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# **Quarterly Activities Report**

# For the Period Ending 30 June 2009

# Key Points

- Challenger project mine development funding discussions advancing toward successful conclusion
- > East Sepik project available for joint venture
- Surface geochemical survey completed at East Longwood Goldfield
- Miclere project sale process continues

# **Exploration Overview**

#### Challenger.

Prior to the end of the quarter a draft Option Agreement was forwarded to a prospective joint venture partner (AusCan Gold Ltd) who had previously put forward a proposal to fund development of the Challenger and Mt Adrah gold projects.

Under the terms of the arrangement Tasman will issue a placement of 2.5 million shares at 8 cents per share to AusCan, which is a significant premium to the current share price, to raise \$200,000 and grant AusCan an option (exercisable by 24 August 2009) to enter into a Development Joint Venture to bring the Challenger Gold Project into production.

Tasman plans to bring the project into production within 12 months with an initial mine life of 3 years.

Upon exercise of the option and entering into the Development Joint Venture, AusCan will provide Tasman with \$14 million in funding in the following increments for the development of the Challenger Project: \$500,000 for pre-development work, \$3.5 million to commence initial development works, and \$10 million to complete development and commence mining operations.

At the completion of these funding milestones AusCan will have earned a 70% interest in the Challenger Project, diluting to 60% upon repayment of development capital, and following commencement of production Auscan will have the right to purchase Tasman's interest in the project for \$5 million cash and a 1.5% production royalty.

In addition, the Joint Venture will also give AusCan the first right of refusal on a joint venture to provide \$11 million in funding to develop Tasman's nearby Mt Adrah Gold Project.

# East Sepik.

Following from a review of past exploration within the EL1444 licence area, together with an analysis of recently obtained airborne geophysics data, the company has identified a number of significant geophysical features within the licence. A number of the identified geophysical features are coincident with anomalous surface geochemical responses, though all will require field work to confirm whether sufficient encouragement exists to determine whether they will warrant further sustained exploration effort.

Given the size of the licence area, remoteness of the location, and the number of features to be explored on the ground, the company determined that the most beneficial strategy for Tasman's continuing involvement was to seek a joint venture partner. Responses from four large gold mining companies were received with 3 of them conducting due diligence at the end of the quarter.

# Longwood.

Results from surface sampling from drainages and logged areas in the East Longwood Goldfield were received during the quarter. The resulting MMI geochemistry from soils has outlined numerous gold-base metal anomalies, many of which are coincident with aeromagnetic signatures interpreted as mafic units (dykes/sills or lavas) and previously unrecognized intrusive stocks. Associated lineaments are indicative of cycles of extension and compression related to regional tectonics, some of which may have acted as loci for intrusions or as conduits for magmatic-hydrothermal fluids. Drill targets have been identified, and selective reconnaissance drilling is planned for the December quarter, funds permitting.

Recently received aeromagnetic interpretation has also identified a further target area in the Merrivale prospect area. This is currently the subject of a conventional C-horizon soil sampling program, the results of which are expected in August 2009.

#### **Croydon Project**

A further EPM application was submitted during the quarter, adjacent to Tasman's Tabletop application, Croydon. Tasman now has five EPM applications in the Croydon-Georgetown goldfield region. These tenements have been selected on the basis of either recent geophysical interpretation or on existing geochemical/geological data that has not been followed up.

#### Miclere.

A project information memorandum has been circulated to an offshore investor group, and is currently the subject of a technical review.

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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 fulltime 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.