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Retention Licence RL006587 Approved and Exploration to Commence at the Malmsbury Project.

GBM Resources (ASX:GBZ) (GBM or The Company) advises that it has received formal offer of Grant for the Malmsbury Project Retention Licence. This paves the way for recommencement of exploration of the Company's Malmsbury Project.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Retention Licence RL006587 has been granted by Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) for a period of 10 years from the 23rd of June 2020. This licence covers the Company's 100% owned Malmsbury Gold Project located in the prolific Bendigo Zone of the Victorian Goldfields.
- The licence area covers a strike length of over 4.5 km and includes the 1 km long Leven Star Trend, where GBM has outlined a 104,000 ounce Inferred gold resource (820 kt at 4.0 g/t Au) ¹. This is in addition to nineteenth century gold production from the Drummond North and Belltopper Hill Goldfields. Available records from the Victorian Geological Survey database show approximately 100,000 oz of high-grade hard rock production from these fields.
- Orogenic gold mineralisation present at the Malmsbury Project bears many similarities to ore deposits being mined at the nearby 8 Moz. Fosterville Gold Mine. The Company recognises the underexplored nature of the goldfield and considers it highly prospective in character and considers it to hold potential for discovery of further significant gold mineralisation.
- The programme of work and milestones have been agreed with DEDJTR will require expenditure of \$4.7 million over the initial ten year period.
- GBM has now commenced the Year 1, \$0.21 million exploration programme. The company has secured the use of a shed for core storage and processing, commenced retrieval of core drilled by previous explorers. Other work to be completed in this programme will include; geological mapping and sampling, digital reconstruction of previous mines from historic data, soil surveys, drilling and metallurgical testwork.
- The Malmsbury Project is subject to a strategic option to purchase and exploration Farm In agreement with Novo Resources Corp. (TSX-V:NVO) (ASX Announcement 31st March 2020).
 - Novo has until 28th September 2020 to conduct due diligence to exercise an option to acquire a 50% interest in the Malmsbury Project via the issue of 1,575,387 Novo common shares (Approx. market value A\$6.0 million ²) to GBM. If the option is exercised, Novo then has the right to earn a further 10% interest via the expenditure of A\$5 million on the Malmsbury Gold Project over a four-year period, with the possibility of Novo's interest being increased to 75% upon delivery of a preliminary economic assessment.
- 1. GBM Resources Ltd. Malmsbury Resource Updated to JORC 2012. ASX Announcement July 4, 2019
- 2. Based on Novo 5 day VWAP at 23 June 2020 of CDN\$3.58 and CDN/AUD exchange rate of 1.07



Peter Rohner, Managing Director and CEO, said:

"The grant of the Retention Licence gives us and our other stakeholders the security of tenure needed to progress further activities on our Malmsbury Gold Project in Victoria. I would also like to thank the Earth Resources Regulation section of the DEDJTR for progressing our application during the significant disruptions caused by COVID-19. We now look forward to advancing exploration activities immediately and working with Novo to finalise definitive agreements and a positive outcome on Novo's strategic option on the Malmsbury Gold Project."

Novo's President and Chairman Dr. Quinton Hennigh said;

"Novo looks forward to working with GBM in order to advance the Malmsbury Gold Project in Victoria. The Novo team will focus on confirming social license to explore the Malmsbury Gold Project and various due diligence exercises in order to expedite its option exercise decision. On behalf of the Novo team, I would also like to extend our thanks to the Earth Resources Regulation section of the DEDJTR for progressing GBM's application despite COVID-19 associated industry turmoil. Novo is excited about the opportunity which lies ahead."

About Retention Licences

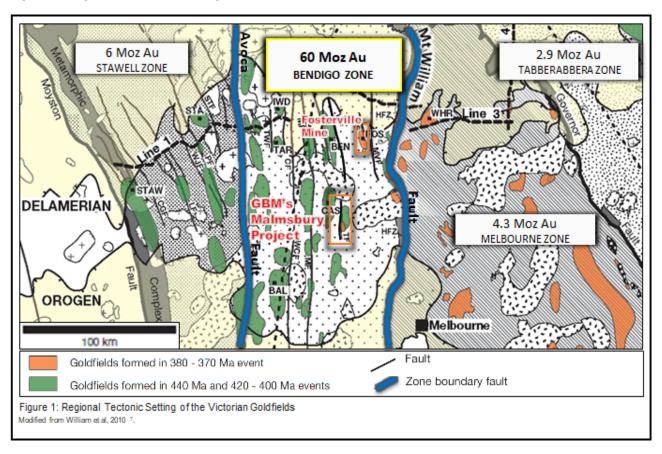
The retention licence is an intermediate licence between an exploration licence and a mining licence. It allows activities such as exploration, research and other development activities required to demonstrate the economic viability of mining. The primary purpose of a retention licence is to undertake further evaluation work on a mineral resource, which is not currently economically viable to mine, in order to establish its economic viability and lead to mining of the mineral resource. Retention licences can be granted for up to 10 years and may be granted in respect of the whole or any part of land within the boundaries of a primary tenement. Mining is not permitted on a retention licence and requires the grant of a mining licence.



Technical Summary of the Malmsbury Project

The Malmsbury Project is located within the prolifically mineralised Bendigo Zone (**BZ**), that has total historic and current alluvial and hard rock gold production in excess of 60 Moz of gold. The BZ also hosts the world class Fosterville Mine (owned by Kirkland Lake) with historic production and current reserves of 8.8 Moz Au ^{5,6} (Figure 1).

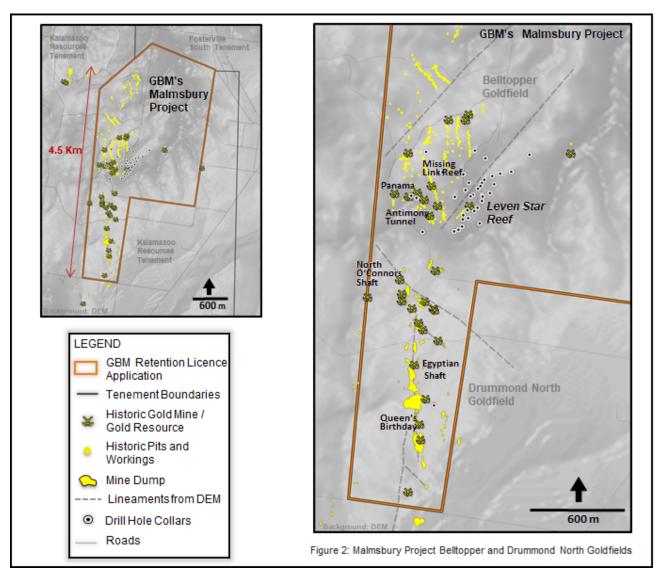
Figure 1: Regional Tectonic Setting of the Victorian Goldfields



The Malmsbury Project is located 55 km south of the Fosterville Mine and adjoins the Castlemaine Gold Project, where Kalamazoo Resources has recently reported bonanza grade drill results from narrow intersections of orogenic style gold mineralisation ³, with geological characteristics similar to the high grade Lower Phoenix and Swan zones at the Fosterville Mine (Figure 2).



Figure 2: Location of Malmsbury Project



GBM's geologist, and a number of researchers, have drawn analogies between the Fosterville gold district and Malmsbury Project (Table 1).



Table 1: High-Level Comparative of Bendigo, Fosterville and Malmsbury Projects within the Bendigo Zone

	Bendigo (B)	Fosterville (F)	Malmsbury (M)	Notes							
Tectonic Setting	Bendigo (B), Fosterville (F) and Malmsbury (M) occur within the Bendigo Zone (60 Moz Au) the most fertile structural zone of the Victoria Goldfields (Stawell Zone - 6 Moz Au, Melboume Zone - 4.3 Moz, Tabberabbera Zone 2.9 Moz). The difference in endowne the Bendigo Zone compared to other zones is interpreted to be the result of it having a basement with >25 km thickness of mafic igneous lithologies with a thin Precambrian lithosphere. Mineralisation is spatially associated with deep penetrating listric shaped r south faults where regional fold culminations have controlled fluid flow?										
Production, Reserves and Resources	22 Moz Au (hard rock and alluvial) ⁸	~2Moz (historic production prior to Lower Phoenix etc.). Total Resource including lower Phoenix 6.8 Moz Au ⁴	Historic production totalled ~98 kt @ 29 g/t for 91 koz Au. Average grades from Panama and Belltoppertunnel were 87.5 g/t Au and 64.8 g/t Au respectively. JORC 2012 GBM resource of 820 kt @ 4 g/t Au for 104 koz Au ²	Historic production records suggest potential for very high-grade mineralisation at M associated with antimonyveins (supergene influence on grade unknown). Historic and current resources of ~200 koz Au at M indicates it is significantly underexplored and the potential of the field remains undefined.							
Strike Length of Field	~12km	~7km	~4.5km								
Peak Metamorphic Grade	Greenschist Facies 9	Sub-Greenschist facies ³	Sub-Greenschist facies 10	Peak metamorphic grades are lower at F and M suggesting formation at shallow crustal levels i.e. Epizonal							
Temperature of Mineralising Fluids	Moderate to high temperature hydrothermal fluids 325-375°C 11	Low-moderate temperature hydrothermal fluids 180-270°C 12	Low-moderate temperature hydrothermal fluids 180-220°C 10	F and M mineralisation is formed at a similar temperature range and approximately 125°C lower than B consistent with F and M forming at a shallow Epizonal crustal level.							
Depth of Formation	Deep 8 -12km ¹¹ (Mesozonal)	Shallow 2.6-5.7km 12 (Epizonal)	Shallow 1-2.5km ¹⁰ (Epizonal)	F and M systems developed at shallower crustal levels than B							
Age of Mineralisation	~440 Ma ⁸	~380 Ma ¹³	~370 Ma ¹⁰	F and M systems are a similar age and 60-70 million years younger than the B system and the age of F and M mineralisation overlaps with emplacement of late Devonian granite to granodiorite.							
Lithology	Metasandstone and shales	Metasandstone and shales	Metasandstone and shales	B, F and M have similar host rock type							
Mineralisation Style 1	Nuggety gold in quartz veins with pyrite, arsenopyrite, galena, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, tetrahedrite, boulangerite and pyrrhotite with occasional Ni Cu sulphides 11,14	Disseminated gold and arsenopyrite in wall rocks.	Disseminated gold and arsenopyrite in wall rocks.	F has an early refractory gold- arsenopyrite wall rock hosted mineralisation with later high grade fine dusty visible gold +/- stibnite in quartz carbonate veins that forms							
Mineralisation Style 2 and 3		Visible gold in quartz veins with +/- stibnite, arsenopyrite, Fe-poor sphalerite, galena, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite, breithauptite, tennantite and bournonite ³	Visible gold in quartz veins with +/- stibnite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, galena, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite, breithauptite, BiTe phases ^{10,15}	the Lower Phoenix style mineralisation. B has nuggety gold- arsenopyrite in crystalline quartz.							
Gold Pathfinder Association	Au-As+/- Pb, Zn, Sb, Cu, Ni	Au-As-Sb +/- Zn, Pb ,Cu, Ni	Au-As-Sb +/- Zn, Pb, Cu, Ni, Bi,Te	F and M system later bonanza grade free gold is associated with antimony sulphide minerals (e.g. Stibnite) this is not observed at B							
Alteration Associated with Mineralisation	K-WhiteMica+/- carbonate 16	K-white mica+carbonate associated proximal to gold bearing veins ¹⁶ . Shallow illite and kaolinite alteration ¹⁷	Hylogger hyperspectral scans on MD12 and MD08a mapped K-white mica + carbonate with veining and localised kaolinite + dickite +/- ammonium alunite 15	F and M have evidence of low- moderate temperature weakly to moderately acid hydrothermal fluids that may have resulted from H ₂ S phase separation or boiling. Alteration at B does not contain minerals that indicate low- moderate temperature acid fluids							
Orogenic Gold Type ¹⁸	Mesozonal	Epizonal	Epizonal	F and M both display characteristics of shallow orogenic Epizonal style of mineralisation while B has characteristics of deeper Mesozonal style orogenic gold mineralisation							

At the terrain scale, the similarities include the setting within the BZ and the association with the late Devonian age (360 to 370 Ma) cycle of mineralisation and intrusives, that post-date the main BZ mineralisation (including the giant Bendigo mining camp) by 60 to 70 Ma. The fault and fold geometries, and relationships to large north-south trending and west dipping faults (shown in deep seismic transects to tap the lower crust) are also seen at both mining districts.⁷ At the deposit scale, vein textures, mineralisation styles and geochemical signatures of early gold-arsenopyrite with later higher-grade gold-antimony are seen at the Fosterville and Malmsbury districts.



The gold mineralisation in the central Victorian Goldfields is considered to belong to the globally significant orogenic gold deposit class (Figure 3). Deposit characteristics indicate that Fosterville and Malmsbury belong to a sub-type of this deposit class, epizonal orogenic gold that is formed at relatively shallow crustal levels (2-3 km) and has recently been recognised as a priority target type for large-scale high-grade gold deposits. In the BZ, the temporal association of this cycle of mineralisation to the late Devonian intrusive event may also suggest an additional contribution of metal and heat from these intrusives to these gold deposits.

CO₂ and δ¹⁸O rich hot springs Surface Hg prehnite-pumpellyite **EPIZONAL** Fosterville 3 km Malmsbury? greenschist Bendigo MESOZONA Au-As-Te-W Brittle-Ductile Transition amphibolite Au-As **HYPOZONAL** 20 km

Figure 3: Orogenic Gold Model - Depth of Formation

The 6.7 square km Malmsbury Retention Licence application covers the historic Belltopper and Drummond North goldfields, that combined have a known north-south strike extent of over 4.5 km (Figure 2). Previous exploration by GBM has outlined multiple trends of historic mines and pits within the field that have a cumulative strike extent of over 8.5 km.

granulite

Deep crustal fault system

Figure 3: Orogenic Gold Model - Depth of Formation

Modified from Goldfarb and Groves, 2015 18.

Nineteenth century gold production records were not well documented in Australia, however available records from the Victorian Geological Survey database show approximately 100,000 oz of high-grade hard rock production from the field, with approximately 76,000 ounces at +18 g/t Au produced from O'Connor's and Queens Birthday mines in the Drummond field. Incomplete records show smaller scale but very high-grade gold production from the Belltopper goldfield with average production grades of 87.5 g/t Au and 64.8 g/t Au for the Panama and Belltopper Tunnel mines, respectively. The longest line of workings in the Belltopper field is the 450 m long Missing Link line. There are few production records from these workings, however a record of early batches of production of near surface ore average approximately 180 g/t Au, confirming the presence of multi-ounce ore near surface in at least part of this trend. The Missing Link Line has only been tested by one drill hole to date.

Significant antimony was recorded to accompany the high-grade gold production in the Belltopper field at the Panama and Belltopper Tunnel mines. This suggests that some of the historic high gold grades were in part hypogene (primary-sulphide bearing), as opposed to near surface supergene enrichment. The presence and economic significance of this mineralisation style at Malmsbury will need to be confirmed with exploration drilling.



An initial review of select mineralised intersections of core from the Leven Star Reef Prospect has highlighted the presence of metasandstone and shale hosted disseminated and veinlet gold-arsenopyrite mineralisation as halos to veins or as separate zones of mineralisation (Figures 4 and 5).

Figure 4: Leven Star Reef Drill Holes MD01 - Core Photos

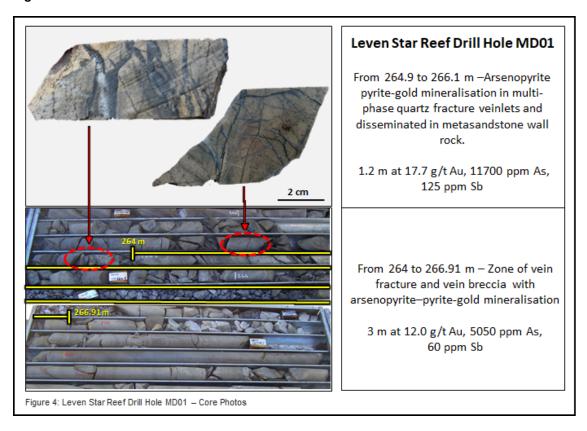
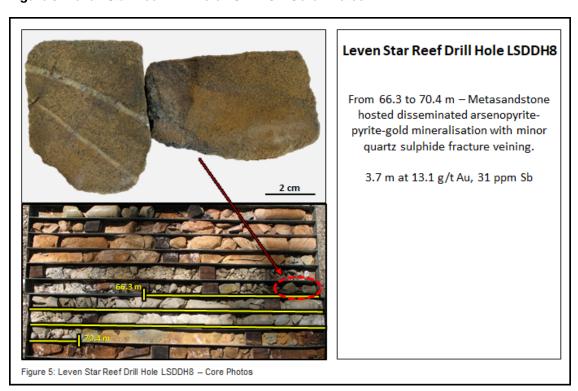


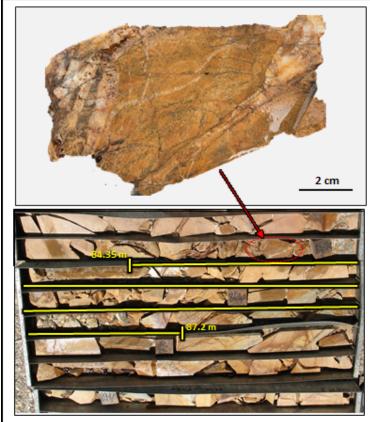
Figure 5: Leven Star Reef Drill Hole LSDDH8 - Core Photos





There is also evidence in the core of banded crustiform veinlets that are associated with assays of up to 20.1 g/t Au ⁸, 1100 ppm As (arsenic) and 2150 ppm Sb (antimony), confirming the presence of both the gold-arsenic and gold-antimony phases of mineralisation (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Leven Star Reef Drill Hole LSDDH1 - Core Photos



Leven Star Reef Drill Hole LSDDH1

From 84.35 to 85.5 m - Banded quartz vein with stibnite-arsenopyrite gold mineralisation hosted in metasediment with disseminated arsenopyrite-pyrite-gold with.

1.15 m at 20.1 g/t Au, 1100 ppm As, 2150 ppm Sb

2.65 m at 17.9 g/t Au, 1100 ppm As, 2150 ppm Sb

Figure 6: Leven Star Reef Drill Hole LSDDH1 - Core Photos

A review of the quartz vein textures, sulphide mineralogy and wall rock from historic mine dumps in the Belltopper section of the field, identified laminated quartz-sulphide, altered wall rock breccia clast in veins, crystal lined vugs, and veins with trails of disseminated arsenopyrite-pyrite-fine antimony and needle-like arsenopyrite (Figure 7).

- 1. GBM Resources Ltd. Malmsbury Resource Updated to JORC 2012. ASX Announcement July 4, 2019.
- 2. Based on Novo 5 day VWAP at 23 June 2020 of CDN\$3.58 and CDN/AUD exchange rate of 1.07
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- 8. GBM Resources Ltd. New exploration targeting at Malmsbury. ASX Announcement March 2, 2020.



Figure 7: Examples of Mineralisation Textures from Historic Mine Dumps in the Belltopper Section of the Goldfield



Figure 7: Examples of mineralisation textures from historic mine dumps in the Belltopper section of the field, characteristic of the high level epizonal orogenic gold deposit class, such as the high-grade Fosterville Mine.



These vein textures and sulphide species are characteristic of the high-level epizonal orogenic gold deposit class, that includes the high-grade Fosterville Mine. While there has not been modern systematic assay sampling of the dump material to determine gold content at Belltopper, the extent and continuity of mine workings and the presence of foundations for historic stamper batteries with associated areas of tailings, attest to the high grade nature of the ore historically mined in this area. These observations confirm the prospectivity of the Malmsbury Project for the discovery of further significant gold resources.

GBM is evaluating a range of business development options for funding to accelerate exploration and development of the high-calibre Malmsbury Project, including potential joint venture and farm-in agreements with well-funded gold explorers and producers.

Leven Star Resource and Recalculation of Gold Grades at 0.25 g/t Cut Off

In July 2019, GBM announced a JORC 2012 compliant Inferred resource of 820 kt at 4.0 g/t Au (at 2.5 g/t cut off) for total contained gold of 104,000 oz (refer ASX announcement 4 July 2019). The resource was based on 36 drill holes that tested the Leven Star structure to a maximum depth of 365 m, with the majority of holes (~85%) intersecting the structure at depths less than 100 m below surface. The resource "daylights" in the area of the historic Leven Star workings with mineralised drill intersections within a few tens of metres of surface. The resource and the mineralised trend are open below the depth of drilling and potentially along strike.

For comparison, the gold system at Fosterville daylighted where it was historically mined via hand dug open pits the 1900's. The modern underground Fosterville resource has to date been drill tested to depths in excess of 1600 m below surface and remains open below that depth. ⁴

The drill intersections from the Malmsbury Leven Star Reef Prospect were recently recalculated at a 0.25 g/t Au cut off (Table 2). This has highlighted a number of zones where the gram x metre product (gold grade in g/t x width in metre) has increased by between 20 to 112%, and new zones of previously unreported gold mineralisation have been identified with down hole widths in excess of 10 m and grades in excess of 2 g/t Au.



Table 2: Length Weighted Average Downhole Gold Intersections - Leven Star Reef Drilling

Downhole intersections at 0.25 g/t Au cut off ¹ and greater than 10 Au gram metres					Downhole intersections at 2.5 g/t Au cut off ¹ and gram metres						% Change ³ Augm	Intersection Constraine	
Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Augm ²	Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Au gm ²	(2.5 to 0.25)	by Sample Interval ⁴
LSDDH1	84.35	92.00	7.65	7.14	54.6	LSDDH1	84.35	87.20	2.85	17.90	51.0	7	No
LSDDH6	27.70	35.40	7.7	3.11	23.9	LSDDH6	28.70	31.70	3	3.76	11.3	112	No
LSDDH8	66.30	70.40	4.1	13.10	53.7	LSDDH8	66.30	70.40	4.1	13.10	53.7	0	No
LSDDH9	186.10	194.70	8.6	5.38	46.3	LSDDH9	190.10	193.10	3	11.43	34.3	35	Yes
LSRC10	24.00	28.00	4	3.84	15.4	LSRC10	24.00	27.00	3	4.75	14.2	8	No
LSRC11	50.00	60.00	10	5.26	52.6	LSRC11 LSRC11	50.00 58.00	56.00 60.00	6 2	6.17 6.98	37.0 14.0	0.03	No No
LSRC13	81.00	89.00	8	2.82	22.6	LSRC13	81.00	83.00	2	9.43	18.9	20	No
LSRC14	51.00	61.00	10	3.57	35.7	LSRC14	54.00	57.00	3	9.38	28.1	27	No
LSRC15	66.00	73.00	7	5.44	38.1	LSRC15	67.00	69.00	2	15.95	31.9	19	No
LSRC16/D14	60.80	63.80	3	3.71	11.1	LSRC16/D14	62.00	63.80	1.8	6.00	10.8	3	No
LSRC16/D14	68.60	72.80	4.2	2.92	12.2							>100	No
LSRC16/D14	88.75	101.10	12.35	2.38	29.4							>100	Yes
LSRC17/D15	49.40		5.65	4.29	24.3	LSRC17/D15	50.70	55.05	4.35	4.96	21.6	13	No
LSRC17/D15	67.05	73.40	6.35	5.04	32.0	LSRC17/D15	71.00	73.40	2.4	8.06	19.3	66	No
LSRCS	80.00	93.00	13	2.99	38.9	LSRC5	82.00	87.00	5	5.12	25.6	52	No
LSRC6	17.00	33.00	16	2.62	42.0	LSRC6	27.00	32.00	5	5.29	26.5	59	No
LSRC7	47.00	53.00	6	8.93	53.6	LSRC7	47.00	51.00	4	12.85	51.4	4	No
LSRC8	93.00	106.00	13	2.44	31.8	LSRC8 LSRC8	93.00 102.00	94.00 106.00	1 4	12.10 4.05	12.1 16.2	0.12	Yes No
LSRC9	26.00	31.00	5	5.23	26.1	LSRC9	26.00	30.00	4	6.46	25.8	1	No
MD01	262.00	267.95	5.95	6.48	38.6	MD01	264.00	266.91	2.91	12.02	35.0	10	No
	and 2.5 g/t Metre and	Au cut off	s calculated ed using A	with in u (g/t) x	ternal dilution	n of 1 m @ 0.1 g/t A terval (m)							No

In some cases, these wider lower grade gold intervals are constrained by the limit of current assay sampling in the core. Unsampled zones of alteration, veining and sulphide mineralisation were noted in historic drill core. Relogging of the historic core and sampling of these potentially mineralised intervals will be one of the objectives of the renewed exploration program at Malmsbury.

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 it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the respective announcements and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the resource estimate with those announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Peter Mullens, who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Peter Mullens is an employee of the company and is a holder of shares and options in the company. Mr Mullens has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization 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 Mullens 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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About GBM Resources

GBM Resources Limited is a mineral exploration and development company focused on the discovery of world-class gold and copper deposits in Eastern Australia. The company has a high calibre project portfolio, hosting district scale mineral systems, located in a number of premier metallogenic terrains including the Drummond Basin, Mt Morgan district and the Mt Isa Inlier in Queensland, and the Malmsbury Project in the prolific Victorian Goldfields.