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## Fe Prospect Ondjou, Delivering on Scale and Grade - Namibia

- Broad zones of Fe mineralisation encountered in all 18 completed drill holes
  - > 2,800m strike length (which remains open)
  - > 100m+ true thickness, shallow dipping mineralisation
  - Mineralisation exposed over 400m width (at surface)
  - > 4,200m RC drilling program 80% complete
  - > Initial results supported infill drilling

Namibian explorer **Avonlea Minerals Limited** ("Avonlea" or "Company" ASX: **AVZ**) is pleased to advise of the better than anticipated preliminary results from the reverse circulation ("RC") drilling program currently in progress, at the **Ondjou Prospect** held by the Company's Fe focussed, Namibian subsidiary, **Himba Iron Exploration** (Proprietary) Ltd ("Himba Iron").

Ondjou is situated on the extensive iron rich horizon of the Chuos formation of North West Namibia, within Exclusive Prospecting Licence ("EPL") 4286 and is approximately 35kms from the regional capital of Opuwo. Ondjou is also in close proximity to EPL 4129 (comprising the Company's Thresher and Hammerhead, magnetite prospects).

The 4,200m+ RC drilling program at the Ondjou ("Elephant") Prospect is approximately 80+% complete and has exceeded initial expectations with regard to the scale of mineralisation, its continuity and the average Fe grades encountered. Summarised below are the highlighted results.

### Table 1: Highlighted results 20% Fe + results from Omega handheld XRF analyser

|         | From | То  |           | Head |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|------|
| Hole ID | (m)  | (m) | Intercept | Fe % |
| OJRC001 | 0    | 105 | 105       | 26   |
| OJRC002 | 63   | 189 | 126       | 26   |
| OJRC005 | 0    | 93  | 93        | 25   |
| OJRC013 | 42   | 167 | 125       | 24   |
| OJRC014 | 0    | 102 | 102       | 25   |
| OJRC015 | 2    | 135 | 133       | 25   |
| OJRC017 | 0    | 113 | 113       | 27   |

The current RC drilling program will encompass only 2,800m of the strike length of a 10 km long magnetic anomaly on EPL 4286.

The continuity of the Fe mineralisation over the initial 2,800m strike length has been confirmed with the initial 800m drill line spacing and this prompted immediate infill drilling to 400m line spacing. The Company proposes to extend drilling over the balance of the 10 km strike extension.

A plan view incorporating completed drill sections and accompanying table of key intersections is shown below in Figure 1 and Table 2 respectively. Drill hole coordinates and sampling protocols are detailed in Appendix One.





Figure 1: Drilling Highlights for completed drill sections and expanded view highlighting the area of drilling within the 10 km anomaly. Recorded Fe grades are from an Omega handheld XRF analyser.



| Table | 2. Summary | , 20% + | Fe results | from Omega   | handheld | XRF analy  | ser* |
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| Hole ID | (m)  | (m) | Intercept  | Fe % |
| OJRCOOT | 0    | 105 | 105        | 26.3 |
| OJRC002 | 63   | 189 | 126        | 26.2 |
| OJRC003 | 0    | 79  | 79         | 24.3 |
| OJRC004 | 30   | 79  | 49         | 25.0 |
| OJRC005 | 0    | 93  | 93         | 24.6 |
| OJRC006 | 48   | 132 | 84         | 25.0 |
| OJRC007 | 60   | 100 | 40         | 25.3 |
| OJRC007 | 118  | 198 | 80         | 24.5 |
| OJRC008 | 3    | 22  | 19         | 27.3 |
| OJRC009 | 58   | 111 | 53         | 25.0 |
| OJRC010 | 2    | 135 | 133        | 23.1 |
| OJRC011 | 39   | 173 | 134        | 23.0 |
| OJRC012 | 0    | 79  | 79         | 23.4 |
| OJRC013 | 42   | 167 | 125        | 24.0 |
| OJRC014 | 0    | 102 | 102        | 24.5 |
| OJRC015 | 2    | 135 | 133        | 24.7 |
| OJRC016 | 70   | 167 | 97         | 26.3 |
| OJRC017 | 0    | 113 | 113        | 26.6 |
| OJRC018 | 35   | 146 | 111        | 25.6 |

#### \*Note 20%Fe cut-off grade

Continuity of mineralisation was initially highlighted from magnetic interpretation, satellite imagery and subsequently confirmed by reconnaissance mapping and sampling as shown in Figure 1. The current drilling has confirmed mineralisation continues to depth and further drilling is still required to confirm the continuity of mineralisation at depth along the full strike extension. Drilling to date has demonstrated a simple geologic sequence with consistent mineralisation as shown in the example cross sections in Figures 2 and 3.

All results show a strong correlation between drill holes and the neighbouring drill sections as shown in Figure 1. This consistency of mineralisation is encouraging and suggests that the mineralisation is likely to continue for the length of the magnetic anomaly and to continue at depth with the mineralisation dipping shallowly towards the east (see Figure 2 and 3).



Figure 2: Sample cross section for Ondjou Reverse Circulation drill holes OJRC 005, 006 and 007. Recorded Fe grades are from an Omega handheld XRF analyser.





Figure 3: Sample cross section Ondjou Reverse Circulation drill holes OJRC 001 and 002. Recorded Fe grades are from an Omega handheld XRF analyser.

Davis Tube Recovery results and additional metallurgical testing will be reported for the completed drill lines after completion of drilling, composite sampling and analysis. The balance of the RC drilling is anticipated to be completed within 2 weeks.

Managing Director, David Riekie commented:

"We are delighted with these initial exploration results at Ondjou. The positive correlation between the regional magnetic data and the observations seen thus far with drilling is most encouraging.

The Fe grades are at the upper end of our expectations and compare very favourably with other Fe projects around the world.

We are more than three quarters of the way through our drilling program and it is gratifying to see the emergence of the current level of continuity of mineralisation over the wider spaced RC drilling lines.

The balance of our drilling is expected to be completed before the end of this month with assays and metallurgical tests results expected shortly thereafter. We will then be well positioned to proceed with a JORC compliant inferred resource determination before December year end"

Yours Faithfully

David Riekie MANAGING DIRECTOR

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based upon information compiled by Mr Chris Shaw a member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Chris Shaw is a consultant to the company. Mr Shaw 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 Persons as defined in the 2004 edition of the 'Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Shaw has consented to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



# **Appendix One**

| Hole ID | Licence  | Northing  | Easting | (m) RL | EOH<br>(m) | Dip<br>(degrees) | Azimuth UTM<br>(degrees) |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| OJRC001 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,408 | 384,732 | 1594   | 150        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC002 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,414 | 384,888 | 1608   | 200        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC003 | EPL 4286 | 7,961,626 | 384,617 | 1602   | 150        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC004 | EPL 4286 | 7,961,600 | 384,720 | 1599   | 200        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC005 | EPL 4286 | 7,963,209 | 384,764 | 1586   | 250        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC006 | EPL 4286 | 7,963,207 | 384,865 | 1591   | 200        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC007 | EPL 4286 | 7,963,210 | 384,968 | 1620   | 250        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC008 | EPL 4286 | 7,961,645 | 384,454 | 1614   | 70         | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC009 | EPL 4286 | 7,964,009 | 384,822 | 1574   | 138        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC010 | EPL 4286 | 7,964,015 | 384,923 | 1594   | 141        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC011 | EPL 4286 | 7,964,004 | 385,028 | 1604   | 223        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC012 | EPL 4286 | 7,963,565 | 384,781 | 1577   | 121        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC013 | EPL 4286 | 7,963,547 | 384,922 | 1613   | 195        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC014 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,759 | 384,769 | 1590   | 120        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC015 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,765 | 384,872 | 1591   | 141        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC016 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,773 | 384,970 | 1592   | 168        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC017 | EPL 4286 | 7,962,000 | 384,713 | 1591   | 126        | -60              | 270                      |
| OJRC018 | EPL 4286 | 7,961,995 | 384,786 | 1600   | 170        | -60              | 270                      |

## Sampling Protocols

Samples were recovered from drill chips at one metre intervals where three Omega analyser results and three magnetic susceptibility readings are collected along with geologic logging. Composite samples have been compiled from four individual metre samples and these have been sent for metallurgical and recovery tests.