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# Gold Nuggets Recovered at the Merolia Gold Project

# **Key Points:**

- Prospectors recover 8 Oz (251 grams) of gold nuggets from Merolia Project
  - Nuggets located along two mineralised trends 1.2km apart
  - o Nugget locations coincident with strong gold in soil anomalies
  - o Gold in soil anomalies 2.5 and 2.7 kilometres long respectively

White Cliff Minerals Limited ("White Cliff" or the "Company") is pleased to report that prospectors have recovered over 8 ounces (251 grams) of gold from the Company's Merolia gold project.

The recovered gold nuggets are associated with two strongly mineralised gold trends previously defined by soil geochemistry conducted by White Cliff. The Comet Well and Comet Central mineralised trend are parallel and approximately 1.2 kilometre apart and are 2.3 and 2.7 kilometres long respectively.





Figure 1: Gold nuggets recovered from Comet Well and Comet Central gold trends. Approximately 8 ounces of gold was recovered

The bulk of the nugget gold (200 grams) was recovered for the southern end of the Comet Central gold trend which extends 2.5 kilometres and is defined by gold in soil anomalies previously defined by the Company (ASX release 23 September 2016). Mineralisation occurs along the NW trending sheared contact between a basalt and ultramafic unit (Figure 2). The nuggets are interpreted to have formed in the regolith profile via evaporation from a nearby primary source.

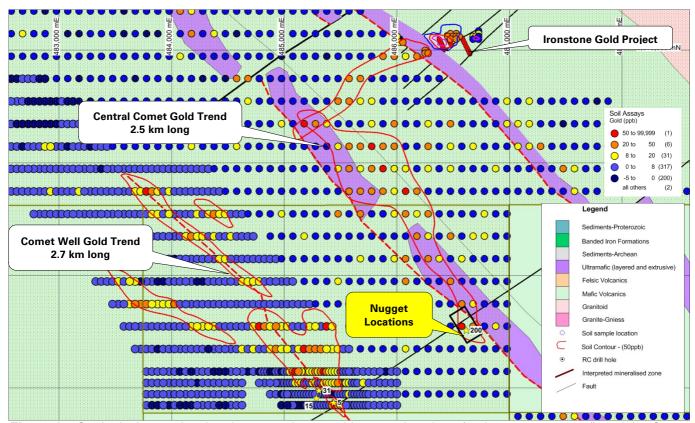
The remainder of the nugget gold (51 grams) was recovered from the Comet Well gold trend which extends 2.7 kilometres in a NW direction and is defined by extensive gold in soil anomalies. Over 40 ounces of gold nuggets have been previously recovered from this area by other prospectors (ASX Release 11 March 2016) and a 25 tonne bulk sample taken in 2017 had an average grade of 6 g/t gold.

The recovery of multiple gold nuggets and associated gold in soil anomalies highlights the prospectivity of the two Comet gold trends and the Company will look to conduct further regolith surveys over the prospective areas prior to considering drilling.

### **Central Comet Gold Trend**

The bulk of the nugget gold (200 grams) was recovered for the southern end of the central comet gold trend which extends 2.5 kilometres and is defined by strong gold in soil anomalies previously defined by the Company. Mineralisation occurs along the NW trending sheared contact between a basalt and ultramafic unit (Figure 2). The nuggets have formed in the regolith profile via evaporation from a nearby primary source.

The gold in soil anomalies contain a maximum gold value of **169 ppb** but are more commonly 20-50 ppb gold with several samples greater than **100ppb**. The anomalies extend along approximately 2.5 kilometres of strike and are up to 150-350 metres wide. There also appears to be a SE mineralised zone approximately 1.1 kilometres long joining the Ironstone gold zone to the Comet Central gold trend.



**Figure 2:** Geological map showing the approximate gold nugget locations (and grams recovered) and the Comet Well, Central Comet and Ironstone gold in soil anomalies

### **Comet Well Gold Trend**

The remainder of the nugget gold (51 grams) was recovered from the Comet Well gold trend which extends 2.7 kilometres and is defined by gold in soil anomalies. The anomalies contain a maximum gold value of **2600 ppb** (**2.6 g/t**) but are more commonly 20-50 ppb gold with several samples greater than **100ppb**.

The mineralisation recognised in this region consists of multiple sub-vertical quartz reefs that contain visible gold as evidenced by gold nuggets recovered from quartz veins at surface. Detailed metal detecting identified a significant number of **gold nuggets** at surface over a 3 kilometre long trend (the Comet Well gold trend) that coincides with a major regional fault structure.

The nuggets were located by prospectors operating under a formal tribute agreement with the Company. Recent prospecting by the tribute group has identified visible gold from a 2 metre deep pit occurring adjacent to a quartz vein where 4 ounces of gold has been recovered. Along the 3 kilometre trend a total 40 ounces of gold has been recovered with the largest nugget weighing 20 grams.

## **Comet Well Prospect Background**

Evaluation of the regional magnetic data over the Merolia gold project has identified several NW-SE trending shear systems that have the potential to host substantial gold mineralisation. The Comet Well gold trend and associated regional structures extend at least 30 kilometres north to the A1 Minerals Bright Star deposit and only limited historical exploration has been undertaken over these structures.

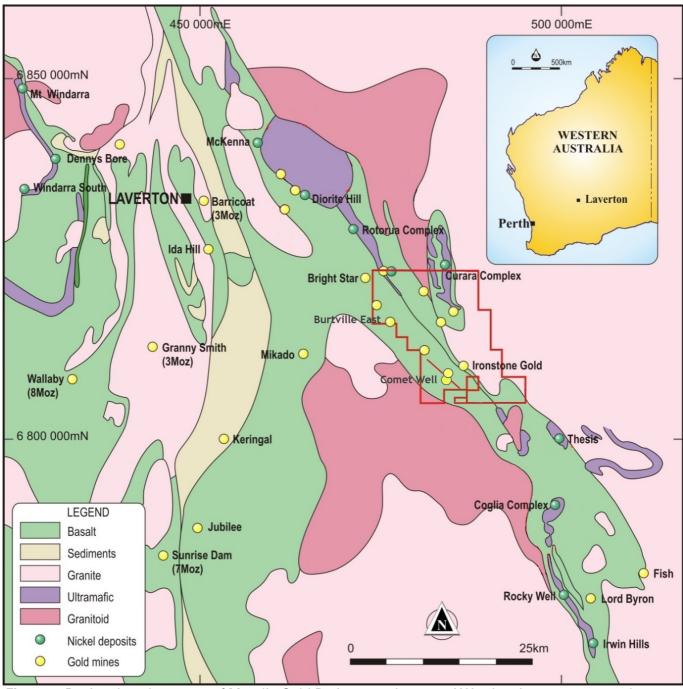


Figure 3: Regional geology map of Merolia Gold Project near Laverton WA, showing tenement package and main gold anomalies.

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## **About White Cliff Minerals Limited**

# **Cobalt-Nickel Projects:**

**Coronation Dam Cobalt Project (100%):** The project consists of one tenement (16km²) in the Wiluna-Norseman greenstone belt 90km south of the Murrin Murrin nickel-cobalt HPAL plant. The tenement contains an Inferred Mineral Resource of **5.7 million tonnes at 1.0% nickel and 0.08% cobalt** containing 56,700 tonnes of nickel and 4,300 tonnes of cobalt (ASX release 25 March 2019). Mineralisation is open along strike within an extensive ultramafic unit that contains zones of cobalt mineralisation associated with nickel mineralisation.

**Coglia Well Cobalt Project (100%):** The project consists of two tenements (166km²) in the Merolia greenstone belt 50km south east of Laverton, WA. The tenements contain extensive ultramafic units that host zones of cobalt mineralisation associated with nickel mineralisation. Historical drilling has identified Cobalt grades including 16 metres at **0.16% cobalt** and 0.65% nickel.

**Ghan Well Cobalt Project (100%):** The project consists of one tenement (39km²) in the Wiluna-Norseman greenstone belt 25km southeast of the Murrin Murrin nickel-cobalt HPAL plant. 1.3 million tonnes at 0.9% nickel and 0.07% cobalt above a cut-off grade of 0.8% nickel, containing 11,900 tonnes of nickel and 900 tonnes of cobalt (ASX release 18 April 2019). Mineralisation remains open along strike for 3 kilometres to the north and 6 kilometres to the south.

**Bremer Range Cobalt Project (100%):** The project covers 127km² in the Lake Johnson Greenstone Belt prospective for shallow cobalt-nickel mineralisation. Historical drilling has identified extensive cobalt and nickel mineralisation associated with ultramafic rocks extending 15 kilometres in length and up to 1500 metres wide. The tenements are only 130 kilometres from the Ravensthorpe cobalt and nickel processing facility.

## **Gold Projects:**

**Kyrgyz Copper-Gold Project (90%):** The Project contains extensive porphyry related gold and copper mineralisation starting at the surface and extending over 8 kilometres. The Aucu gold deposit currently contains an Inferred Gold Mineral Resource above a cut-off grade of 1 g/t gold of **2.95 Million** tonnes grading **5.1 g/t gold** for **484,000 ounces** of contained gold. The project also contains the Chanach copper deposit which has an Inferred Copper Mineral Resource of **17.2Mt at 0.36% copper** containing **64,000 tonnes** of copper.

Extensive mineralisation occurs around both deposits demonstrating significant expansion potential. The project is located in the Kyrgyz Republic, 350km west-southwest of the capital city of Bishkek and covers 57km². The Chanach copper and gold deposit is located in the western part of the Tien Shan Belt, a highly mineralised zone that extending for over 2500 km, from western Uzbekistan, through Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic and southern Kazakhstan to western China.

**Merolia Gold Project (100%):** The project consists of 191km<sup>2</sup> of the Merolia Greenstone belt consisting of the Ironstone, Comet Well and Burtville prospects. The project contains extensive basalt sequences that are prospective for gold mineralisation, including the Ironstone prospect where historical drilling has identified 24m at 8.6g/t gold.

**Laverton Gold Project (100%):** The project consists of one granted tenement (22km²) in the Laverton Greenstone belt. The Red Flag prospect is located 20km southwest of Laverton in the core of the structurally complex Laverton Tectonic zone immediately north of the Mt Morgan's Gold Mine (3.5 MOz) and 7 kilometres northwest of the Wallaby Gold Mine (7 MOz).

The Information in this report that relates to exploration results, mineral resources or ore reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Todd Hibberd, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Hibberd is a full time employee of Mineral Resource Management which provided consulting services to the company. Mr Hibberd has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the `Australian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code)`. Mr Hibberd consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this report.

# Appendix 1

The following information is provided to comply with the JORC Code (2012) requirements for the reporting of the Exploration results over the Merolia gold and nickel project.

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data (Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling Techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard	This ASX Release reports on exploration results from of the Company's Merolia project area.
	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	Metal Detecting: The prospect has been metal detected and gold nuggets recovered. The locations of the nuggets are recorded with a GPS and the nuggets photographed and weighed to an accuracy of 0.01 gram.
		Soil Sampling: Sampled is conducted by manual scoop sampling on nominal 100 by 200m or 100m x 50m grid spacing. Where anomalous values are detected infill sampling is conducted at 50m by 25m. Approximately 100-200 grams of soil is collected for each sample.
		Soil Analysis: Onsite XRF analysis is conducted on the fines from RC chips using a hand-held Olympus Innov-X Spectrum Analyser. These results are only used for onsite interpretation and preliminary base metal assessment subject to final geochemical analysis by laboratory assays.
		RC Sampling: Samples from RC drilling are taken as 1m samples. Samples are sent to Bureau Veritas Laboratories for assaying. Appropriate QAQC samples (standards, blanks and duplicates) are inserted into the sequences as per industry best practice. Samples are collected using cone or riffle splitter. Geological logging of RC chips is completed at site with representative chips being stored in drill chip trays.
	Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.	The sample collar locations are picked up by handheld GPS. Soil samples were logged for landform, and sample contamination. Sampling was carried out under standard industry protocols and QAQC procedures
	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 (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.	All samples are analyzed for gold by Aqua-regia digest of a 30 gram sample followed by Inductively Coupled Plasma - mass spectrophotometry.
Drilling Techniques	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).	Reverse Circulation Drilling, 1800CFM/550PSI compressor, with 133mm (5.25 inch) diameter face sampling hammer bit. Industry standard processes
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed	Calculated volume of 1m RC sample is 36kg based on rock density of 2.6 g/cm3. Sample bags were visually inspected for volume to ensure minimal size variation. Were variability was observed, sample bags were weighed. Sampling was carried out under standard industry protocols and QAQC procedures
	Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and	No measures have been deemed necessary
	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.	No studies have been carried out
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.	Drill samples are geologically logged and are submitted for petrological studies. Samples are retained and stored. The logging is considered sufficient for JORC compliant resource estimations
	Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) Photography	Logging is considered qualitative

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	intersections logged.	Neier to text in the main body of the announcement
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	Not Applicable- no core drilling was carried out
	If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.	Samples are riffle split from 35kg down to 3kg. Where samples were too wet to riffle split, samples were tube sampled.
	For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique	Samples are collected using a face sampling hammer which pulverises the rock to chips. The chips are transported up the inside of the drill rod to the surface cyclone where they are collected in one metre intervals. The one metres samples are riffle split to provide a 2.5-3kg sample for analysis. Industry standard protocols are used and deemed appropriate
	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples	At this stage of the exploration no sub sampling is undertaken
	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	The whole sample collected is pulverised to 75um in a ring mill and a 200g sub-sample is collected. A 2-30 gram sub sample of the pulverised sample is analysed. Field duplicates are not routinely collected
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled	The sample sizes are considered to be appropriate to correctly represent the sought after mineralisation style
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.	The analytical techniques used Aqua Regia digest multi element suite with ICP/MS finish, suitable for the reconnaissance style sampling undertaken.
	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.	Samples are analysed with a Innovex portable XRF instrument using a 60 second analysis time. Calibration checks were carried out against a nickel standard every 50 samples. Samples were tested three times and the average reading recorded. The standard deviation of the three reading has been recorded
	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	A selection the samples have the XRF results repeated a second time for verification. Elevated samples are checked against Laboratory analysis. The Laboratory analyses the samples via Aqua Regia with ICP-MS finish.
		Laboratory QAQC involves the use of internal lab standards using certified reference material, blanks, splits and replicates as part of the in house procedures.
Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.	Significant intersections in drill samples are verified by an executive director of the Company
assaying	The use of twinned holes Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols	Not Applicable Primary data is collected using a set of standard Excel templates on paper and re-entered into laptop computers. The information was sent to WCN in-house database manager for validation and compilation into an Access database.
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data	No adjustments or calibrations were made to any assay data used in this report.
Location of data points	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.	Sample locations are recorded using handheld Garmin GPS. Elevation values were in AHD RL and values recorded within the database. Expected accuracy is + or – 5 m for easting, northing and 10m for elevation coordinates.  No down hole surveying techniques are used due to the sampling methods used.
	Specification of the grid system used.	The grid system is MGA_GDA94 (zone 51)
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	Topographic surface uses handheld GPS elevation data, which is adequate at the current stage of the project.
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	The nominal drill sample spacing is 1 metre down hole. Each drill hole targets a specific target so there is no nominal drill spacing
	Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity	The mineralised domains have not yet demonstrated sufficient continuity in both geological and grade

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	appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.	continuity to support the definition of Mineral Resource and Reserves, and the classifications applied under the 2012 JORC Code.
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	Not applicable
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	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	The soil sampling method provides a surface sample only.  No orientation based sampling bias has been identified in the data at this point.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Sample security is managed by the Company. Since at this stage these are field analyses, no sample transit security has been necessary.
Audits of reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	The Company carries out its own internal data audits. No problems have been detected.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results (Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	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.	The sample positions occur within Exploration License E38/2693 which is 100% owned by White Cliff Minerals Limited or a subsidiary
	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.	The tenements are in good standing and no known impediments exist.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	Extensive historical exploration for platinum, gold and nickel mineralisation has been carried out by Placer Dome, WMC, Comet resources and their predecessors. Occurrences of nickel laterite and gold mineralisation were identified but was deemed uneconomic
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The geological setting is of Archaean aged mafic and ultramafic sequences intruded by mafic to felsic porphyries and granitoids. Mineralisation is mostly situated within the regolith profile of the ultramafic units. The rocks are strongly talc-carbonate altered. Metamorphism is mid-upper Greenschist facies. The target mineralisation has yet to be identified but is analogous to Barnicoat or Granny Smith Archean lode gold mineralisation.
Drill Hole Information	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:  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.  If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not	No drilling has been conducted in relation to this release
Data Aggregation methods	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.  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.	No length weighting has been applied due to the nature of the sampling technique. No top-cuts have been applied.  Not applicable for the sampling methods used.
	The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated	No metal equivalent values are used for reporting exploration results.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	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 (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').	The sampling technique used defines a surficial geochemical expression. No information is attainable relating to the geometry of any mineralisation based on these results.
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any	Refer to figs. in the body of text.

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	significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views`	
Balanced Reporting	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	All results are reported.
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.	NIL
Further Work	The nature and scale of planned further work (eg 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, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	RAB/AC drilling will be used to further define the nature and extent of the geochemical anomalism, and to gain lithological information.