

#### **ASX Announcement**

#### 23 October 2012

# Navarre Minerals Limited ABN 66 125 140 105

ASX Code: NML

### **Corporate Details**

#### Issued capital:

55.8M ordinary shares 2.3M unlisted options

#### **Directors & Management:**

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(Non-Executive Chairman)

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# Coarse gold nuggets in Tandarra drill chips

## **Highlights**

- Visible gold nuggets of up to 4.5mm long found in drill chips of previously announced high-grade gold intercept in air-core drill hole, ACT151 (see photos below).
- Host structure intersected in ACT151 interpreted as possible east leg of saddle reef or west-dipping fault.
- Coarse gold is further evidence of similarities with Bendigo Goldfield.

Navarre Minerals Limited (ASX Code: NML) reports the presence of coarse visible gold nuggets in air-core hole ACT151. These nuggets occur in a 1.5m interval from 69.0m down-hole on the Macnaughtan Line at the Tandarra prospect, part of the Bendigo North group of gold projects, located 40km north of Bendigo, Victoria, Australia (Figure 1).

Examination of drill chips from sample residue of a previously announced high-grade gold result in air-core drill hole ACT151 has revealed multiple grains of visible gold up to 4.5mm in length from an interval assaying 1.5m @ 59.2g Au/t which forms part of a broader zone assaying 4.5m @ 23.1g Au/t from 69.0m down-hole (see ASX release 17 October 2012). This is the first time visible gold has been seen on the Macnaughtan Line.

Close examination of the air-core drill chips reveals:

- gold is primary and is hosted in weathered, bleached shale and hematite altered quartz;
- gold nuggets show evidence of a black iron oxide coating probably after sulphide (Figures 2 & 3); and
- the shale host is pitted following weathering of pyrite.

Preliminary interpretation of these results, based on projection of widely spaced diamond drill traverses, indicates that the high-grade gold mineralisation intersected in ACT151 is located close to the hinge of the Macnaughtan Anticline and may represent the eastern leg of a saddle reef or, alternatively, part of a west-dipping reverse fault that breaches the eastern limb of the anticline. As follow-up, the Company intends to drill a number of infill air-core holes on section to assist definition of the reef geometry and its controlling structures for step-out drill testing along strike.

The Macnaughtan line of reef is sparsely drilled with the nearest along strike drilling being 200m north and 200m south of ACT151 (Figure 4).

"The presence of coarse visible gold on the Macnaughtan Line is further evidence of similarities between Tandarra and the Bendigo Goldfield, 40 kilometres to the south," commented Navarre's Managing Director, Mr Geoff McDermott.

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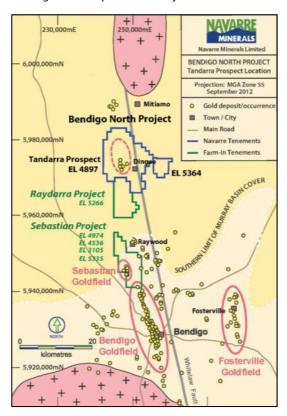
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**Figure 1:** Location map of the Bendigo North group of gold projects.



**Figure 2:** Various coarse gold grains from 69.0 – 70.5 metres down-hole in ACT151.

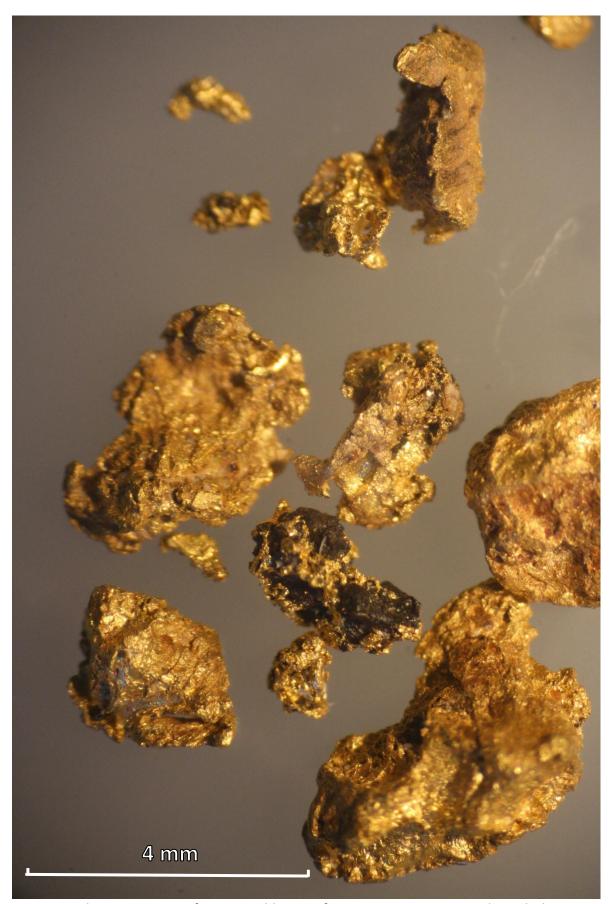
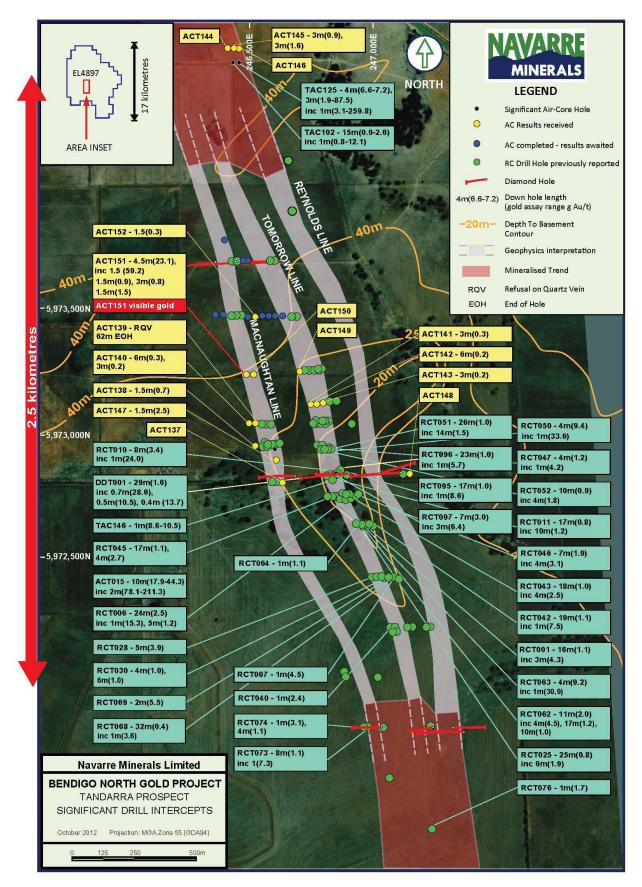


Figure 3: Alternate image of coarse gold grains from 69.0 – 70.5 metres down-hole in ACT151.



**Figure 4:** Satellite image of part of the Tandarra prospect showing near surface gold mineralisation trend, its projection to the north and south and location of air-core drill hole ACT151.