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Initial Zoroastrian Drilling Results Confirm High Grade Lode Positions

Highlights:

- Surface reverse circulation drilling high grade results
 - 1m @ 68.0g/t Au from150m (KNC110003)
 - o 5m @ 5.89g/t Au from 94m (KNC110008); and
 - o 1m @ 8.81g/t from 59m (KNC110007)
- Visible gold observed in all 4 diamond holes drilled in Zoroastrian pit.
- Drilling confirms new structural model for high grade vein system.
- Drilling still in progress at Zoroastrian and Excelsior deposits with more assays to follow.

Excelsior Gold is pleased to advise that preliminary assay results from drilling at the Zoroastrian and Excelsior prospects at its 100% owned Kalgoorlie North Project has returned high grade results from reverse circulation drilling and visible gold in drill core.

Eight reverse circulation holes totalling 1,420 metres and 5 diamond drill holes totalling 364.9m of core have been completed in the Zoroastrian pit area. These are the first set of assays results received from the laboratory with further sample batches yet to be processed.

Drill hole logging and assays to date indicate that the drilling has intercepted the lode positions close to those predicted by the new geological model and confirmed the structural interpretation of the high grade vein system.

Visible gold has been seen within all of the 4 diamond holes drilled from the floor of the Zoroastrian open pit. These holes are currently being logged and sampled.

Excelsior Gold commenced reverse circulation and diamond drilling at its Kalgoorlie North Project in July aimed at extending the high-grade resource beneath the southern end of the Zoroastrian Pit where an Inferred Resource of **18,500 ounces** of was established in April 2011.

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Zoroastrian South Resource

ZOROASTRIAN SOUTH	INFERRED RESOURCE						
LOWER CUT-OFF	Tonnes	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces				
3.0g/t Au	74,300	7.8	18,500				
5.0g/t Au	43,300	10.5	14,600				

Inferred Resource cut to 50g/t Au, Rounding Errors may occur.

The new reverse circulation drilling results are outside of the current high grade resource model and the diamond drilling, predominately from within the existing open pit, was designed to infill previous results and gain structural information.

Details of the drill program are presented in *Table 1* and a full list of the intercepts in *Table 2*.

The Zoroastrian mineralisation consists of a complex ladder array of east dipping and flat lying quartz veins within a dolerite unit which is equivalent to the Paddington Dolerite which produced in excess of two million ounces of gold at the Paddington Operations 17km to the south.

This drilling has confirmed the structural model, intersecting quartz lodes where predicted and has significantly extended the known lode positions at depth and along strike.

The geological interpretation indicates that in excess of 15 lodes within the system contain very high gold intercepts (see *Figure 1*), however the current high grade resource model of 74,300 tonnes @ 7.8g/t for 18,500 ounces is based on only 4 lodes over 195m down to a vertical depth of 110m, 45m below the current pit floor. The new model, supported by the current drilling indicates lode continuity can now be demonstrated over 700m of strike and to a vertical depth of at least 180m.

Further drilling is planned on these structures ahead of resource modelling.

The high grade vein structures at Zoroastrian display highly variable results due to a large nugget effect as demonstrated by coarse gold seen within the quartz veins in the historical open pit with rock chip sampling of these lodes returning highly variable results ranging from 916g/t to 0.23g/t adjacent to visible gold (*ASX announcement 20/04/2011*).

The current assay results were obtained using a 400g Leach Well digestion over four hours with analysis by Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry to maximise sample size, however the results are considered preliminary in nature and check work will be conducted using other assaying methods to determine the reliability of the results.

Further assays from the Zoroastrian drilling program and drilling currently in progress at the Excelsior deposit, 300m to the east of Zoroastrian, will be available over the coming weeks.

Competent Person Statement:

Information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resource and exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr David Potter of Excelsior Gold Limited. Mr Potter is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking, to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Potter consents to the inclusion in the document of the information in the form and context in which it appears.

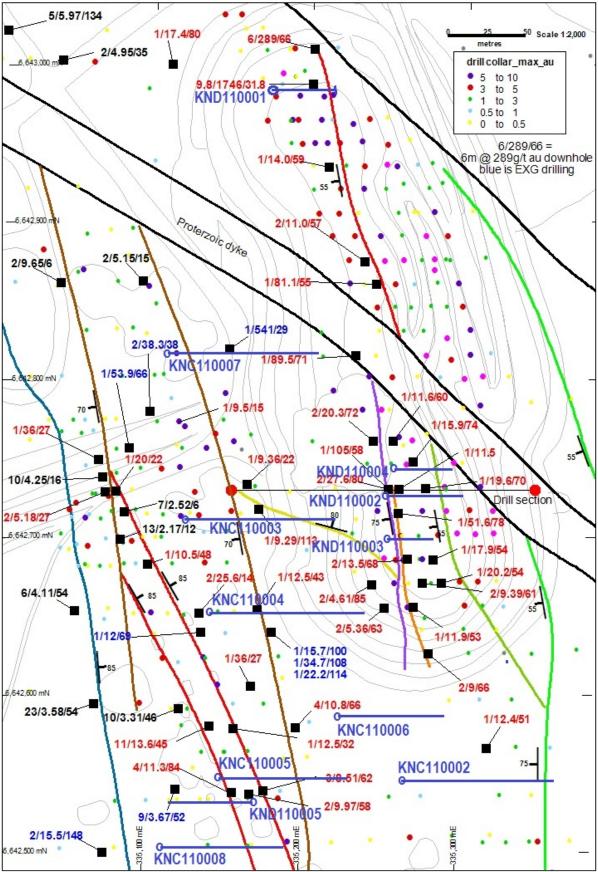


Figure 1: Zoroastrian Drilling Plan showing current and historical drill results.

HOLE	MGA94 Z51	MGA94 Z51				LENGTH	
NUMBER	EAST	NORTH	AHD RL	DIP	AZIM	(m)	RESULTS
KNC110001	335200	6642485	443.5	-60	90	250	2m @ 4.96g/t from 93m
KNC110002	335265	6642545	437.5	-60	90	189	Results Pending
KNC110003	335125	6642715	438	-60	90	180	1m @ 68.0g/t from 150m Further Results Pending
KNC110004	335140	6642655	437.5	-60	90	180	1m @ 3.17g/t from 144m Further Results Pending
KNC110005	335150	6642545	438	-60	90	160	16m @ 0.26g/t from 65m Further Results Pending
KNC110006	335225	6642590	437.5	-60	90	125	2m @ 2.25g/t from 76m Further Results Pending
KNC110007	335110	6642820	440	-60	90	180	1m @ 3.03g/t from 32m 1m @ 8.81g/t from 59m
KNC110008	335110	6642505	437	-60	90	156	5m @ 5.89g/t from 94m
KNC110021	335115	6642445	437	-60	90	DRILLING	Results Pending
KND110001	335174	6642984	392.5	-50	90	71.2	Results Pending
KND110002	335255	6642730	382.5	-60	90	60.7	Results Pending
KND110003	335255	6642700	385	-60	90	56.9	Results Pending
KND110004	335262.5	6642745	382.5	-70	90	68.9	Results Pending
KND110005	335170	6642535	435.5	-60	270	107.2	Results Pending

Table 1: Zoroastrain Drilling Summary

KNC = reverse circulation, KND= diamond

Table 2: Zoroastrian Drilling Result Summary

HOLE	LODE	POSITION	INTERVAL	RESULTS	
NUMBER	From (m)	То (т)	(m)	(g/t Au)	COMMENTS
KNC110001	0	17	17	awaiting results	broad zone of quartz veining
	50	52	2	<0.01	poor sample return quartz lode
	72	74	2	void	no sample return
	93	95	2	4.96	quartz lode
KNC110002	14	16	2	awaiting results	quartz lode
	56	58	2	awaiting results	quartz lode
	102	103	1	awaiting results	quartz lode
	179	180	1	0.21	quartz lode
KNC110003	30	44	14	awaiting results	broad zone of quartz veining
	90	92	2	awaiting results	quartz lode
	150	151	1	68.0	quartz lode
KNC110004	12	16	4	awaiting results	quartz lode
	35	37	2	0.09	poor sample return narrow lode
	44	65	21	0.27	low grade quartz stockwork
	144	145	1	3.17	quartz lode
KNC110005	56	57	1	0.34	quartz lode
	65	81	16	0.26	low grade quartz stockwork
	148	149	1	awaiting results	quartz lode
	153	154	1	awaiting results	quartz lode
KNC110006	6	10	4	awaiting results	poor sample return narrow lode
	32	33	1	awaiting results	quartz lode
	68	70	2	0.77	quartz lode
	76	78	2	2.25	quartz lode
KNC110007	0	17	17	1.12	zone of quartz veining includes 5m of stoping
	32	33	1	3.03	quartz lode
	52	54	2	0.58	quartz lode
	59	60	1	8.81	quartz lode
	147	154	7	0.67	low grade quartz stockwork
KNC110008	94	99	5	5.89	quartz lode
KNC110021				drilling	

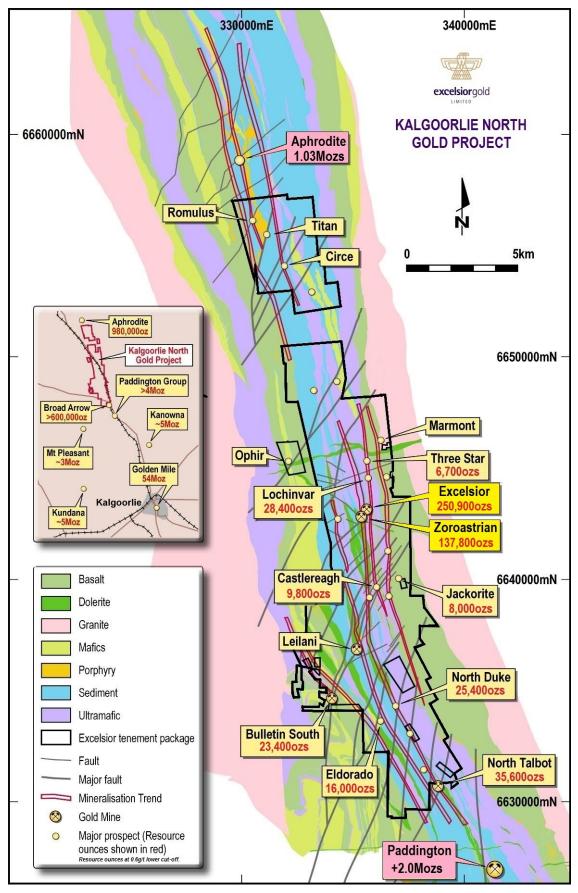


Figure 2 Kalgoorlie North Gold Project – Resource and Prospect Location Plan Previous announced resources @ 0.6g/t lower cut highlighted in RED

RESOURCES	INDICATED 0.6g/t Cut-off				INFERRED 0.6g/t Cut-off			TOTAL RESOURCES 0.6g/t Cut-off		
DEPOSIT	Tonnes (,000t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces (,000oz)	Tonnes (,000t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces (,000oz)	Tonnes (,000t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces (,000oz)	
Excelsior	4,147	1.49	198.4	1,173	1.39	52.5	5,319	1.47	250.9	
Lochinvar	448	1.74	25.1	60	1.70	3.3	508	1.74	28.4	
Three Star				92	2.26	6.7	92	2.26	6.7	
Ellen Pearce				35	1.75	2.0	35	1.75	2.0	
Zoroastrian	1,871	1.34	80.7	1,478	1.20	57.1	3,350	1.28	137.8	
Navan				76	1.61	3.9	76	1.61	3.9	
Jackorite (1.0g/t cut)				53	4.68	8.0	53	4.68	8.0	
Castlereagh	194	1.48	9.2	13	1.29	0.5	207	1.47	9.8	
Nerrin Nerrin				94	2.85	8.6	94	2.85	8.6	
Big Blow Sth (5.0g/t cut)				28	9.13	8.4	28	9.13	8.4	
Eldorado				252	1.97	16.0	252	1.97	16.0	
North Talbot				662	1.67	35.6	662	1.67	35.6	
North Duke				706	1.12	25.4	706	1.12	25.4	
Bulletin South				363	2.01	23.4	363	2.01	23.4	
Windanya (1.0g/t cut)				42	3.00	4.0	42	3.00	4.0	
TOTAL	6,660	1.46	313.5	5,127	1.55	255.3	11,787	1.50	568.8	

Table 3: Kalgoorlie North Gold Project – Resource Inventory (July 2011)