

## ASX Announcement

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### **DRILLING OF MOUNT ISA REGION COPPER TARGETS COMMENCED**

#### **Highlights:**

- **Exploration drilling commenced within the Leichardt Project area (Barbara and Blockade tenements)**
- **Drilling to test multiple advanced copper targets including the Barbara North Lode deposit and the Green Zone and Blue Star prospects.**
- **Drilling designed to enable an initial resource estimate at Blue Star and Green Zone together with a resource update at Barbara North Lode.**

The Board of Mt Isa Metals Limited (MET) is pleased to announce the commencement of a combined reverse circulation and diamond drilling program within the Company's Leichardt Project area located approximately 45 kilometres east of Mount Isa.

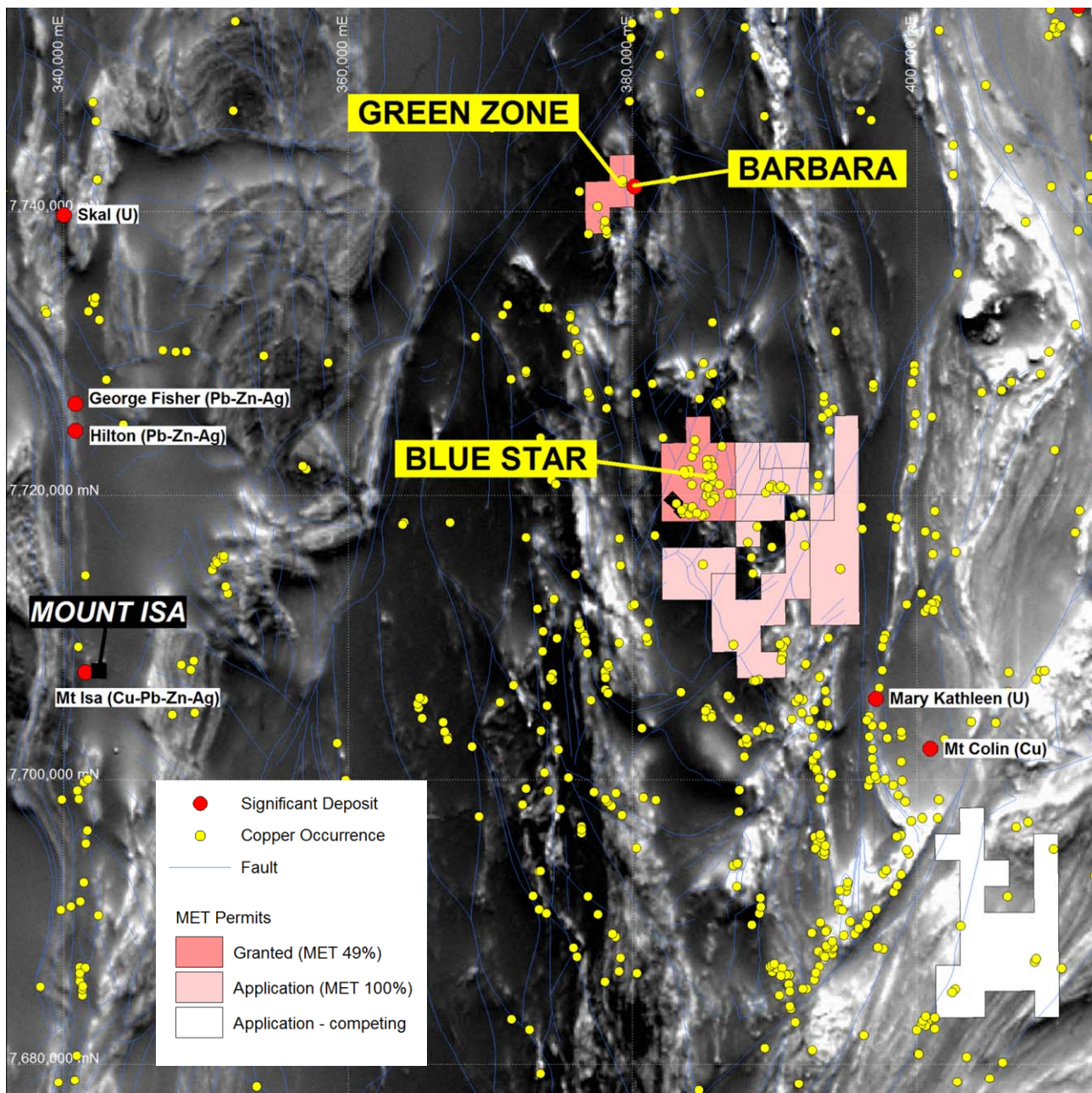
The drilling is targeting advanced copper prospects within the Barbara and Blockade exploration tenements including the Barbara North Lode deposit and the Blue Star and Green Zone prospects (figure 1). The Barbara and Blockade tenements form part of the West Leichardt Joint Venture between MET (49%) and Syndicated Metals Limited (51% and manager).

The current drill program is designed to follow on from positive copper exploration results achieved during 2010. It is anticipated that the drill results will enable initial mineral resources to be estimated for both the Blue Star and Green Zone prospects together with an updated resource estimate for the Barbara North Lode deposit.

Drilling has commenced at the Green Zone prospect, where an approximate 1,000 metre program is proposed, and will advance to the Barbara deposit and Blue Star prospect respectively.

Scoping study work including mine planning, environmental base line studies and further metallurgical test work on the Barbara deposit is continuing.

Drill assay results and scoping study results will be reported as they come to hand.



**Figure 1 – Leichardt Project – Prospect / tenement locations.**

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#### **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Peter Spiers B.Sc (Hons) Geol., who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Spiers is a full time employee of the company. Mr Spiers has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Spiers consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.