

## Ark Commences Drilling at Bald Hills

- RC Drilling commences at the Perseverance and Rocky Ned workings
- Bald Hills tenement contains more than 70 historical gold mines
- Phase one program of 10 to 12 drill holes
- Further drilling East and South East to follow, based on previous work by Ark
- Contractor engaged to undertake the Bills Retirement Gravity Infill at Babinda



Figure 1 RC drill rig at the Perseverance Mine 22 May 2011

**Sydney, New South Wales, 23 May 2011:** New South Wales focused polymetallic exploration company Ark Mines Limited (“Ark”) (ASX: AHK) today announced that it has commenced drilling at the Perseverance and Rocky Ned workings at its Bald Hills project in the Lachlan Fold Belt, Central Western New South Wales. The Bald Hills tenement is considered highly prospective by Ark and contains over 70 historical gold mines with mineralisation in banded iron formations.

The initial 10 to 12 hole RC drilling program will target shear/vein systems under the workings with the vertical extent of the structure to be tested at varying depths. The strike of the system at surface is about 200m but this may well be extended with drilling at depth.

Ark’s Managing Director Roger Jackson said: “Bald Hills represents a highly prospective target for Ark, and already we have undertaken extensive work to determine the most attractive targets.

“A sub – audio magnetic (SAM) survey was completed by GAP geophysics and two reconnaissance holes drilled. Along with other geochemical work, this has given us the necessary information to systematically drill this prospect.

“This first program represents the commencement of an ongoing 12-month drilling program across a number of our projects. We will have the current RC rig under contract to Ark for this period, and will shortly contract a diamond rig to fast-track our exploration efforts.

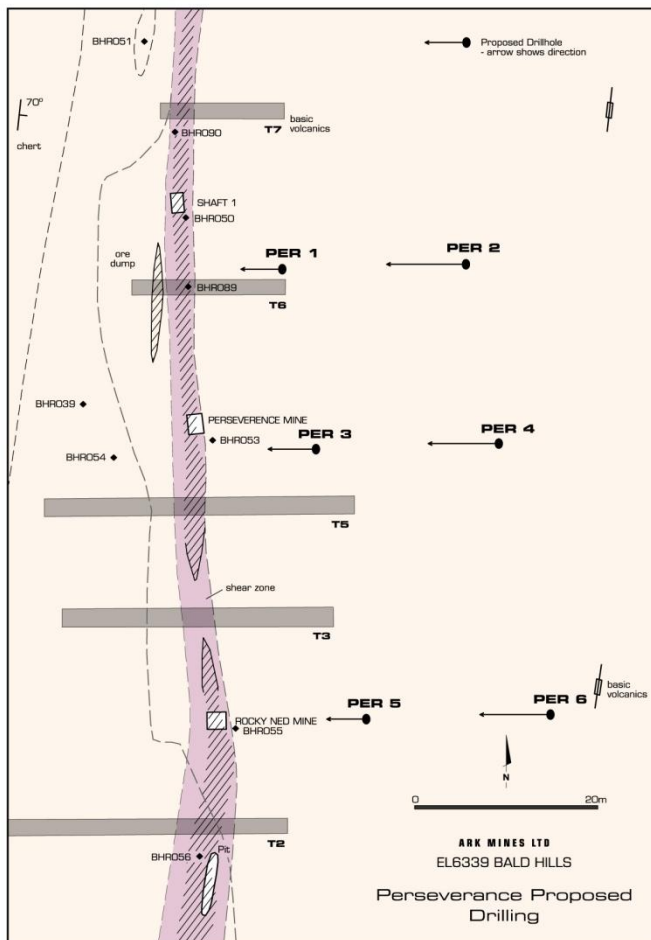


Figure 2 Drill plan for Perseverance Bald Hills

Mr. Jackson also said AHK has contracted Daishsat Geophysics to undertake an infill gravity program at the Bills Retirement Gravity high on the Babinda tenement. The 3mgal high will be followed up with a 50m x 50m and 25m x 25m ground gravity survey to further delineate the high which sits on the Coonara Fault. Work is expected to commence in early June.

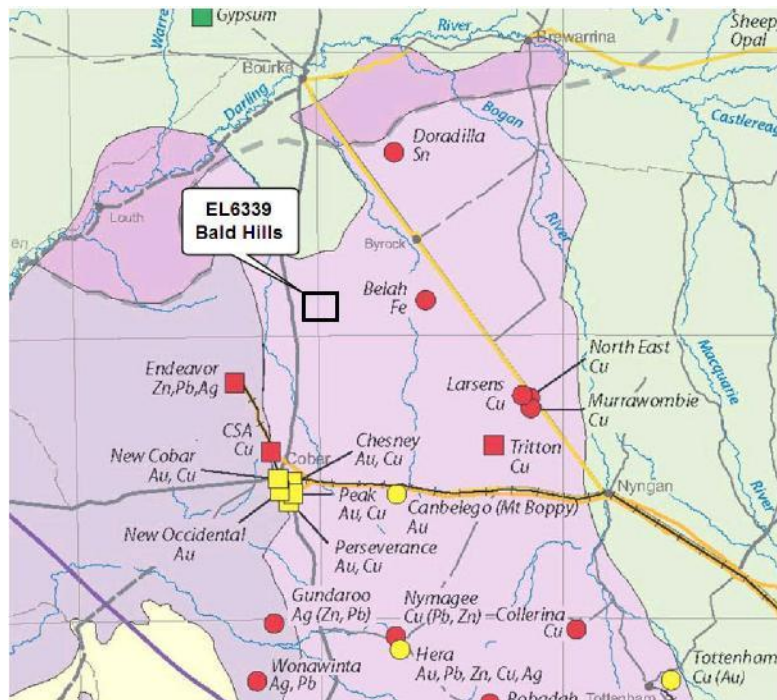


Figure 3 Bald Hills Location

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**About Ark Mines**

Ark Mines Ltd (Ark) is a publicly listed company with five highly prospective tenements in the Lachlan Fold Belt, in the central west of New South Wales. Ark's exploration efforts are focussed on gold and base metals, whilst potential for "rare earth" and iron provide Ark with a diversified suite of valued commodities.

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