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Echo secures significant new large exploration licence

HIGHLIGHTS

- New tenement application (100% Echo) adds 128km² of highly prospective ground contiguous to flagship Julius gold deposit
- Yandal greenstone belt land holding now more than 850km²
- Extensive drilling program in the coming weeks

Echo Resources Limited ("Echo" or "the Company") has continued its strategy to become a dominant player in the Yandal greenstone belt, one of Australia's most prolific gold regions, with an application for a large exploration licence (EL53/1900) to add a further 128 km² of highly prospective ground.

Mr Simon Coxhell, CEO of Echo commented:

"We believe in the untapped gold potential of the Yandal greenstone belt and this new exploration licence provides us with a growing and commanding ground position within our key target area. The new tenement fits perfectly with our existing tenure and covers a number of kilometres along the strike extent of Julius. The next million ounce gold discovery in the Yandal is likely to be found in areas of complex regolith within the right rock types and structures and we will aggressively pursue ongoing expansion of our high quality landholding within the region in conjunction with focussed and cost effective exploration programs to unlock additional value. Echo is in the ideal position of developing a profitable near term gold production scenario at Julius with cash flow to be directed to exploration targeting the next multi million ounce gold discovery within the Yandal Belt."

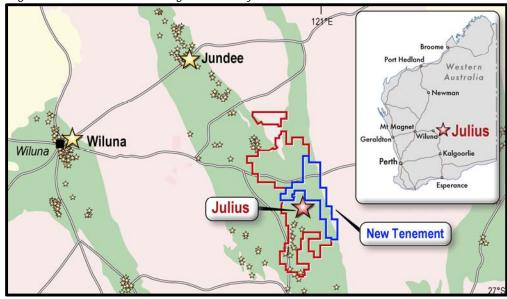


Figure 1 - Echo Tenements Location Map



There were no competing applications for the ground and Echo therefore has no reason to believe the tenement will not be granted in due course. The acquisition provides a large contiguous landholding which complements existing tenements and provides Echo with over 850km² of prime exploration ground and is displayed in Figure 1.

Yandal gold resources and past production have centred at a number of major deposits including Bronzewing (4Moz), Jundee (5Moz), Mt. McClure (1Moz) and Darlot (3Moz). All of these deposits were hosted by Fe-rich mafic rocks, and mineralisation displays a combination of different orientations and morphologies.¹

While there is no available historical exploration data in the area, a recently completed compilation of all magnetic surveys of the Yandal belt highlights the tenement area as very prospective for Julius-style gold discoveries. In particular a prominent interpreted shear zone, structures and numerous magnetic features highlight iron rich mafic units transecting the ground and providing conceptual targets of great gold potential (Figure 2).

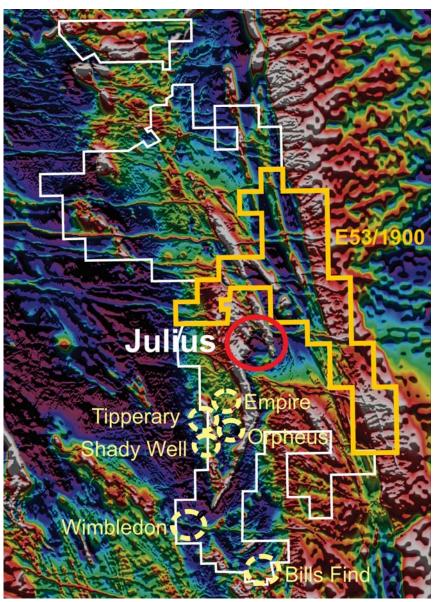


Figure 2 – Magnetic Survey with Echo Tenement Overlay

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¹ Phillips, Vearncombe & Eshuys: Yandal greenstone belt, Western Australia: 12 million ounces of gold in the 1990s. In Mineralium Deposita (1998) 22: 310-316.



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