

Monday, 1 February 2010

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2009

DEVELOPMENT REACHES MAXWELL ORE ZONE AT MORNING STAR

Overview - Highlights

- Development reaches Maxwell ore zone. Face samples assay up to 137.4 g/t Au with grade increasing along reef to south
- 96 metres of air leg mining development was completed for the Quarter
- Sampling and mapping of historic drive at Reliance mine (EL5079) with recon face samples returning encouraging assays up to 12 g/t Au.
- Strategic \$4.5M cash JV announced with Chinese mining & investment partner (MIN5299 and MIN5241) - 1st instalment of \$750,000 received
- MCOOB options exercise underwritten by BBY Limited
- MCO nominates Gekko to design & construct 80KTPA onsite gravity mill
- Maurice "Mott" Ryan appointed Mine Manager at Morning Star



Level 9 Ore Stockpile at the Morning Star Mine mid Quarter

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Morning Star Mine

Maxwell Zone Development

During the December 2009 Quarter the Maxwell Zone development was extended by 67 metres, towards the south-east, into the Maxwell ore zone and face sampling of the Maxwell reef reached a maximum of 137.4 g/t Au and average 9.99 g/t Au for the period. (High-grade assay values and averages significantly increased shortly after the quarter).

This increase in grade along the Maxwell reef saw the average grade for the complete length of the Maxwell development rise to 10.77 g/t Au, while the grade of the delineated Maxwell ore zone is 22.95 g/t Au (from a total of 11 samples).

The Maxwell ore zone was delineated from 2008 diamond drilling which intersected the Maxwell reef in 3 holes, all of which returned significant drill intersections of between 15.70 g /t and 1,392 g /t (MS 410, MS 412, and MS 416).

The Maxwell reef at this point is approximately 500 – 600mm thick and has numerous zones of visible gold mineralisation in the reef especially where the quartz veins are strongly laminated.

At the end of the quarter the Maxwell development was approximately 75% through the Maxwell ore zone (as delineated by the 2008 drilling), but MCO expects the ore zone to continue past drill hole MS 410 and continue towards the southeast. MCO will continue development along the Maxwell reef in the coming quarter until the grade drops off or the reef finishes.

The Maxwell development is located between the 8 and 9 Level of the Morning Star mine approximately 240 metres below surface.

Over the December Quarter, 96 metres of air leg mining development was completed with 67 metres being along the Maxwell reef contact and 21 metres being access between Maxwell's and the 8 Level.

Refurbishment

During the quarter, MCO also focussed on mine refurbishment on a number of areas including installing a rise from the Maxwell development to the 8 Level. The rise was put in to aid in access and to also assist in the ventilation of the Maxwell development.

Planning and preparation work also started on a third rise from the 9 Level to the Maxwell development. The rise will be used as an ore pass and will cut

down on the time taken to clear the drive after blasting as well allowing for the separation of ore and waste from the development.

Extensive works were completed at the Morning Star mine site over the December Quarter including:

- Installation of air and water services to the Maxwell development via 8 Level.
- Laying of rail on 9 Level for access to third rise.
- Geotechnical audit of the mine and mine site continued with a second visit to site by Coffey's Engineering.
- Mine surveying to extent of current development areas
- Installation of a significant new mine telecommunications system.
- Power and pumping upgrades.
- Electrical upgrades and Water Testing



Two Views of the Maxwell Reef being developed currently

Training

During December seven members of the Morning Star mine workforce undertook an accredited mine explosive course to increase the overall experience and understanding in blasting.

The course will lead to a number of the trainees being accredited to the safe and proper use of explosives underground, while the rest were doing the course as a refresher and to get correct current Victorian certification.

Ongoing training across a range of mine site activities was instigated over the Dec Quarter.

Personnel

The workforce at the Morning Star mine increased by 4 to 15 full time workers, plus an additional 2 contract air leg miners.

Appointment of New Mine Manager at Morning Star

MCO is pleased to report that one of its new employees is Maurice (Mott) Ryan who has accepted the position of Mine Manager and brings a wealth of underground mining experience to the company and project.

Nick Garling commented, "Mott Ryan is very highly regarded in the industry and significantly strengthens our senior technical and mining team at Morning Star. His leadership and experience will be paramount as we build towards full scale mining and his knowledge of declines vital".

Mott has worked at several large installations over 25 years or so. He worked for WMC and ran his own mining contracting business over this period including stints at Hill 50 Gold, Kambalda, Mount Magnet, Leinster and Renison Bell in Tasmania. He has worked in narrow vein situations on air legs and is also a highly regarded jumbo operator and supervisor.

Metallurgical Test Work

During the Dec Quarter 4 bulk samples were collected from Level 4 (Dickenson reef), Level 6 (Burns reef), the Maxwell reef (currently under development) and the Maxwell ore surface stockpile. Each sample weighed approximately 15 kg and was made up predominately of quartz reef material.

The material was sent to Ammtec Laboratories in Perth WA for testing of the grinding features as well as the average grade of the bulk samples. This testwork is being carried out to further resolve and determine the amount of grinding needed to liberate the gold particles for gravity separation, the amount of wear on the crushing circuit and to determine the amount of power needed to achieve the desired liberation.

This data will be used in determining the overall design of the milling circuit that MCO is currently instigating at the Morning Star mine.

Preliminary results from the testwork have confirmed that all 4 samples have exceptionally high rates of recovery from gravity only processing with all 4

samples returning a rate of higher than 90% recovery from the gravity only testwork.

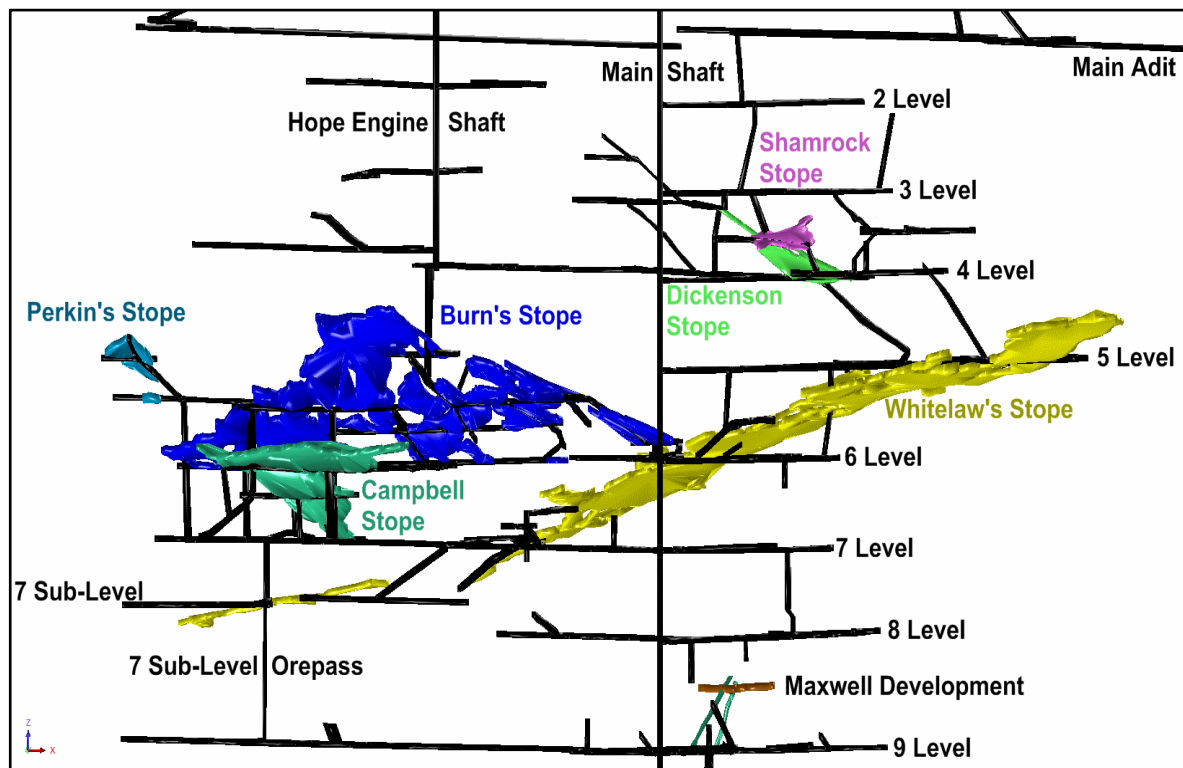
Testing of both gravity and cyanide leaching (CIL) being used in the milling process, found that recoveries rose to over 99% for 3 of the 4 samples (see Table 1 below).

At present MCO is only considering a gravity circuit for the Morning Star mine and will sell a concentrated product on for CIL processing.

Sample	Gravity (%)	Gravity + CIL (%)	CIL (%)
Morning Star 4 Level	92.9	95.3	77.7
Maxwell's Drive	93.7	99.4	98.7
Maxwell's Reef Insitu	91.2	99.4	97.0
Burn's Reef	92.3	99.2	95.5

Table 1: Recovery Rates for Morning Star Ore

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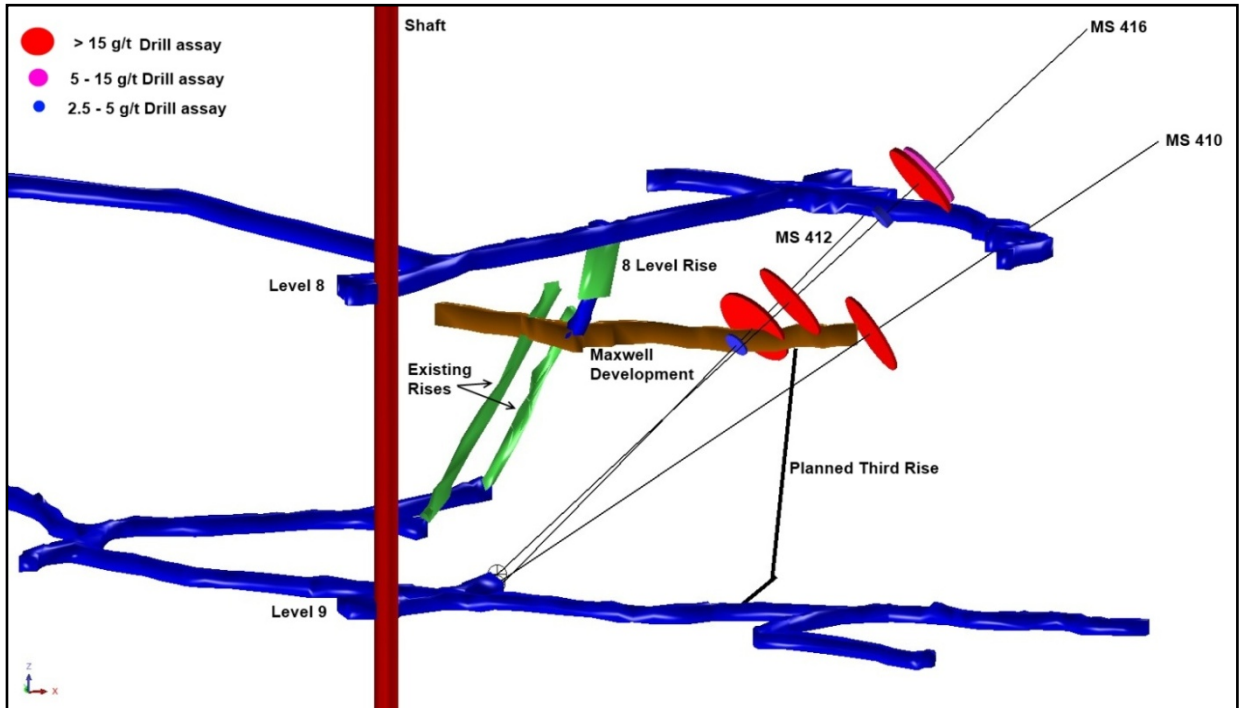
Overview of the Current Area of Focus within the Morning Star Mine



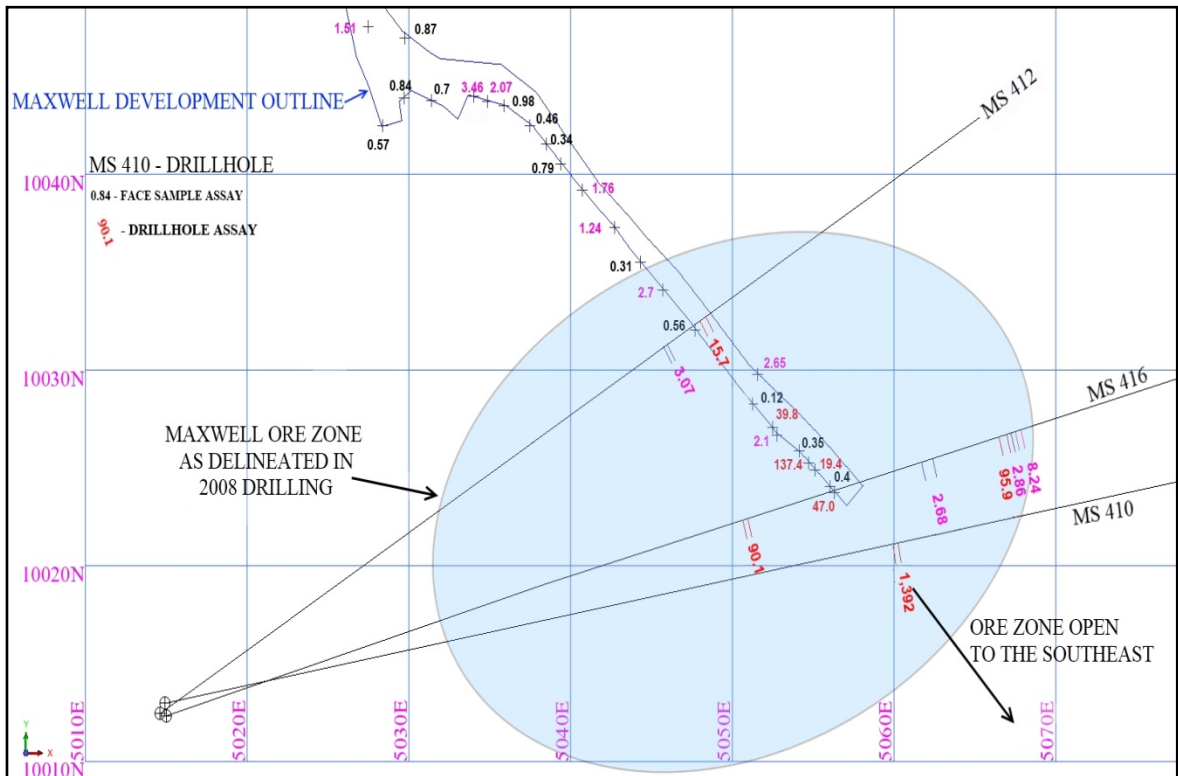
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3D Sectional view of Maxwell reef development at end of Dec Quarter. Note proximity to high-grade intersections.



Plan view of Maxwell reef development at end of Dec Quarter.

Regional Exploration Program

Reliance Dyke

Mapping of the area of the Reliance mine workings in EL5079 west of Gaffney's Creek, commenced in November 2009 and established that the workings are located in a dilation zone ("bulge") in a gabbroic dyke of the Woods Point dyke swarm.

Access to dyke exposure is gained via an adit at a shallow depth below the surface. The width and length of the bulge are as yet undefined but where it is exposed in a crosscut, the dyke width is greater than 35 metres.

Four exposed quartz reefs were sampled in the adit and one of those samples returned an assay of 12g/t Au.

This result is considered to be very exciting since there appears to be no downward development in the mine, which means that the Reliance dyke bulge is essentially virgin ground.

The elevated gold value in the exposed reef is unlikely to be an isolated occurrence and there is a high potential for economic gold mineralisation at depth.

Drilling into the dyke bulge will be a high priority in the current exploration program.

Listed below are the following observations and interpretations:

- (1) The workings consist of 3 shafts and an adit (see map herein). There may be further workings to the NW, along the strike of the dyke and follow up mapping is underway.
- (2) Access to the Reliance workings is considered to be very good and workings are easily accessed from the Moonlight Track.
- (3) The historic workings are very shallow (<20m below surface)
- (4) The dyke bulge has a minimum width of 34.5 metres. As the crosscut is in dyke the whole way and did not intersect the sedimentary rocks, the true width could not be determined from the underground exposure at this point.
- (5) Low angle quartz veins are common in the underground exposure (4 samples collected).
- (6) The dyke bulge would appear to be comparable in size to the A1 dyke and has not been previously drilled. There is no reason to discount the possibility of large auriferous quartz reefs occurring at depth below the adit level.



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(7) Design of drilling program is relatively straightforward and is underway.

As the Reliance reef is easily accessed and has already returned high grade assays (12 g/t Au) from historic exposures, this leads Morning Star to consider the Reliance area as one of its better exploration targets and MCO expects to carry out more exploration and likely drilling in the coming quarter.

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Photo of the Reliance Drive (EL5079)



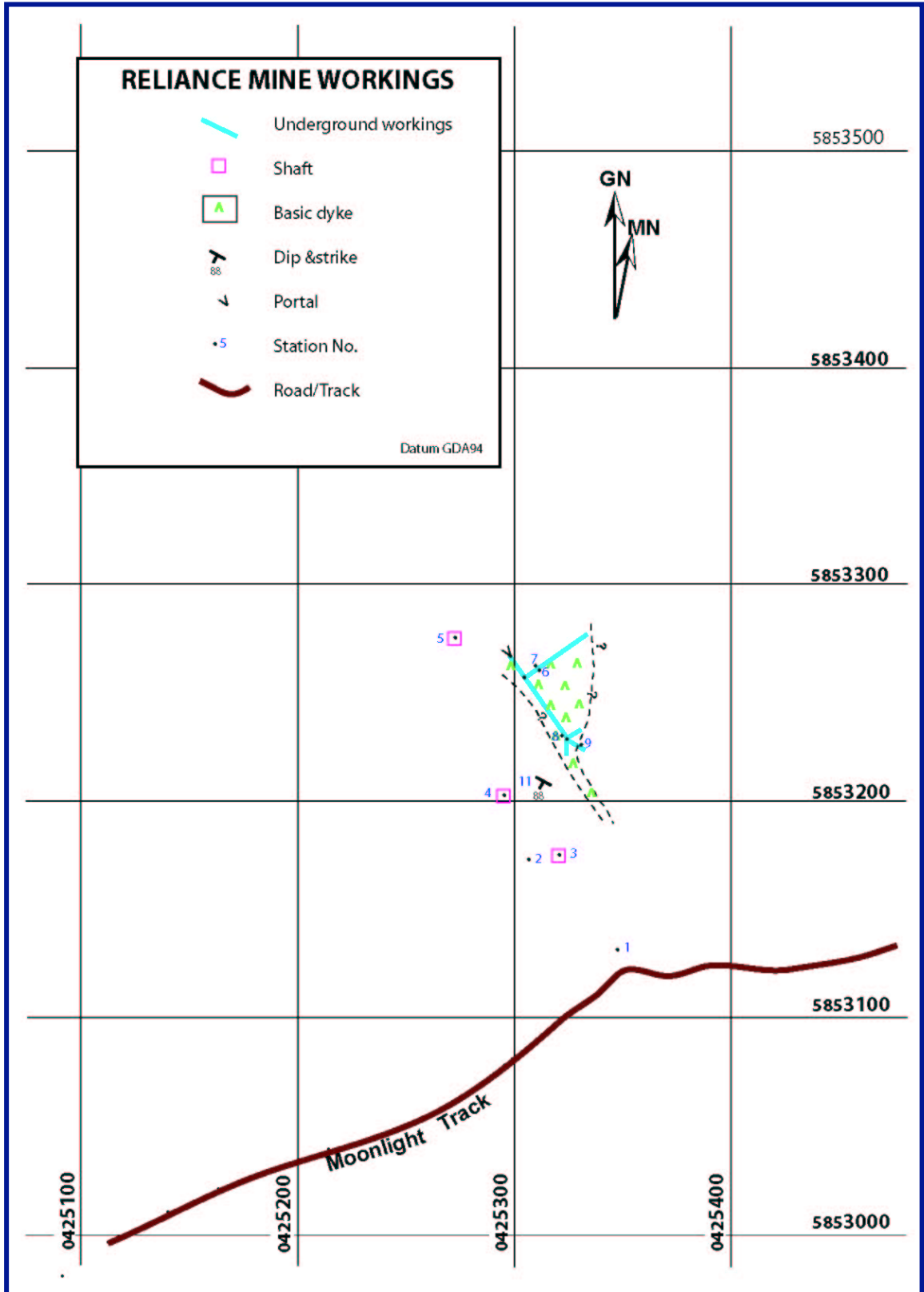
Exposed Reliance Reef in Historic Cross-cut



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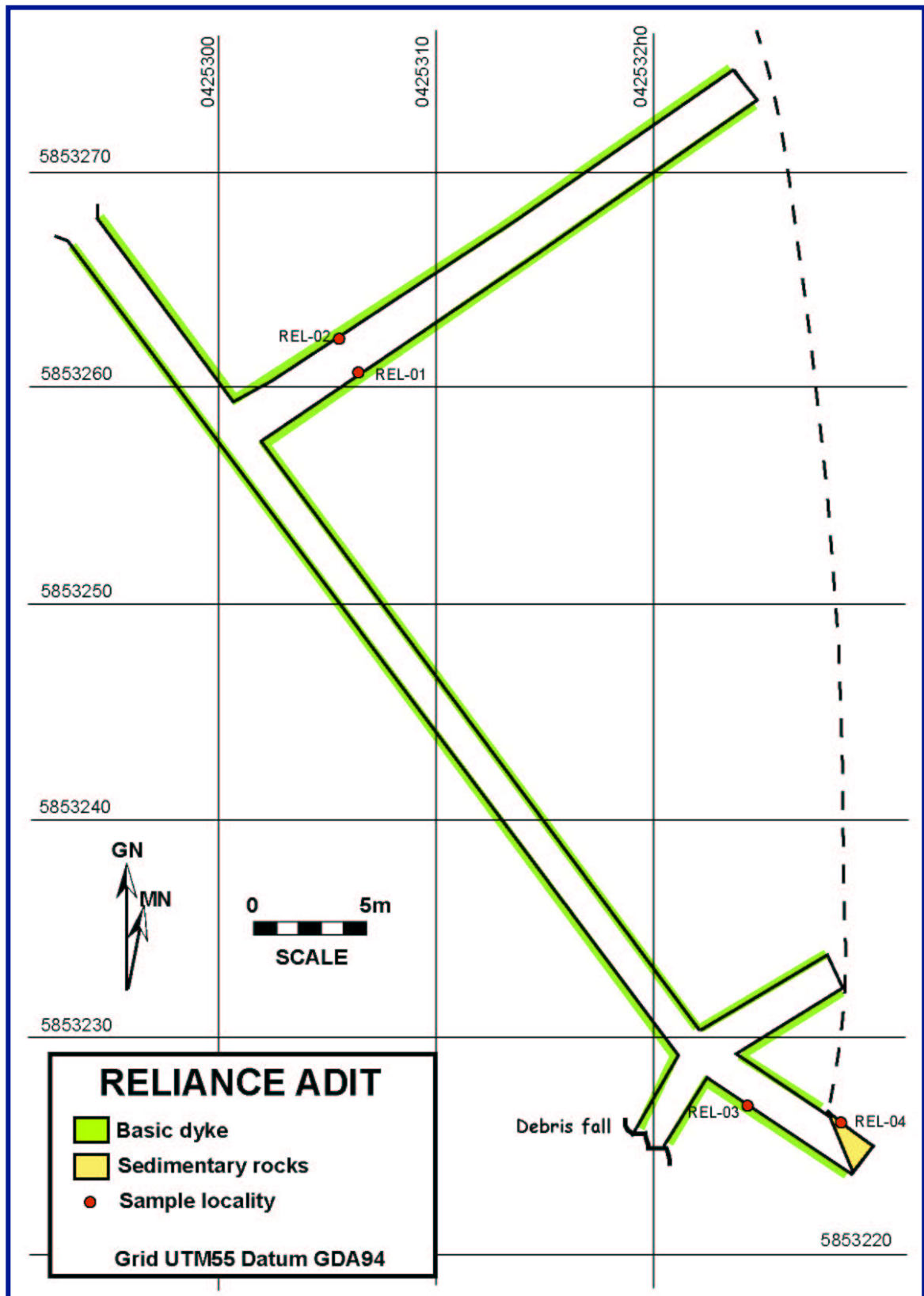
Plan of the Reliance Mine



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Plan of the Reliance Underground Workings

Corporate

- Underwriting of MCOOB by BBY Limited
- Strategic \$4.5M Joint Venture by Chinese group
- Gekko Systems Ballarat chosen to design & construct on site gravity mill
- New HQ established with purchase of freehold land and buildings in Woods Point

1. MCO announced the Underwriting of its MCOOB options (31MAR2010 – 10 cents)

During the Dec Quarter, Morning Star announced that the company had entered into an agreement with BBY Limited to underwrite the conversion of its MCOOB listed options. The exercise of all MCOOB options will raise Morning Star Gold a total of \$12.3 million excluding fees.

The MCOOB options are exercisable at any time up to 5.00pm (AEST) on 31 March 2010 at a price of 10 cents per option. Approximately 104 million options were outstanding at the end of the Dec Quarter.

The funds from the exercise of the options will significantly strengthen the company's balance sheet as it moves towards gold production at the Morning Star mine; the first production since WMC's tenure nearly 50 years ago.

MD Nick Garling commented, "The execution of our underwriting agreement with BBY Limited, a growing and well respected player in the equity capital markets, further strengthens our balance sheet and our move towards gold production this year".

2. MCO entered into a strategic \$4.5M in cash Joint Venture with HK based resources investor Ample Rise

Under the terms of the JV, Ample Rise agreed to invest \$4.5M cash over 24 months commencing November 2009 to earn 51% of MCO's regional MIN5299 (Dempsey) & MIN5241 (All Nations/Loch Fyne). Ample Rise also agreed to purchase an equity holding in MCO of roughly 11% at this time.

The stated focus of the JV is to fast track gold production opportunities in the Woods Point goldfield. The first JV tranche of \$750k has been received by MCO. Ample Rise Investments is a HK based resources investor with a long-term strategic focus.

In excess of 350,000 ounces of gold was produced at high grades from mostly shallow workings above the water table on these tenements including the All Nations, Loch Fyne, Hunts, Dempsey and Rose of Denmark. Morning Star will manage and operate the Joint Venture over this time.

Corporate (cont)

The JV is not related to MCO's 100% owned and operated MIN5009 (Morning Star, Tingha & Waverly) and MCO's two Exploration Licences EL5079 and EL4320 (Wallaby, Reliance, Little Comet, Garibaldi). See *tenement map on following pages for overall tenement holdings.*

MCO's MD Nick Garling said of the JV, "We are delighted to cement this significant JV investment with our new Chinese partner who brings with them investment and mining experience which will be important for unlocking the huge potential these MINs hold for gold production. Ample Rise's investment will provide the vital equity capital to progress our regional MINs from greenfields potential to realistic ore sources for our planned on-site gravity mill at the Morning Star mine in Woods Point".

Ample Rise commented: "Our investment company has been keen to expand the its gold interests in Australia and was impressed with the quality of Morning Star management and their portfolio of assets. We have developed an excellent working relationship with the Morning Star team and we are confident that this company will be a significant gold producer in the near-term. Our due diligence suggests that Mining Licences MIN5241 and MIN5299 are highly prospective for gold and we will work with Morning Star to understand the resource potential of those tenements as soon as possible."

BBY Limited is Corporate Advisor to Ample Rise Investments.

3. MCO chose Gekko for design & construction of its 80KTPA mill Morning Star Gold said it had chosen Gekko Systems of Ballarat, Victoria to design and install its onsite gravity processing plant at the Morning Star mine. The gravity plant is expected to cost \$2.5 Million and will be fully funded from cash at hand.

The Plant is designed to process up to 80,000 Tonnes Per Annum at rate of 10TPH and is expected to be fully operational onsite in June 2010. MCO noted its onsite ore stockpile was in the order of 6,000T ranging from development grade ore to high grade ores from both Maxwell & Dickenson zones.

A high level of automation and sampling protocols have been specified on the Gekko plant and milling has been designed to process ore at ~1mm giving good CAPEX and OPEX relative to peers and easier waste handling & storage. Extensive independent metallurgical testing points to high free milling gold content at Morning Star (gravity gold separation) of between 82 - 92% @ 300um - 1,000um. Regulatory planning is underway via DPIV and Mansfield Shire.

Corporate (cont)

Nick Garling MD of Morning Star said the following of the mill purchase, "The selection of Gekko Systems of Ballarat to supply, install and commission our 10TPH onsite gravity processing plant is a very positive step in Morning Star's transition from mine developer to producer. Gekko bring an excellent reputation and a local capability to our operations. Gekko also provide an important partnership approach"

More about Gekko: Gekko Systems specialises in the design, development and distribution of innovative mineral processing equipment and systems with a particular focus on gravity separation and gold processing. Long-term relationships based on trust and mutual benefit as well as an emphasis on innovation, are the cornerstones of the company's philosophy. With offices in Australia (Head Office), Canada, South Africa, and Chile and the business owners and team of employees, contractors, consultants and suppliers are passionate about producing timely, high-quality products and services for our customers. Since commercialisation in 1996, over 400 units have been manufactured and installed in 43 countries worldwide."

4. MCO settled on the purchase of the old Woods Point General Store Morning Star Gold decided to purchase a suitable Woods Point land & buildings package to establish its new corporate HQ in the town in close proximity of the Morning Star mine site.

MCO plans to convert the old store to offices and accommodation and to use an appropriate area of the new HQ for a geological testwork space. The offices will serve as the company's corporate hub in the town and house all administrative and geological personnel comfortably. The HQ will also serve as a focal point for the local community and afford visitors to the town information on MCO and its activities and there will also be various displays including a scaled 3-D model of the Morning Star mine.

Occupational Health & Safety

MCO had a strong quarter of Operational Health, Safety and Training assessments. New protocols and training matrices have been introduced leading to a WorkSafe Victoria inspection of the mine. Reorganisation and prioritisation of the company's OH&S policy continues at a steady pace with a newly appointed officer controlling the process.

Consulting engineers of various skillsets have continued to attend the mine site looking at various issues related to situation of on-site gravity mill, current vertical shaft and haulage, electrical systems, future / extended

mullock dump, waste storage and other geotechnical factors relating to bank safety, groundwater movement and decline shaft.

There were no incidents or near miss occurrences (MTI) or lost time injuries (LTI) in the period.

Community Engagement

The Company's approach towards engaging the Woods Point and local community continues to be proactive. A Community Engagement display is updated regularly at the Woods Point General store. The Community display outlines current developments at the mine and in the local area and advises the community where issues can be raised and concerns aired and addressed.

The Woods point Community continue to be very supportive of the company and the next Community Engagement Meeting is planned for Feb 2010.

As advised previously, the company's Community Engagement Policy was completely re-written. It is available on request and elements of MCO's policy are on our public website at the following link:

<http://www.morningstargold.com.au/sustainability/community/community.html>

Matters Subsequent to the Quarter ending 31DEC2009

Morning Star announced in January that high-grade assays (up to 386.2g/t Au. continued to be received from its Maxwell Zone development. Key Points of the Announcement were:

- **12 new samples average 75.2g/t Au with highest being 386.2 g/t Au**
- **26 samples from Maxwell ore zone averaging 44.4 g/t Au**
- **Visible Gold continues to be found in Maxwell's ~255m from surface**
- **Maxwell Reef is open at strike to the southeast**
- **Ore continues to be stockpiled at site**
- **Grab samples have been taken of ore stockpile with results expected shortly**

MD Comments

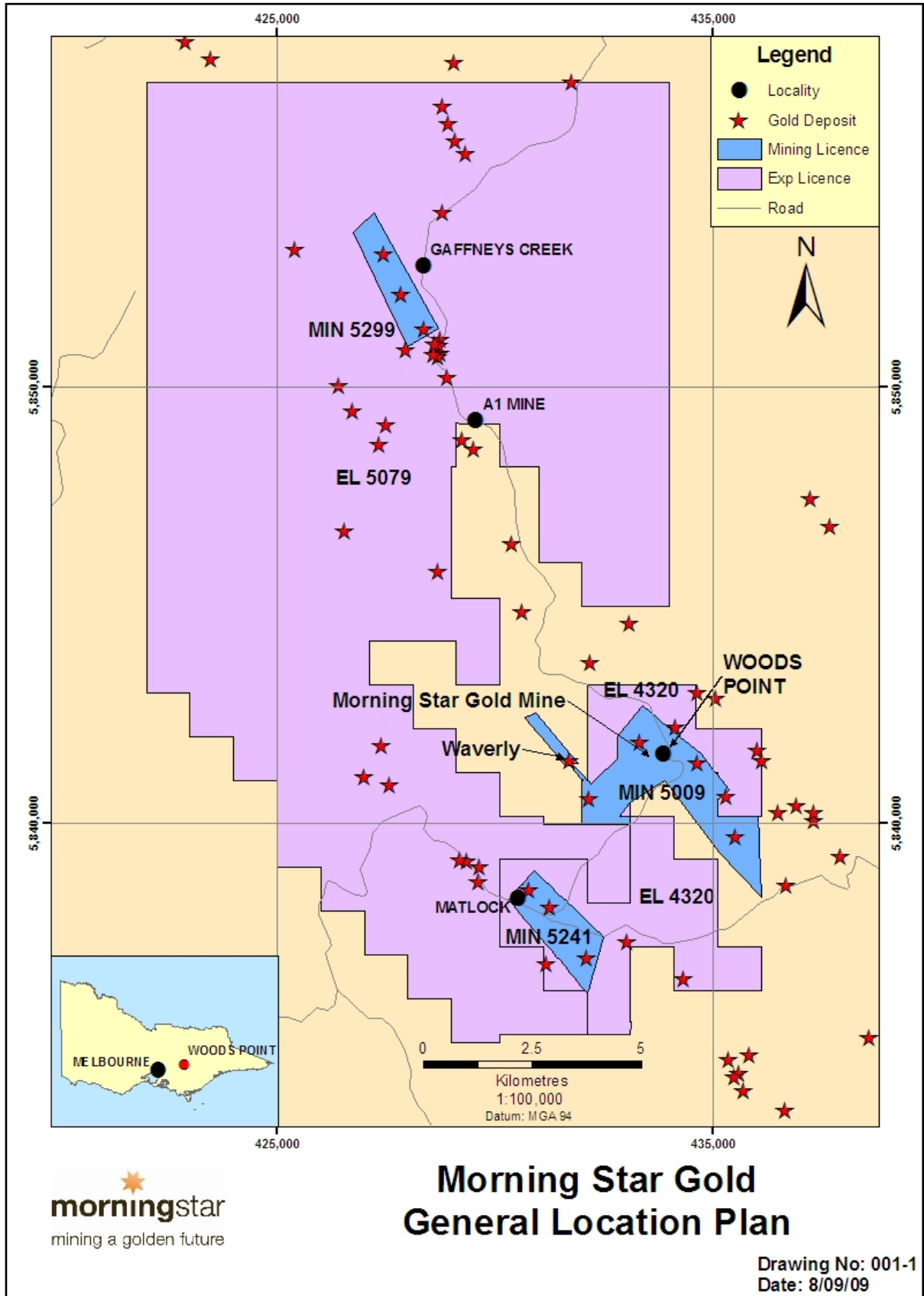
Nick Garling commented, "Morning Star is going from strength to strength. The MCOOB underwriting and the \$4.5M cash JV continue to strengthen our balance sheet and our prospects in the field which we are seeing at Maxwell's and regionally are very exciting."



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Morning Star Gold General Location Plan

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Date: 8/09/09

About Morning Star Gold

Morning Star Gold <ASX: MCO> is 100% owner and manager of the Woods Point Gold Project in Victoria's historic Eastern gold fields.

The company's tenements are adjoining over ~220km² and yielded ~2 million ounces of gold historically from various high-grade mines in close proximity to Woods Point.

Nearly half of this production was sourced from the Morning Star mine, which was mined for around a million tonnes of ore at just under an ounce to the tonne for a recorded production of 883,000 ounces of gold.

At one point in the early 1940s, the Morning Star mine was Australia's biggest gold mine. Gold Mines of Australia (WMC) operated it for 25 years (1934-1959).

Other gold production on MCO's regional tenements was generally confined to relatively shallow workings in the weathered zone above the water table.

Key current targets for new exploration and development include the Wallaby, Reliance, All Nations, Loch Fyne, Little Comet, Rose of Denmark, Hunts and Waverly mines. These mines produced ~320,000 ounces of gold at similarly high grades historically.

The Morning Star mine also carries an in situ gold resource, estimated in 2008 to exceed 900,000ozs. This resource is in the process of being revalidated and re-evaluated for mining recommencement at the Morning Star mine.

For further information please contact Nick Garling, Morning Star's MD at nickg@msgold.com.au or you can subscribe to E-Alerts of all Morning Star's news & ASX Releases at the company's website www.msgold.com.au



Nick Garling, MD / CEO
29th Jan 2010

Forward Looking Statements

This presentation includes statements and information pertaining to Morning Star Gold's expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Forward risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of Morning Star Gold can cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Morning Star Gold makes no undertaking to subsequently update or revise such statements but has made every endeavour to ensure that they are accurate at the time of presentation.

Competent Persons Statement

The information contained in this report was compiled Greg Curnow who has the relevant experience in relation to the mineralisation being reported on, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results,

Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Greg works on a full-time basis as a consultant to Morning Star Gold NL and consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 8. Amended 1/7/97, 1/7/98, 30/9/2001.

Name of entity

MORNING STAR GOLD NL

ABN

34 003 312 721

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31ST DECEMBER, 2009

Consolidated statement of cash flows

		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (... months) \$A'000
Cash flows related to operating activities			
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors		
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration and evaluation (b) development (c) production (d) administration	(123) (493) (183)	(205) (821) (381)
1.3	Dividends received		
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	12	25
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Other: GST refunds		22
		(787)	(1,360)
Net Operating Cash Flows			
Cash flows related to investing activities			
1.8	Payment for purchases of: (a)prospects (b)equity investments (c) other fixed assets	(316)	(354)
1.9	Proceeds from sale of: (a) prospects (b) equity investments (c) other fixed assets		(6)
1.10	Loans to other entities		
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities		
1.12	Other (provide details if material)		
		(316)	(360)
Net investing cash flows			
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	(1,103)	(1,720)

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1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(1,103)	(1,720)
Cash flows related to financing activities			
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.	367	1,837
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares		
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings		
1.17	Repayment of borrowings		
1.18	Dividends paid		
1.19	Other: Application monies for pending share issues	16	122
Net financing cash flows		383	1,959
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(720)	239
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	2,202	1,243
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20		
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	1,482	1,482

Payments to directors of the entity and associates of the directors

Payments to related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

		Current quarter \$A'000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	60
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	NIL

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

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Non-cash financing and investing activities

- 2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows



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N/A

- 2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

N/A

Financing facilities available

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

	Amount available \$A'000	Amount used \$A'000
3.1 Loan facilities	NIL	NIL
3.2 Credit standby arrangements	NIL	NIL

Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	\$A'000
4.1 Exploration and evaluation	120
4.2 Development	480
Total	600

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.

	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1 Cash on hand and at bank	1,268	1,988
5.2 Deposits at call	214	214
5.3 Bank overdraft		
5.4 Other (provide details)		
Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	1,482	2,202

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Changes in interests in mining tenements

	Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed			
6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased			

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Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1 Preference securities <i>(description)</i>				
7.2 Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions				
7.3 +Ordinary securities	147,216,223 500,000	147,216,223	10 cents	1 cent
7.4 Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs	4,566,450	4,566,450	10 cents	10 cents
7.5 +Convertible debt securities <i>(description)</i>				
7.6 Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7 Options Options over ordinary shares	104,485,543	104,485,543	<i>Exercise price</i> 10 cents	<i>Expiry date</i> 31.03.2010
7.8 Issued during quarter	700,000	700,000	10 cents	31.03.2010
7.9 Exercised during quarter	3,866,450	3,866,450	10 cents	31.03.2010
7.10 Expired during quarter				

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7.11	Debentures <i>(totals only)</i>		
7.12	Unsecured notes <i>(totals only)</i>		

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Compliance statement

1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies, which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).

2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:

Date: 29TH JANUARY 2010

(Director)

Print name: N. M. GARLING

Notes

1 The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.

2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent, which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.

3 **Issued and quoted securities** the issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.

4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries* and *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.

5 **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.
