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# Preliminary Split Rocks 4 metre composite assays return numerous gold intersections for resampling.

- A 16-hole initial RC drilling program completed to test bedrock gold targets at Split Rocks;
- Gold mineralisation (>0.5 g/t Au) intersected in 12 of 16 holes completed, with preliminary 4-metre composite sampling returning several strong intersections for resampling including:
  - o 12m @ 1.97 g/t Au from 60m including 8m @ 2.72 g/t Au in ZDRC022 (abandoned before ultimate target depth due to water),
  - o 8m @ 1.41 g/t Au from 8m plus 4m @ 1.66 g/t Au from 44m in ZDRC020,
  - o 8m @ 1.08 g/t Au from 32m plus 8m @ 0.69 g/t Au from 72m in ZDRC021,
  - 12m @ 0.71 g/t Au (EOH) from 20m in ZDRC011, and
  - o 10m @ 0.57 g/t Au (EOH-abandoned in old underground workings) from 32m in ZDRC017.
- One metre resamples for mineralised intersections have been submitted for assay with results anticipated in around 2 - 3 weeks;
- The drill program has successfully confirmed the presence of significant bedrock gold mineralisation below the widespread gold in surface laterite. A follow-up drill program will be designed on receipt of one metre resample results; and
- Dual purpose program provided an initial wide spaced drill test of bedrock gold targets and lithium pegmatite bodies identified in the historical drilling in this highly prospective Forrestania lithium belt.

Zenith Minerals Limited ("Zenith" or "the Company") is pleased to report preliminary assay results from 4-metre composite sampling of a 16-hole RC drilling program at its Split Rocks project in Western Australia. This initial program of approximately 2000m successfully confirmed bedrock gold targets beneath the currently operating Dulcie Heap Leach Gold Project (DHLGO)- held by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Zenith announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 that it had executed an option agreement with the owners of the DHLGO whereby the Company has an exclusive right to explore for bedrock gold mineralisation beneath the large laterite rich gold cap currently being mined and treated on leases located contiguous with Zenith's Split Rocks project licences, located in the Forrestania greenstone belt, Western Australia (Figure 1).

Historical exploration reports on the area of the DHLGO leases highlight that high-grade gold mineralisation is predominantly hosted by moderately west dipping BIF units (Figures 2 & 3). High-grade historic drill results include: 6.0m @ 16.91 g/t Au, 2.0m @ 32.73 g/t Au, 2.0m @ 16.5 g/t Au, 2.0m @ 15.40 g/t Au, 5.0m @ 4.73 g/t Au, 4.0m @ 4.90 g/t Au and 9.0m @ 2.20g/t Au, presenting several high-priority target zones for follow-up by Zenith. Historic holes were drilled either vertical or at -60° east. Assuming moderate west dipping gold mineralisation then the intersection widths will be close to true widths, however there is insufficient drill density to be confident that all gold zones are dipping west and therefore caution must be applied regarding the widths of reported gold zones.

Most historic drill holes have only focused on the near surface laterite rich gold zone with the average drill hole depth for the project area only 19.7m (1,777 historic shallow holes).

#### **Corporate Details**

ASX: ZNC

Issued Shares (ZNC) 212.8M
Unlisted options 4.15M
Mkt. Cap. (\$0.06) A\$13M
Cash (30<sup>th</sup> Jun 19) A\$1.1 M
Debt Nil

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Preliminary 4 metre composite assays have been received for Zenith's recent drilling program, with 12 of the 16 holes returning gold mineralised intercepts (>0.5 g/t Au). Better results include 12m @ 1.97 g/t Au from 60m including 8m @ 2.72 g/t Au in ZDRC022, 8m @ 1.41 g/t Au from 8m and 4m @ 1.66 g/t Au from 44m in ZDRC020, 8m @ 1.08 g/t Au from 32m and 8m @ 0.69 g/t Au from 72m in ZDRC021, 12m @ 0.71 g/t Au (EOH) from 20m in ZDRC011, and 10m @ 0.57 g/t Au (EOH-abandoned in old underground workings) from 32m in ZDRC017.

The intersection in hole ZDRC022 is particularly noteworthy as this hole was a redrill of hole ZDRC017, which was abandoned at 32m depth in mineralisation having hit a cavity that is likely old underground workings. Additionally, drill holes ZDRC022 & ZDRC018 did not reach their respective ultimate target depths to test the BIF – shear intersection due to high water ingress. The mineralised zone intersected in hole ZDRC022 (12m @ 1.97 g/t Au) is untested for greater than 1 km to the south along the western edge of the prominent BIF sourced magnetic high (Figure 2).

One metre resamples for mineralised intersections have been submitted for assay with results anticipated in around 2-3 weeks.

In addition, to the high-grade gold targets, several historic exploration drill holes intersected pegmatite, but this previous drilling was never analysed for lithium. Encouragingly, surface sampling by Zenith returned high lithium values up to 0.39% Li<sub>2</sub>O returned from a small pegmatite outcropping beneath the surface laterite as announced to the ASX on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Two holes were drilled to provide an initial first pass assessment of this lithium target. A relatively thin pegmatite was intersected with assays for lithium and associated elements to come.

The area drill tested is located immediately east of Zenith's Dulcie lithium target, where drilling by Zenith has confirmed thick pegmatite bodies (up to 79m downhole widths) – containing broad anomalous levels of lithium throughout, including 79m @ 284ppm Li<sub>2</sub>O with a peak value of 1m @ 1072ppm Li<sub>2</sub>O.

Zenith has been systematically exploring its 100% owned Split Rocks project with landholdings of approximately 500 sqkm in the Forrestania greenstone belt. This emerging lithium district is host to SQM-Kidman's Mt Holland/Earl Grey lithium deposit containing 189Mt @ 1.5% Li<sub>2</sub>O (KDR:ASX Release 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018).

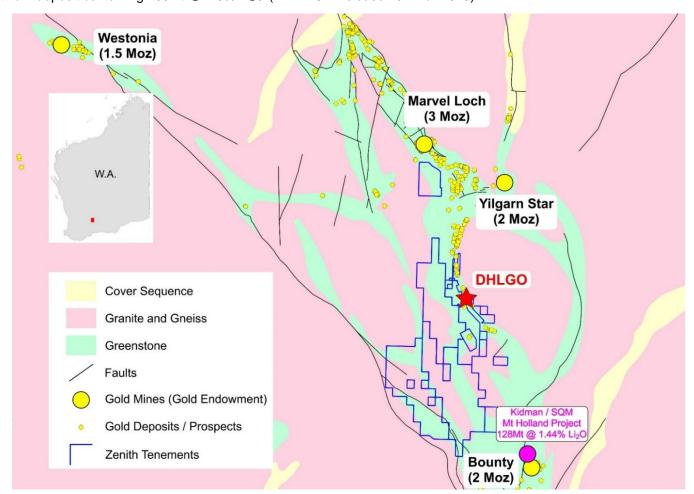


Figure 1- DHLGO Prospect and Split Rocks Project Location Map Showing Regional Gold Endowment



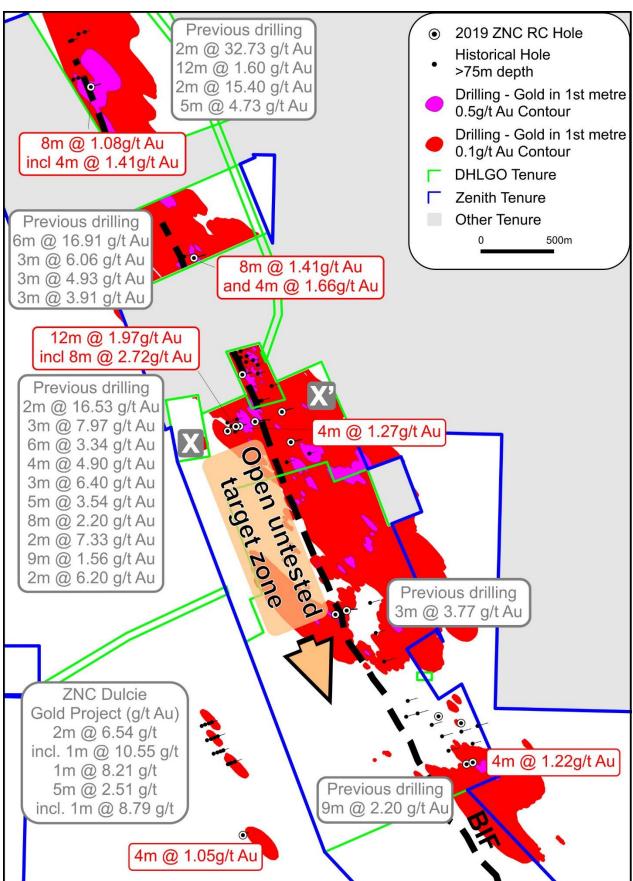


Figure 2- DHLGO Prospect -Plan Showing Significant Zenith Preliminary 4-metre Composite Drill Results (One metre resamples for mineralised intersections have been submitted for assay) and Historic Gold Drill Intersections



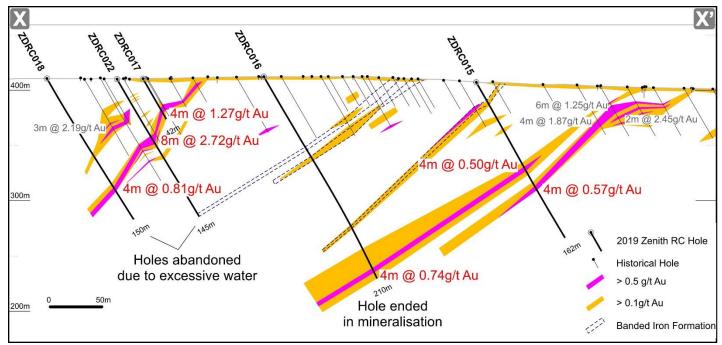


Figure 3 - DHLGO Prospect - Section X-X' Significant Zenith Preliminary 4-metre Composite Drill Results (One metre resamples for mineralised intersections have been submitted for assay) and Historic Gold Drill Intersections

Table 1: DHLGO Prospect Significant Gold Intersections from Preliminary 4-metre Composites (lower cut-off grade 0.5 g/t Au), One metre resamples for mineralised intersections have been submitted for assay.

	Au	length	to	from	Depth	Azimuth	Dip	Northing	Easting	HOLEID
	4.05	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(deg)	(deg)	C 470744	746060	700007
	1.05	4m	84	80	88	68	-60	6479744	746069	ZDRC007
	nsv				60	0	-90	6480544	747393	ZDRC008
	nsv				60	0	-90	6480498	747545	ZDRC009
	nsv				48	72	-72	6480221	747582	ZDRC010
	0.71	12m eoh	30	20	30	252	-60	6480233	747625	ZDRC011
	1.22	4m	24	20	incl					
	nsv				150	73.5	-60	6481258	746772	ZDRC012
	0.53	4m	8	4	180	73.5	-60	6481231	746697	ZDRC013
	0.56	4m	160	156	and					
	0.62	8m	36	28	150	71	-60	6482395	746395	ZDRC014
	0.97	4m	36	32	incl					
	0.50	4m	92	88	162	73.5	-60	6482599	746335	ZDRC015
	0.57	4m	112	108	and					
	0.47	10m eoh	210	200	210	73.5	-60	6482533	746154	ZDRC016
	0.74	4m	204	200	incl					
Abandoned	0.57	10m eoh	42	32	42	74	-60	6482502	746049	ZDRC017
in workings										
	1.27	4m	36	32	incl					
Abandoned before	0.81	4m	120	116	150	73.5	-60	6482469	745968	ZDRC018
ultimate										
target depth due to water										



ZDRC019	746068	6482850	-70	71	175	76	80	4m	0.84	
ZDRC020	745741	6483637	60	71	175	8	16	8m	1.41	
					and	44	48	4m	1.66	
ZDRC021	745044	6484792	-60	71	150	32	40	8m	1.08	
					incl	36	40	4m	1.41	
					and	72	80	8m	0.69	
ZDRC022	746025	6482500	-60	74	144	60	72	12m	1.97	Abandoned before ultimate target depth due to water
					incl	60	68	8m	2.72	

### Option Agreement - Summary of Key Terms

Zenith announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 that it has a 2-year option to explore for bedrock gold (any gold 6 metres below surface) and lithium mineralisation on tenements covering the operating Dulcie Heap Leach Gold Project (DHLGO) in exchange for surface laterite gold rights on Zenith's adjoining exploration licence E77/2388.

Zenith may at its sole election exercise the option through the payment of a 2% NSR royalty payable on any future bedrock gold production from the DHLGO project area.

DHLGO owners may at their election purchase any new laterite hosted surface gold mineralisation (gold above 6m below surface) defined by Zenith on E77/2388 or from within the DHLGO area for \$20.00/oz Au subject to a rise and fall formula linked to various cost and revenue factors including but not limited to gold, diesel and cyanide prices.

Various other industry standard terms and conditions.

#### Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Michael Clifford, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and an employee of Zenith Minerals Limited. Mr Clifford has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking 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'. Mr Clifford consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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## **JORC Tables**

## **Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	, , , , , , ,	Samples were collected via a cyclone.
	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 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 (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	Reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 4 m composite samples from which 2 kg was pulverised with analysis for gold by 50g fire assay with AAS finish
Drilling techniques	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.).	
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.	Selected samples were weighed in the field and using an estimated bulk density calculated weights were compared against weighed samples to check against visual estimates of recovery.
	Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.	Reverse circulation face sample bit ensured good recoveries through-out the drill program, holes that ended in high-water ingress were terminated to ensure adequate sample recovery.
	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.	Acceptable overall sample recoveries through-out drill



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.			
	Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography.	Qualitative logging, representative sample retained for each drill metre.		
	The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	100%		
	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	No core		
Sub-sampling	If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.	Rotary splitter for each 1m sample and 4m composite sample.		
techniques and sample preparation	For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.	Samples were analysed at Nagrom Laboratories in Perth, 2 kg was pulverised and a representative subsample was analysed for gold by 50g fire assay with AAS finish.		
	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub- sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.	~200g of sample was pulverised and a sub-sample was taken in the laboratory and analysed.		
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation - continued	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.	Duplicate samples were taken in the field and analysed as part of the QA/QC process		
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	Each sample was approximately 2kg in weight which is appropriate to test for the grain size of material sampled.		
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests		Samples were analysed at Nagrom Laboratories in Perth, 2 kg was pulverised and a representative subsample was analysed for gold by 50g fire assay with AAS finish.		
	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.	Magnetic susceptibility readings were taken for each one metre sample.		
	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.	and precision. Resampling of the mineralised zones at		



Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.	At least 2 Zenith company personnel have been to the prospect area and observed samples and representative drill chip samples
	The use of twinned holes.	Nil
	Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.	Field data were all recorded on paper logs and sample record books and then entered into a database
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	No adjustments were made.
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 location is based on GPS coordinates +/-5m accuracy.
	Specification of the grid system used.	The grid system used to compile data was MGA94 Zone 50
Location of data points – continued	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	Topography control is +/- 10m.
	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	16 drill holes refer to Figures 2 & 3 and Table 1 for collar coordinates and drill spacing.
Data spacing and distribution	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.	There is insufficient information to calculate a mineral resource
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	Simple weight average mathematical compositing applied
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.	All Zenith drilling is -60 degrees east and is close to representing true width thickness of the west dipping gold mineralisation, based on the current geological interpretation. Further drilling is required to confirm this interpretation.
	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.	•
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	All samples were taken by Zenith personnel on site and retained in a secure location until delivered directly to the laboratory by Zenith personnel.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	The sampling techniques and data have been reviewed by two company personnel who are qualified as Competent Persons



## **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	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.	Zenith announced on the 21st March 2019 that it has a 2-year option to explore for bedrock gold (any gold 6 metres below surface) and lithium mineralisation on tenements covering the operating Dulcie Heap Leach Gold Project (DHLGO) in exchange for surface laterite gold rights on Zenith's adjoining exploration licence E77/2388.  Zenith may at its sole election exercise the option through the payment of a 2% NSR royalty payable on any future bedrock gold production from the DHLGO project area.  The project is located predominantly in vacant crown land.
	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.	Tenements are mining leases and prospecting leases, current heap leach operation is active, no known impediments to obtain a licence to operate.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	Refer to ASX release 21st March 2019.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	Archean mesothermal lode gold mineralisation hosted within banded iron formation (BIF) and mafic rock types.
	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:  o easting and northing of the drill hole collar	
Dwill holo	o elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar	Drill collars are provided in Table 1 and shown on Figure
Drill hole Information	o dip and azimuth of the hole  o down hole length and interception depth	2.
	o hole length.	
	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		Simple arithmetic weight averaging with minimum lower cut-off grade of 0.5g/t Au and maximum 4m internal dilution.
	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	As above and included in Tables



	and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.	
Data aggregation methods - continued	The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	
Relationship	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.	All Zenith drilling is angled -60 degrees east and based on current interpretation is thought to be representing true width thickness of the west dipping gold mineralised zones however further drilling is required to confirm this interpretation.
between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	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').	Mineralised intervals reported are down-hole lengths but
Diagrams	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.	Refer to Figures 1,2 & 3 and Table 1 and descriptions in
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.	Refer to Figures 1,2 & 3 and Table 1 and descriptions in body of text
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 meaningful or material exploration data to be reported at this stage.
Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).	Follow-up drilling to be planned after receipt of 1m resamples of initial composite samples
	Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	Follow-up drilling to be planned after receipt of 1m resamples of initial composite samples