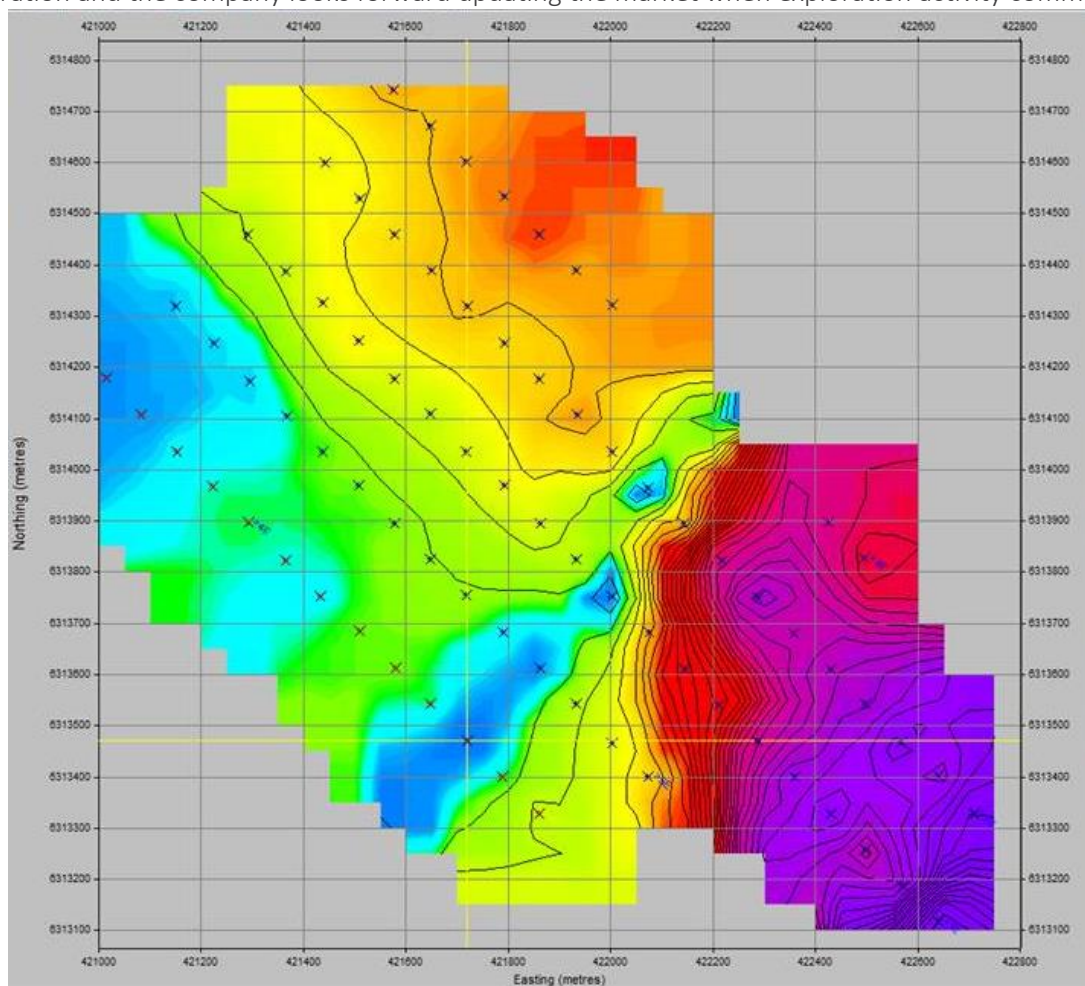


Figure 3. MLTEM CH28BZ gridded data – Keith's target area. The marginal/broad response in the southwest corner corresponds to the major fault system apparent in regional magnetic and gravity data, and most likely is the result of saline clays within the major fault structure. No other strong late-time conductivity responses consistent with targeted magmatic nickel-copper sulphides are apparent in the data.

Table 1.

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Appendix 1 Mt Ridley Mining Limited – Mt Ridley Project – Auger Sampling JORC CODE 2012.

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are material to the Public report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1m samples from which 3kg was pulverised to produce a 30g 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 (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle mounted machine auger soil samples collected at a nominal depth of 1.0 to 1.5m below surface. Total soil sample retrieved from bottom of hole was bagged. Sample size of soil samples varied from 1kg – 2kg in weight. With the soil sampling, a geochemical standard was inserted approximately every 100 samples to help ensure laboratory assay accuracy. In addition, a duplicate sample was taken and analysed at approximately every 25th and 75th sample site to compare local variation in the sample sites. GPS coordinates of soil sample locations were captured using a handheld GPS with ±4m accuracy. Soil samples were submitted to ALS laboratories in Kalgoorile, Western Australia for multielement analyses using technique AuME-TL43. Sample were dried and then pulverised so that >85% of sample is <75µm. The sample (25 – 50 g) is digested in a mixture of 3 parts hydrochloric acid and 1 part nitric acid (aqua regia). Gold is determined by ICPMS directly from the digestion liquor.
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic etc.) and details (e.g. 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.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle mounted machine auger drilled vertical to a nominal depth of 1.0 to 1.5m
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed Measurements taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samples were logged in the field by a geologist for colour and composition, as well as tested using acid for calcareous material content. Total soil sample was bagged for shipment to the laboratory. Laboratory sample processing was carried out using standard industry procedures.

	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel etc.) photography. • The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples were logged in the field by a geologist for colour and soil composition, as well as tested using acid for calcareous material content. • Logging is qualitative as the fine grained nature of the material precludes quantitative detail.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. • If non-core, whether riffles, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry. • For all sample types, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. • Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. • 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. • Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total soil sample was taken. • Samples were taken dry • Field duplicates were taken every 25th and 75th sample out of 100 • Approximately 1-2kg of material was taken for each sample. • Sample sizes and preparation techniques employed are considered to be appropriate for the generation of early stage exploration results.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. • 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. • Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil samples were submitted to ALS laboratories in Kalgoorile, Western Australia for multielement analyses using technique AuME-TL43. • Sample were dried and then pulverised so that >85% of sample is -75um. • The sample (25 – 50 g) is digested in a mixture of 3 parts hydrochloric acid and 1 part nitric acid (aqua regia). • Gold is determined by ICPMS directly from the digestion liquor. • The method is considered a partial digestion of the sample but adequate for the determination of desired results.

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Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physically and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sampling techniques were reviewed in the field by the Managing Director.
Location of data points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resources estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS coordinates of soil sample locations were captured using a handheld GPS with +/- 4m accuracy.
Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Reserve and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample locations were collected and reported using the GDA94_MGAz51 grid system.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil samples were taken on a nominal 100m sample spacing along lines nominally 200-300m apart.

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Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The measures taken to ensure sample security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All soil samples were submitted to the laboratory as soon as the program was completed
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of and audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data was checked for QA/QC of standards and field duplicates by external consultants

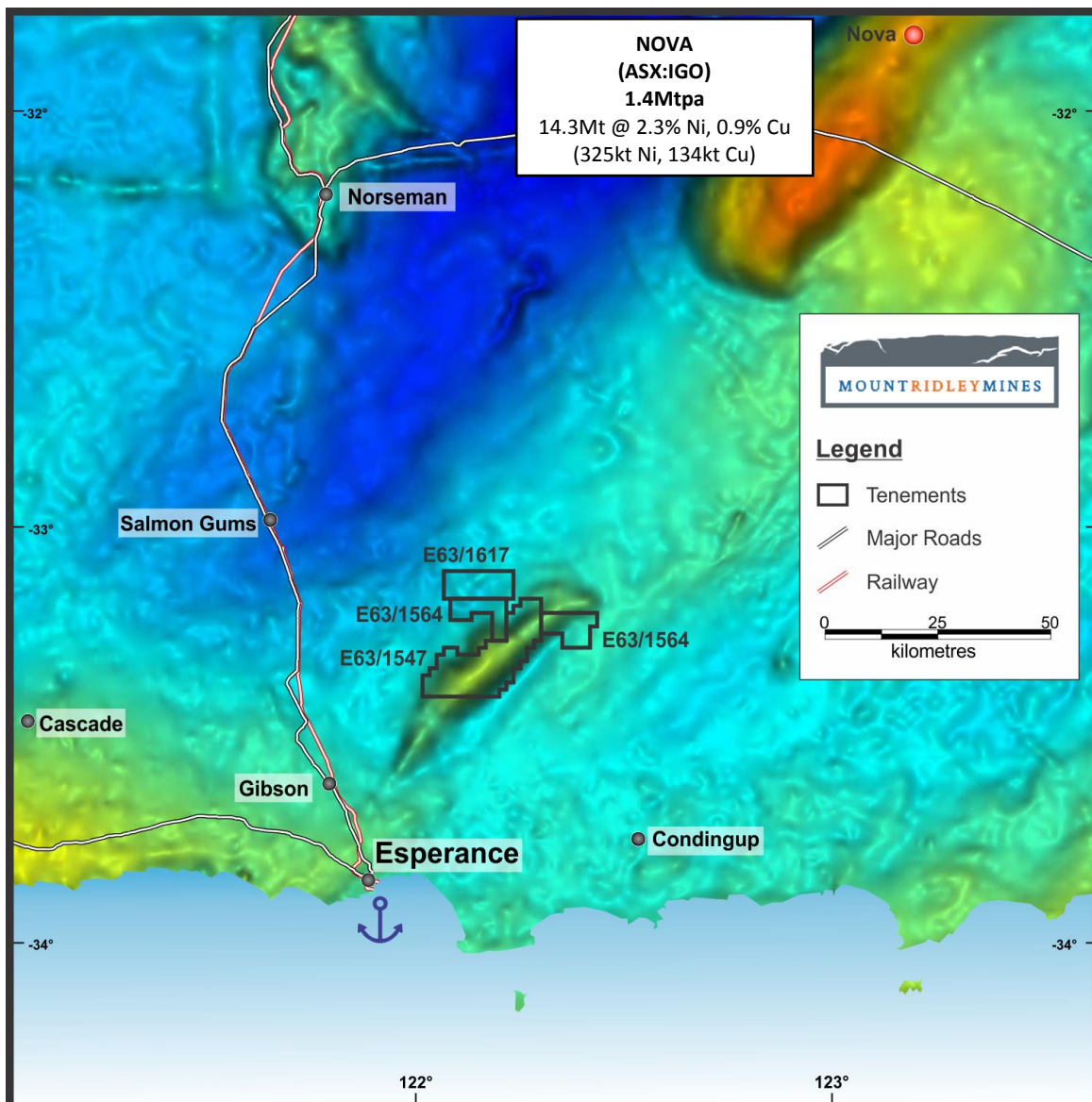
Section2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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Mineral tenements and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interest, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenement E 63 /1564. Dundas mineral field. The tenement is 100% held by Mt Ridley Mines Ltd. The tenure is secure and in good standing at the time of writing
Exploration done by other parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgement and appraisal of exploration by other parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous exploration has primarily targeted lignite and base metals but has been dormant for several decades
Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deposit type, geological settings and style of mineralisation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Ridley Mines is exploring primarily for magmatic hosted Ni-Cu sulphide and base metals/gold in the Albany-Fraser Orogen of Western Australia.
Drill hole information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A summary of all information material for the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: <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)and the drill hole collar Dip and azimuth of the hole Down hole length and interception depth Hole length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached table

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In reporting Exploration results, weighing averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually material and should be stated. 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. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cut-off grades or weighted averages are reported No aggregated results are reported No metal equivalent values have been reported.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The geometry of any potential mineralized horizon is unknown No drilling results are included in this release
Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts would be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited too plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate plans have been included in the body of the report
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable at this early stage of exploration

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Other substantive exploration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 containing substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed aeromagnetic survey was completed in October 2014
Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, providing this information is not commercially sensitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up auger soil sampling to infill data between current lines as shown in the accompanying plans

About Mount Ridley Mines Ltd



Mount Ridley Mines Ltd is a Perth based Australian Exploration Company focusing primarily on projects in the Albany Fraser Range region of Western Australia, 70kms north east of a major port in Esperance. The project has the potential to host major mineral deposits in base and precious metals including nickel, copper, cobalt, silver and gold.

The Company is managed by a team of highly motivated professionals with significant expertise in mineral exploration, mining operations, finance and corporate management with a proven track record of successfully delivering value to shareholders.

Mount Ridley Mines Ltd is actively targeting nickel and copper sulphide deposits in the Albany Fraser Range Province of Western Australia, the site of Independence Groups Nova Nickel-Copper Deposit discovered by Sirius Resources NL. The Company currently has a tenement portfolio of approximately 614 sq/kms or 61,396 Ha (excluding ELA63/1902) in what is one of the world's most exciting emerging nickel and copper provinces.