



## Middle Island RESOURCES LIMITED

**Middle Island Resources Ltd**  
ACN 142 361 608

**ASX code: MDI**  
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### **Investment Highlights:**

- Australian and ASX listed gold exploration company focused on West Africa
- 100% of Reo Project in Burkina Faso – 1,166km<sup>2</sup> straddling junction of the Boromo & Houndé greenstone belts.
- Earning between 70% and 100% in the Sirba Project in Niger, representing 1,936km<sup>2</sup> of lightly explored Birimian greenstones.
- 100% interest in five permits and earning 75% in a sixth, collectively comprising the 3,000km<sup>2</sup> Nuon River Project in Liberia, the new gold frontier of West Africa.

### **Capital Structure:**

125 million ordinary shares  
18.5 million unlisted options

### **Cash**

~\$6.3m

### **Directors & Management:**

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Chairman

#### **Rick Yeates**

Managing Director

#### **Beau Nicholls**

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### Outstanding gold assays from first RC drilling at key prospect within Sirba gold project, Niger

- Exceptional results from maiden RC (reverse circulation percussion) resource drilling at Tialkam South Prospect within the Sirba gold project, Niger
- Results include:-
  - 21m at 4.89g/t Au
  - 19m at 4.16g/t Au
  - 17m at 3.05g/t Au
  - 12m at 4.34g/t Au
  - 15m at 2.30g/t Au
  - 13m at 2.73g/t Au
- Consistent with historic RC drilling:-
  - 18m at 4.89g/t Au (eoh)
  - 18m at 3.01g/t Au
  - 18m at 2.41g/t Au (eoh)
  - 8m at 4.57g/t Au
- Single surface channel sample of 15m at 2.68g/t Au.
- Results from program (37 holes; 4,314m) to define smaller initial resource for possible toll milling at the Samira Hill gold mine, just 12km away.
- Represents Company's maiden, near-term gold production and revenue opportunity.
- Composite RC samples being collected for preliminary cyanidation tests to assess amenability to conventional CIL processing.
- Anticipate maiden resource estimate for Tialkam South in the September quarter.
- Tialkam South, along with K4/K5 prospect at Reo in neighbouring Burkina Faso, currently represent Middle Island's two more advanced "stand alone" gold resource targets across three West African jurisdictions.

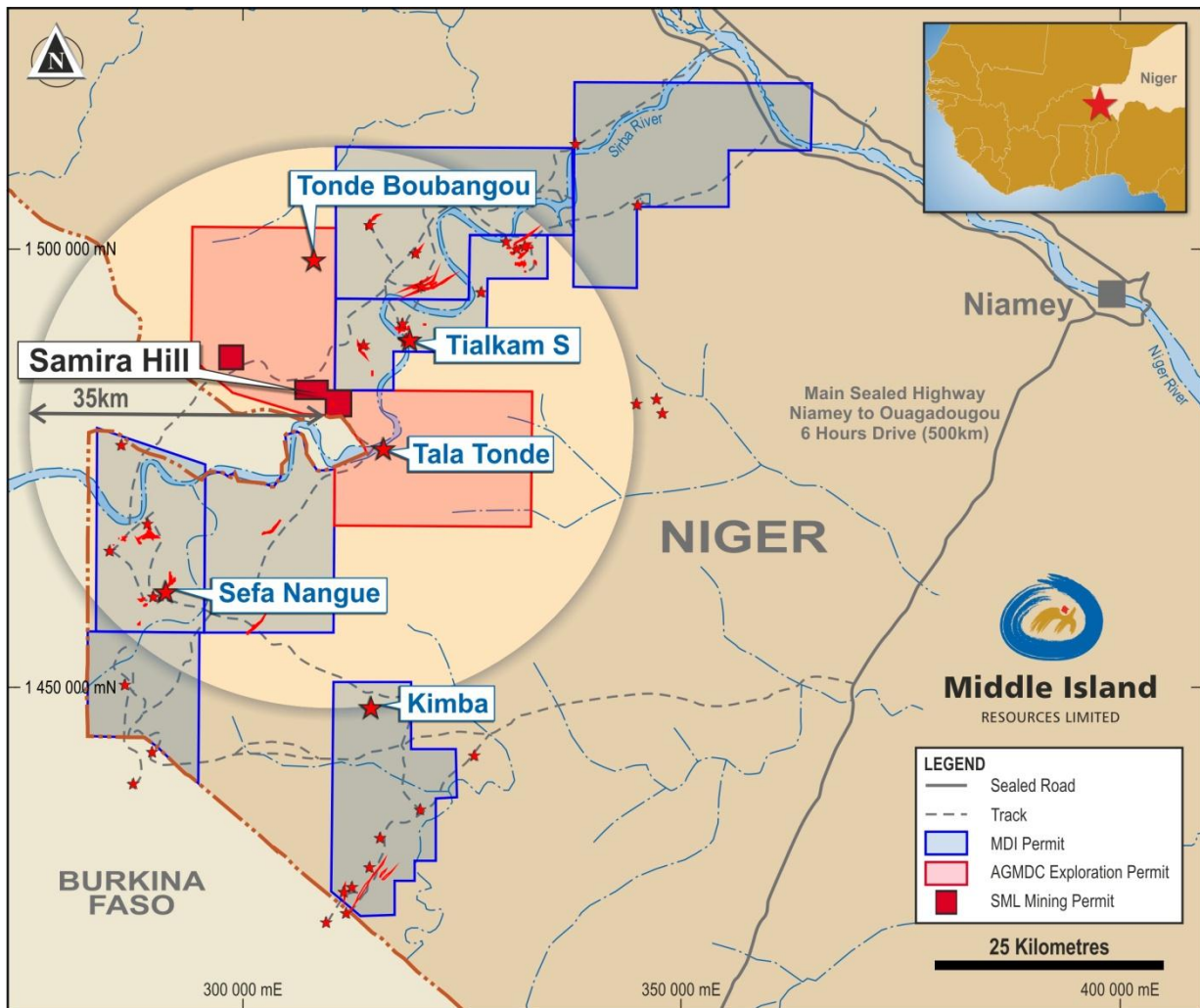


### Tialkam South Prospect

The Tialkam South gold prospect lies within the southern portion of the Tialkam permit, comprising part of the 1,916km<sup>2</sup> Sirba Project, which consolidates the central portion of the Sirba greenstone belt straddling SEMAFO Inc's producing Samira Hill gold mine in Niger, as shown in Figure 1.

Middle Island is earning an initial 70% interest in AMI Resource Corp's rights to the Tialkam permit.

Figure 1



*The seven permits (blue) comprising MDI's consolidated Sirba gold project straddling the Samira Hill gold mine (red) in Niger.*

### Ground Geophysical Survey

Assessment of historic exploration data at the Tialkam South Prospect identified a strong electrical conductivity contrast between the resistive mineralised porphyry and conductive overlying sediments. In order to exploit this characteristic, Middle Island completed an induced polarisation ground geophysical survey over a 2km by 1km array to resolve the morphology, orientation and depth extent of the porphyry.



Along with compilation of historic drilling data and detailed mapping completed late in 2012, the ground geophysical survey enhanced planning of recently completed RC resource drilling.

### RC Drilling

A maiden RC resource drilling program, comprising 37 holes (4,314m), has recently been completed at the Tialkam South Prospect. **Given the prospect's proximity to the producing Samira Hill gold mine, operated by SEMAFO Inc. (SMF) and lying only 12km to the southwest, the program was redesigned to quantify a smaller initial resource with a view to toll milling.**

Exceptional results returned to date from the maiden Tialkam South RC drilling campaign include intercepts of **21m at 4.89g/t, 19m at 4.16g/t, 17m at 3.05g/t, 12m at 4.34g/t, 15m at 2.3g/t, and 13m at 2.73g/t Au**, providing considerable encouragement that an initial high grade resource has been defined. RC drill-hole locations are shown in Figure 2 and a full listing of results is provided in Table 1 below.

Figure 2

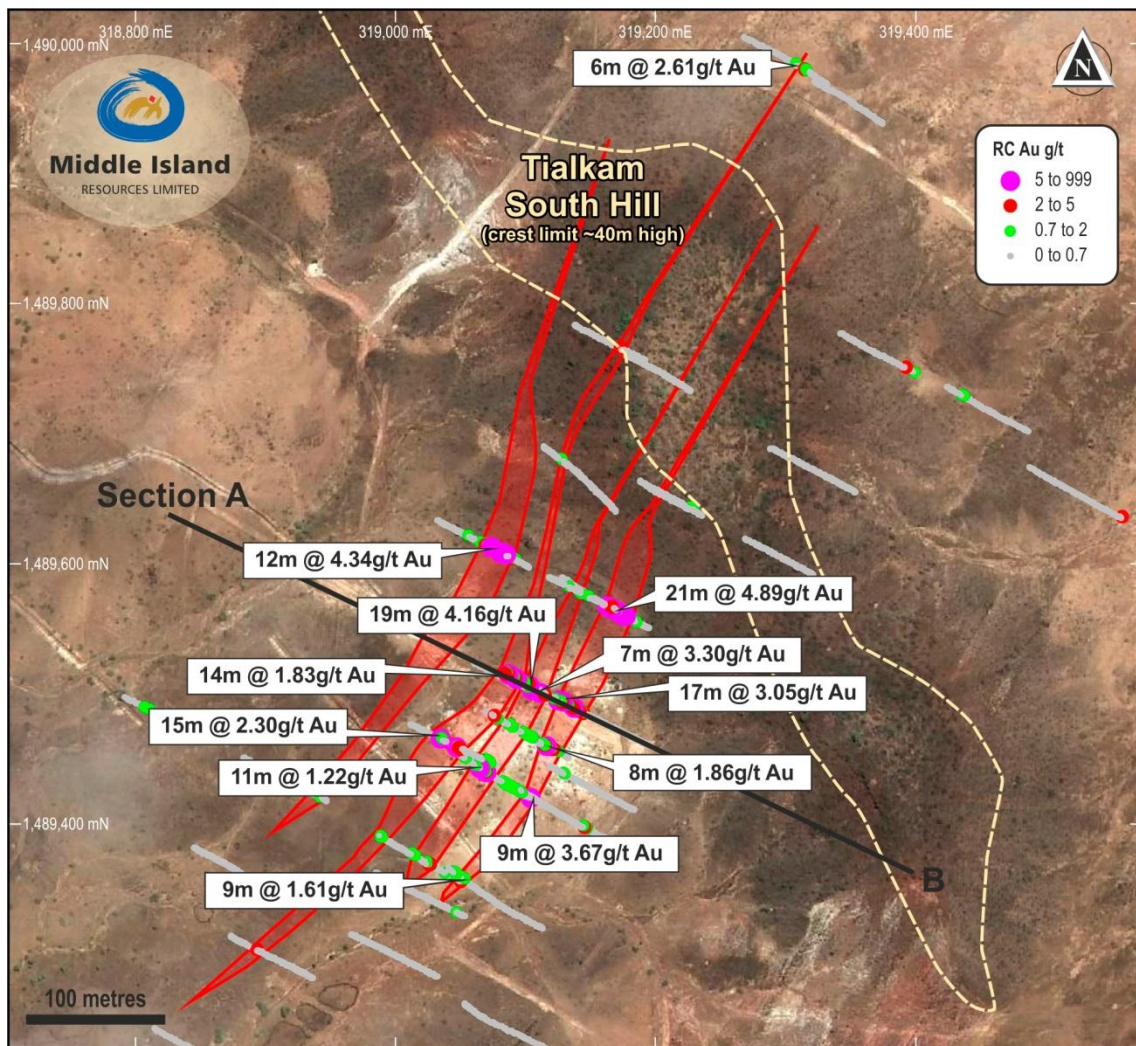




Table 1

Tialkam South Prospect – Significant RC Drilling Results

| Hole_ID  | East   | North   | RL     | Dip  | Azimuth | Tdepth | From       | To         | Width      | Au_ppm      |             |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|------|---------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| MTRC0001 | 319134 | 1489452 | 244.26 | -50  | 300     | 125    | 14         | 15         | 1          | 1.20        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 20         | 23         | 3           | 2.45        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 27         | 35         | 8           | 1.86        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 29         | 30         | 1           | 5.10        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 57         | 60         | 3           | 1.07        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 84         | 85         | 1           | 1.00        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 104        | 110        | 6           | 1.34        |
| MTRC0002 | 319111 | 1489418 | 239.3  | -50  | 300     | 120    | 10         | 12         | 2          | 4.88        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 11         | 12         | 1           | 6.87        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 24         | 25         | 1           | 1.05        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 34         | 37         | 3           | 1.09        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | <b>41</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>1.14</b> |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 71         | 80         | 9           | 3.67        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 75         | 77         | 2           | 7.98        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 86         | 87         | 1           | 5.62        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 93         | 95         | 2           | 1.47        |
|          | 110    | 111     | 1      | 1.35 |         |        |            |            |            |             |             |
| MTRC0003 | 319061 | 1489525 | 241.62 | -50  | 120     | 129    | <b>74</b>  | <b>93</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>4.16</b> |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 80         | 83         | 3           | 12.7        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and        | 92         | 93         | 1           | 7.19        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 97         | 100        | 3           | 1.63        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | <b>111</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>14</b>   | <b>1.83</b> |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 119        | 120        | 1           | 6.59        |
| MTRC0004 | 319156 | 1489481 | 249.8  | -50  | 300     | 124    | 17         | 20         | 3          | 2.10        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 24         | 25         | 1           | 1.40        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 32         | 35         | 3           | 2.68        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 43         | 50         | 7           | 3.30        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 46         | 47         | 1           | 8.42        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 86         | 93         | 7           | 2.49        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 91         | 92         | 1           | 5.14        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 97         | 98         | 1           | 1.08        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | <b>106</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>3.05</b> |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 109        | 110        | 1           | 5.29        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and        | 118        | 120        | 2           | 5.61        |
| and      | 118    | 119     | 1      | 9.38 |         |        |            |            |            |             |             |
| MTRC0005 | 319198 | 1489460 | 250.75 | -50  | 300     | 131    | <b>107</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>2.73</b> |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | 125        | 126        | 1           | 2.83        |
| MTRC0006 | 319012 | 1489478 | 235.68 | -50  | 120     | 126    | 40         | 41         | 1          | 5.52        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | <b>56</b>  | <b>71</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>2.30</b> |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including  | 63         | 64         | 1           | 6.39        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |            | <b>103</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>11</b>   | <b>1.22</b> |



| Hole_ID  | East   | North   | RL     | Dip  | Azimuth | Tdepth | From      | To        | Width     | Au_ppm      |             |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| MTRC0007 | 319033 | 1489634 | 240    | -50  | 120     | 132    | 41        | 42        | 1         | 1.02        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 57        | 58        | 1           | 1.57        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 62        | 68        | 6           | 1.48        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 72        | 75        | 3           | 7.23        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including | 73        | 75        | 2           | 10.1        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | <b>83</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>12</b>   | <b>4.34</b> |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including | 87        | 92        | 5           | 5.95        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 94        | 95        | 1           | 5.41        |
|          | 108    | 110     | 2      | 2.96 |         |        |           |           |           |             |             |
| MTRC0009 | 319052 | 1489357 | 232.68 | -50  | 300     | 123    | 0         | 1         | 1         | 2.97        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 15        | 16        | 1           | 1.54        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 41        | 50        | 9           | 1.61        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 69        | 72        | 3           | 1.48        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 120       | 121       | 1           | 1.16        |
| MTRC0010 | 319164 | 1489389 | 239.92 | -50  | 300     | 135    | 29        | 33        | 4         | 1.31        |             |
| MTRC0011 | 319184 | 1489412 | 243.44 | -50  | 300     | 131    | 105       | 107       | 2         | 1.30        |             |
| MTRC0012 | 318884 | 1489452 | 228.52 | -50  | 300     | 120    | 93        | 96        | 3         | 1.33        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 109       | 110       | 1           | 1.24        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           |           |           |             |             |
| MTRC0014 | 318874 | 1489315 | 224.34 | -50  | 120     | 123    | 35        | 36        | 1         | 3.11        |             |
| MTRC0016 | 319114 | 1489321 | 232.83 | -50  | 300     | 147    | 119       | 120       | 1         | 1.63        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 124       | 125       | 1           | 1.64        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 133       | 138       | 5           | 1.09        |
| MTRC0022 | 319402 | 1489746 | 264.74 | -50  | 300     | 111    | 4         | 6         | 2         | 1.02        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 16        | 18        | 2           | 2.15        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           |           |           |             |             |
| MTRC0023 | 319487 | 1489702 | 252.98 | -50  | 300     | 126    | 98        | 100       | 2         | 1.60        |             |
| MTRC0024 | 319560 | 1489635 | 247.57 | -50  | 300     | 139    | 2         | 4         | 2         | 2.66        |             |
| MTRC0026 | 319268 | 1490005 | 244.68 | -50  | 120     | 123    | 70        | 72        | 2         | 1.54        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 84        | 90        | 6           | 2.61        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           |           |           |             |             |
| MTRC0029 | 319196 | 1489551 | 264.08 | -50  | 300     | 132    | <b>30</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>4.89</b> |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | Including | 31        | 32        | 1           | 5.00        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 34        | 35        | 1           | 16.2        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 36        | 38        | 2           | 10.5        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 40        | 41        | 1           | 7.43        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 43        | 44        | 1           | 7.59        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        | and       | 49        | 51        | 2           | 5.52        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 58        | 59        | 1           | 7.29        |
| MTRC0030 | 319114 | 1489691 | 254.78 | -50  | 130     | 123    | 27        | 28        | 1         | 1.51        |             |
| MTRC0033 | 319188 | 1489664 | 271.78 | -50  | 120     | 75     | 71        | 72        | 1         | 1.04        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 73        | 74        | 1           | 1.15        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           |           |           |             |             |
| MTRC0034 | 319138 | 1489784 | 264.17 | -50  | 120     | 99     | 63        | 64        | 1         | 2.18        |             |
| MTRC0037 | 319118 | 1489591 | 251.87 | -50  | 120     | 96     | 27        | 28        | 1         | 1.84        |             |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 54        | 55        | 1           | 1.03        |
|          |        |         |        |      |         |        |           | 88        | 90        | 2           | 2.53        |

Notes:

Calculated using Micromine software with a 1g/t Au cut off including 3m of internal waste.

Included intervals are calculated at a 5g/t Au cut-off with no included waste

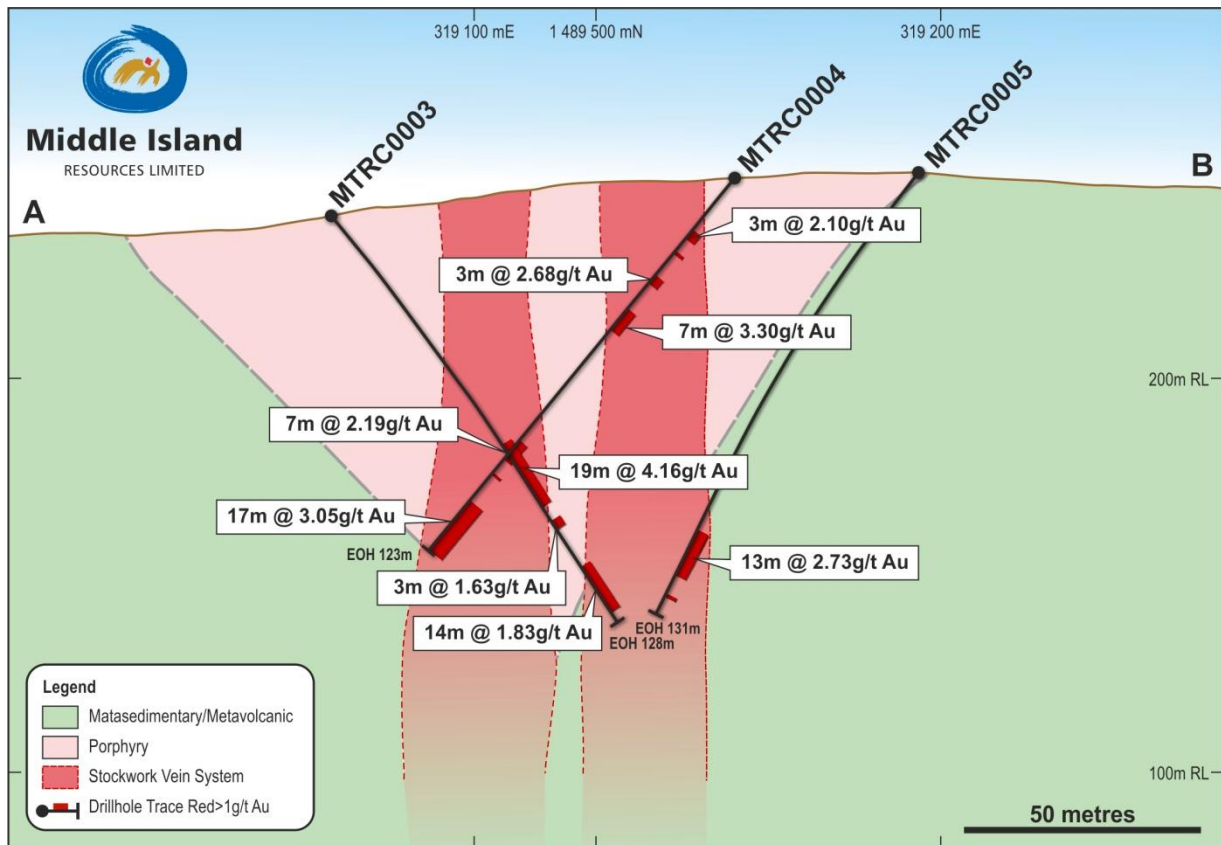


These drilling results are totally consistent with historic intercepts returned from the previous explorers at the prospect, including **8m at 4.57g/t, 18m at 4.89g/t (ending in mineralisation), 18m at 3.01g/t and 18m at 2.41g/t Au (ending in mineralisation).**

Mineralisation comprises parallel, sub-vertical, northeast trending zones of sheeted to stockwork quartz veining, primarily hosted within a quartz-feldspar porphyry body that also strikes and plunges northeast. Drilling was oriented towards the southeast and northwest in order to determine both the morphology of the porphyry and the grade of mineralised vein sets, the latter predominantly dipping southeast.

Sericite-pyrite alteration appears to be ubiquitously associated with veining within the porphyry bodies, and a number of mineralised intercepts were also returned from pyritic, carbonaceous shales that envelop the porphyries. A more complete drill section across the Tialkam South Prospect is provided in Figure 3 below.

Figure 3



### Channel Sampling

Prior to RC drilling, the Company completed a single, 15m long, channel sample across a well exposed face of the main mineralised porphyry body at Tialkam South, as shown in Figure 4 below. **The channel sampling results generated a consistently mineralised interval of 15m at 2.68g/t Au,** again supporting the historic and recent drilling results and demonstrating that mineralisation commences from surface.

Figure 4



Portion of channel sampling traverse, showing sheeted to stockwork quartz veining within the porphyry host and 1m channel sample grades marked on the face.

### **Resource Estimation**

Once all assay and survey results have been received and compiled, it is planned to estimate a maiden resource for the Tialkam South Prospect during the September quarter.

### **Preliminary Metallurgical Testwork**

Middle Island is also in the process of collecting a suite of composite RC samples, representative of all Tialkam South host rocks, alteration styles, oxidation states and grades, to complete preliminary cyanidation bottle roll tests to establish the material's amenability to conventional CIL processing.

### **Comment**

Middle Island Resources Managing Director, Mr Rick Yeates:

*"The maiden RC resource drilling results from the Tialkam South Prospect are extremely encouraging, particularly given the high gold tenor and consistent distribution of grades across such broad intervals".*

*"I am extremely optimistic that the results will at least represent an initial resource that could potentially be processed through the proximal Samira Hill gold plant, thereby providing a near-term cash flow for the Company".*

*"The success we are experiencing at both the Reo and Sirba projects is extremely encouraging and we anticipate that 2013-2014 will be a transformational year for the Company".*

*"Critically in this challenging equities market, our capital structure remains intact, we have a strong register, and a healthy cash balance of ~\$6.3m".*



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**Competent Person's Statement**

Information in this report relates to exploration results or mineral resources that are based on information compiled by Mr Rick Yeates (Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy) and Mr Beau Nicholls (Member of Australian Institute of Geoscientists). Mr Yeates and Mr Nicholls have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activities undertaken to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Yeates and Mr Nicholls consent to the inclusion in the release of the statements based on their information in the form and context in which they appear.

*Please note with regard to exploration targets, the potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature, that there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.*

**Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements made during or in connection with this communication, including, without limitation, those concerning the economic outlook for the mining industry, expectations regarding gold prices, exploration costs and other operating results, growth prospects and the outlook of Middle Island's operations contain or comprise certain forward looking statements regarding Middle Island's exploration operations, economic performance and financial condition. Although Middle Island believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct.

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