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# **Quarterly Activities Report**

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# Key Points

- > Challenger project mine development funding discussions advanced
- > East Sepik project available for joint venture

For the Period Ending 31 March 2009

- Surface geochemical survey completed at Longwood
- Miclere project sale negotiations commenced

# **Exploration Overview**

#### Challenger.

Following a marketing programme targeted at selected parties, the Challenger project DVD comprising a significant database related to the Challenger project pre-feasibility study and generated through exploration programmes and studies undertaken by Tasman and previously interested parties, was distributed to 15 parties who had expressed an interest in either acquiring the Challenger project, or providing funds for the proposed mine development at Challenger. The company is continuing to advance discussions with a number of those parties, and one in particular where negotiations are at an advanced stage, with the aim of securing mine development funding.

# East Sepik.

Tasman personnel completed an exploration summary on the East Sepik project (formerly the Malaumanda project) which has been sent to a number of potential joint venture mining companies including several already operating in the region who have expressed an interest in the project. Tasman believes that it has built a substantial case for extensive exploration to continue within the 2,500 km² project area.

#### Longwood.

During January and February 2009, surface sampling from drainages and logged areas was completed in the Moa Creek prospect area, SE Longwood Range. The program was designed to follow up existing geochemical anomalies generated by a previous permit holder in the late 1980's. Rock samples collected comprised silica-sericite-pyrite ± trace secondary magnetite altered sedimentary, volcanogenic and mafic intrusive lithologies, some showing contact-metamorphic textures, inferred to be part of a broad intrusive-related gold (-base metal) system of Permian age on the margins of the Longwood Range, Southland, New Zealand. Assays for gold and base metals for rock samples are awaited, as are multi-element MMI analyses for the soils.

Tasman is confident that this work, in conjunction with airborne geophysics interpretation, will enable drill targets to be identified in the prospect area. Other geochemically anomalous locations in the Longwood project area are scheduled to be systematically followed-up in the near future.

# Croydon Project

During the quarter, a new application for an area adjacent to Tasman's Diggers' Creek tenement in the historic Croydon Goldfield was submitted. The application area is prospective for mesothermal to epithermal mineralisation associated with a modified caldera system/volcanic centre interpreted from airborne magnetics.

#### Miclere.

Following an approach from an offshore minerals development group interested in acquiring the Miclere project outright, and, in anticipation of securing mine development funding for the Challenger project, the Company is actively pursuing divestment discussions with the group.

#### **Future Strategy**

The company continues to minimize expenditure where possible, although it is nevertheless important to maintain exploration activities on projects where required by tenement conditions. Tasman's directors, who have recently implemented salary cuts of 25%, and staff continue to ensure prudent management of the company, with an increased focus on releasing value from some of its existing projects.

The company will update the market at the appropriate time in accordance with ASX requirements.

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### **About Tasman Goldfields**

Tasman Goldfields is a Pacific Rim-focused gold exploration company listed on the ASX.

Tasman Goldfields has advanced gold projects in Queensland and New South Wales, in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Tasman's portfolio of gold projects, includes 2 early development projects, 3 advanced exploration projects and two grass-roots projects. The early development projects include inferred resources of 239,000oz at the Mount Adrah project (6.6mt @ 1.13 g/t Au) in New South Wales and 134,000oz at the Challenger project (1.9mt @ 2.2 g/t Au), also in NSW.

The Company's objective is to conduct exploration activities at its existing cornerstone properties and to generate new gold exploration opportunities in the Western Pacific Rim.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Peter Nicolson, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, is a full-time employee of Tasman Goldfields Ltd, and who has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity referred to herein, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Minerals Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Nicolson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.