

Ark Mines Granted Babinda Tenement

- 100% of Babinda now in Arks suite of Tenements
- Expenditure commitments reset for Babinda
- Ark has an EL application enveloping Babinda

KEY ASPECTS OF BABINDA

- Babinda Elaine VMS Deposit located on the Coonara Fault, parallel to the Rookery Fault (hosts the Cobar mineral field)
- Positive Drilling results sit in
 - o the centre of a large magnetic anomaly
 - o a regional PB Zn soil geochemical anomaly
 - o the recently derived Babinda Elaine gravity anomaly
- Located between YTC's Hera deposit and Polymetals' Mount Boppy Mine
- 5 holes anomalous in Cu, Zn, Pb and Ag for the length of hole (100m)
- Strike length of 750m

PLANNED EXPLORATION

- Lord Dudley Gravity high yet to be drilled
- A program to further drill Babinda Elaine and Lord Dudley will be looked at immediately
- Further Ground Gravity will be undertaken to extend the gravity anomaly to the north



Sydney, 15 October 2012: New South Wales focused exploration company Ark Mines Limited **(ASX: AHK)**, is pleased to report that it has been granted the Babinda polymetallic project. The tenement (EL7973) comprises 47 units or 136km2.

Ark's Managing Director Roger Jackson said: "We are now ready to further drill and explore these exciting targets."

"The anomalous drill intercepts over significant gravity highs and mag anomalies indicates we have the correct recipe for success."

"We will continue to keep shareholders updated as we advance our active exploration programs across our portfolio of projects."

PREVIOUS DRILLING HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

BRC008 (note drilled in centre of Gravity High)

- 32m @ .22% Cu and .05% Zn from 8m to 40m Including:
 - 11m @ .35% Cu from 17m to 28m
 - o 4m @ .59% Cu, 1.4g/t Ag from 24m to 28m
 - o 7m @ .10% Cu, .13% Zn, .44g/t Ag from 12m to 19m

Plus:

o 6m @ .53% Zn, .19% Pb, .91g/t Ag from 70m to 76m

Including:

o 1m @.95 % Zn, .49% Pb, 2.2g/t Ag, .12g/t Au from 70m to 71m

Hole ended in anomalous Zn .08% from 97m to 100m and average for the 100m .08% Cu, .07% Zn per m

BRC009

- 54m @ .055% Cu, .04% Zn from 40m to 94m Including:
 - o 8m @ .13% Cu from 60m to 68m
 - o 2m @ .36%, Cu .22% Zn, 1.15g/t Ag from 83m to 85m

Hole ended in anomalous mineralisation of Zn of .02% and average for the 100m .03% Cu, .07% Zn per m $\,$

BRC006

2m @.56% Pb, .13% Zn, 2.35 g/t Ag from 37m to 39m

Hole ended in .08% Zn, .05%Pb, 0.5 g/t from 99m to 100m and average for the 100m .02% Cu, .03% Zn per m



BRC007

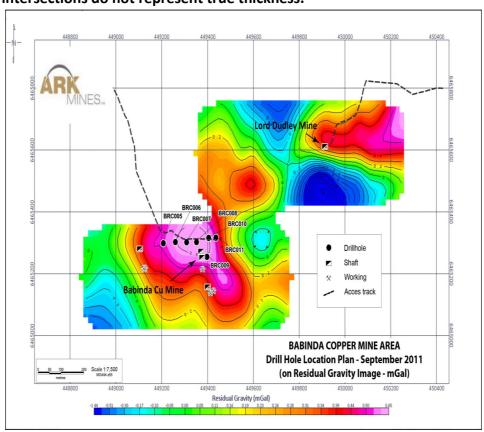
- 2m @.15% Zn, .19% Pb, 0.8 g/t Ag from 26m to 28m
- 6m @.12% Zn, .06% Pb from 47m to 63m
- 2m @.11% Zn, .09%Cu, 0.6g/t Ag from 59m to 61
 Hole average for the 97m .05% Zn, .02% Pb, .01% Cu per m

BRC005

• 1m @ .14% Zn, .6 g/t Ag from 63m to 64m

Hole average for the 100m .02% Zn, .01% Pb per m

Note intersections do not represent true thickness.



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Table 1 Hole collar locations

| Hole No | Easting | Northing | Depth to | Dip |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | MGA94z55 | MGA94z55 | EOH m | |
| BRC005 | 449210 | 6465300 | 100 | Vertical |
| BRC006 | 449250 | 6465300 | 100 | Vertical |
| BRC007 | 449300 | 6465300 | 97 | Vertical |
| BRC008 | 449350 | 6465300 | 100 | Vertical |
| BRC009 | 449400 | 6465259 | 100 | Vertical |
| BRC010 | 449410 | 6465300 | 100 | Vertical |



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. Ark has an option on a significant Contract of Work in Indonesia and is actively seeking other gold and base metal prospects both in Australia and overseas.



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Babinda Project Location

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