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Antofagasta commits to next stage of Punt Hill copper-gold project

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Chilean copper major, Antofagasta, elects to proceed to Phase 2 of its Punt Hill Farm-In Option Agreement, with Antofagasta approving funding for further drilling.**
- **Next phase of exploration scheduled to commence in first quarter 2014.**

Monax Mining Limited (ASX: MOX) ("Monax") today announced that a wholly-owned subsidiary of major Chilean copper producer Antofagasta plc ("Antofagasta") - has opted to proceed to the next stage of a Farm-In Option Agreement ("Agreement") at its flagship Punt Hill Copper-Gold project in South Australia.

Under the agreement, Antofagasta can earn a 51% interest (Phase 1) in the Punt Hill project, located within the Olympic Iron-Oxide copper-gold (IOCG) Province in South Australia (Figure 1), by expending US\$4 million over four years.

Antofagasta has currently expended \$US3.9 million and has approved the next phase of exploration including further drilling, which when started, will trigger Phase 2 of the Agreement.

Under the original terms of the Agreement, Antofagasta can earn an additional 19% equity in the project (for a total of 70%) by expending a further US\$5 million on exploration and development of the project tenements over two years. If a development decision is made, Antofagasta will pay Monax a success fee of US\$10 million.

Monax and Antofagasta have renegotiated the terms for Phase 2 to increase the time frame from two to four years.

Further, under the initial Agreement, Antofagasta was to provide a scoping study at the end of Phase 2. This requirement has been removed as part of the renegotiated terms.

All other conditions - including required expenditure and the potential success fee - remain the same.

Monax and Antofagasta will finalise the next exploration program at the Technical Committee Meeting, planned for February 2014.

“The Punt Hill project remains Monax’s flagship project and the support of Antofagasta provides confidence in the exploration work undertaken by Monax and the planned drilling for 2014,” Monax Mining Managing Director, Mr Gary Ferris, said today.

“The recent success of Oz Minerals at the nearby Khamsin deposit has shown that perseverance is required to make discoveries on the Gawler Craton,” he said.

Monax is planning to undertake a detailed ground gravity survey over two areas and three potential drill targets have been outlined for testing in the first half of 2014.

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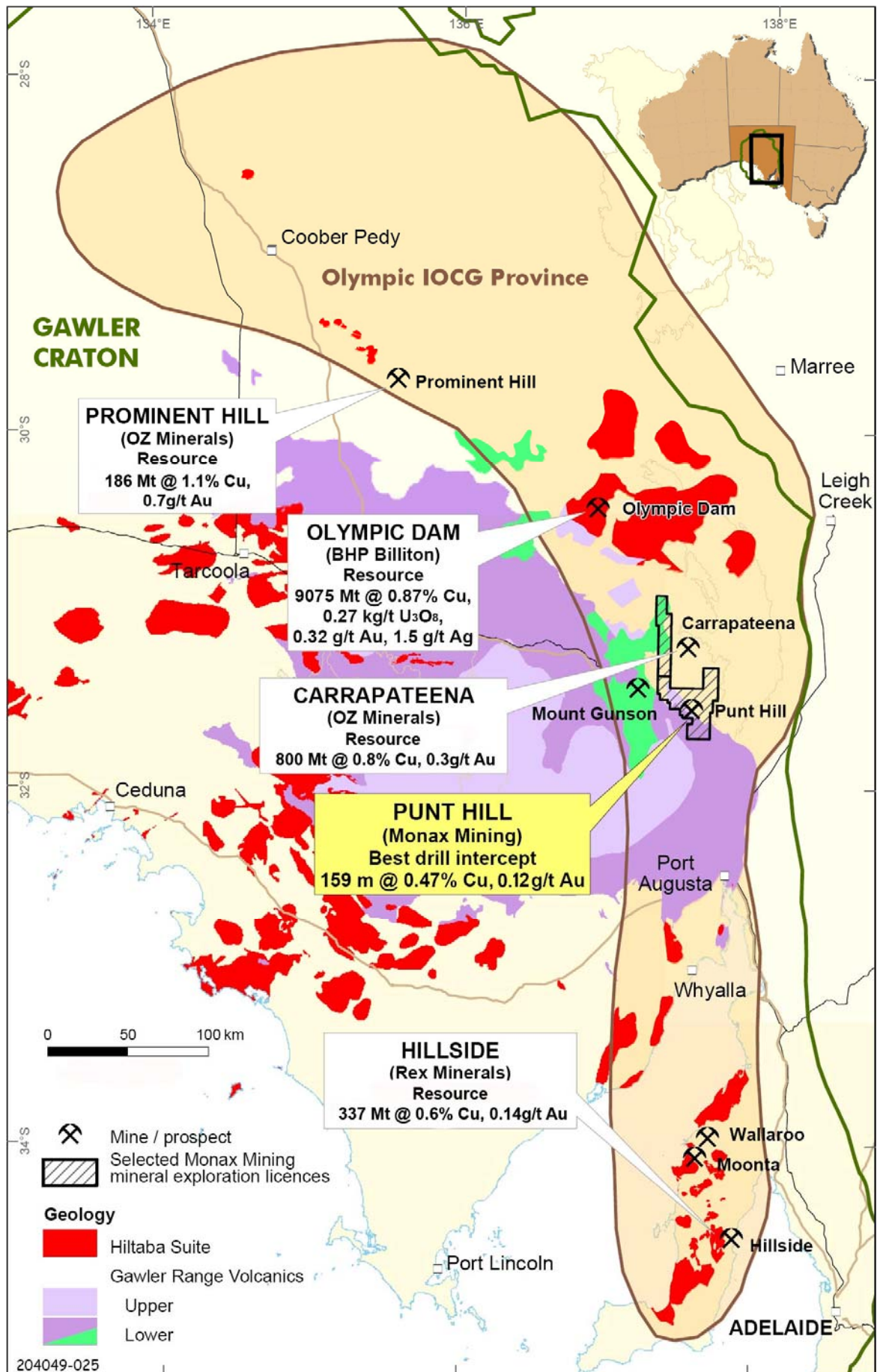


Figure 1. Geological setting and location of Punt Hill project.