



## **LION ONE DRILLS ADDITIONAL HIGH GRADE INTERCEPTS AT TUVATU GOLD PROJECT IN FIJI**

### ***Latest Results Include High Grade Intercepts from Deep Step-Out Drilling***

North Vancouver, B.C., July 8, 2021 - Lion One Metals Limited (TSX-V: LIO) (OTCQX: LOMLF) (ASX: LLO) ("Lion One" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its latest high-grade gold intercepts including deep step-out intercepts from drilling at its 100% controlled Tuvatu alkaline gold project, Fiji.

#### **Highlights**

##### ***Two deep step-out high-grade intercepts:***

- ***6.00m grading 9.11 g/t Au including 1.20m grading 33.81 g/t Au from 444m in hole TUDDH526***
- ***2.15m grading 17.70 g/t Au including 0.30m grading 122.00 g/t Au from 505.65m in hole TUDDH528***

##### ***Further confirmation of vertical continuity and alkaline gold system model***

##### ***Underground drilling and development progressing; drilling imminent at Banana Creek***

The Company is undertaking three tiers of drilling: 1) shallow resource infill drilling from surface, 2) resource infill drilling from underground and 3) deep exploration drilling looking for lode extensions under the Tuvatu resource and soon, other target areas within the Navilawa caldera, the first being Banana Creek, 3.5 km NE of Tuvatu. Lion One's aggressive 2021 drill campaign is well underway.

#### **Recent results include:**

Two deep intercepts including **6.0m grading 9.11 g/t Au** beginning at a down hole depth of 444.0m in hole TUDDH526 and **2.15m grading 17.70 g/t Au** beginning at a down hole depth of 505.65m in hole TUDDH528. Both of these intercepts are from previously untested areas beneath the Tuvatu resource. It is believed that the former intercept occurs within the UR4 lode, an indication there is a large panel of this lode open for further testing. The latter intercept is potentially associated with the "500" lode, nearly 75m above a high-grade intercept encountered in hole TUDDH500, 12.7m grading 55.43 g/t Au, intercepted last year.

Numerous lode intercepts occurring within shallower parts of the Tuvatu gold system. Most notably:

- **6.47m grading 17.90 g/t Au including 0.35m grading 138.50 g/t Au** (unknown lode) in hole TUDDH528
- **1.2m grading 8.85 g/t Au** (UR4FW lode) in hole TUDDH526



- **1.27m grading 11.58 g/t Au** including **0.32m grading 40.94 g/t Au** (M2FW lode) in hole TUDDH528
- **2.10m grading 10.41 g/t Au** including **0.75m grading 16.99 g/t Au** (UR2 lode) in hole TUDDH528
- **0.3m grading 31.09 g/t Au** (M1HW lode) in hole TUDDH532
- **3.18m grading 5.72 g/t Au** (S1 lode) in hole TUDDH532
- **1.20m grading 10.45 g/t Au** including **0.30m grading 36.69 g/t Au** (M2 lode) in hole TUDDH533.
- Preparation for a deep drilling program at Banana Creek is underway. Data from controlled-source audio-magnetotellurics, similar to that which helped defined the deep target under Tuvatu leading to the discovery of high-grade feeder mineralization encountered in hole TUDDH500, is the principal means of defining targets for this test. One of our deep capacity surface drills will be utilized for this work.
- The Company continues to maintain a strict regimen of safety with respect to COVID-19 for its employees and surrounding communities.

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Drilled Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Lode
<b>TUDDH526</b>	<b>366.75</b>	<b>367.95</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>8.85</b>	UR4FW
incl	<b>367.05</b>	<b>367.65</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>15.55</b>	UR4FW
	422.45	425.40	2.95	1.49	
incl	422.45	423.00	0.55	6.28	
	<b>429.90</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>20.10</b>	<b>3.38</b>	UR4
incl	<b>444.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>9.11</b>	UR4
incl	<b>448.80</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>33.81</b>	UR4
	462.60	465.45	2.85	4.65	UR2
incl	<b>464.10</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>12.57</b>	UR2
	468.00	469.80	1.80	3.97	UR2
incl	<b>469.20</b>	<b>469.80</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>10.62</b>	UR2
	481.20	483.60	2.40	1.40	UR3
	524.60	525.20	0.60	3.03	URW3
	594.40	594.70	0.30	1.53	URW1a
	601.60	604.60	3.00	1.38	URW1a
	605.80	606.10	0.30	0.91	URW1a
	844.85	845.00	0.15	1.61	
<b>TUDDH528</b>	18.44	20.47	2.03	1.49	M2
incl	19.34	20.11	0.77	3.22	M2
	25.33	29.60	4.27	3.72	M2FW
incl	<b>27.16</b>	<b>28.43</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>11.58</b>	M2FW
incl	<b>27.16</b>	<b>27.48</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>40.94</b>	M2FW
	32.07	32.80	0.73	2.22	M2FW
	35.40	36.00	0.60	2.22	M2FW
	45.69	49.68	3.99	1.50	SKL4



	<b>52.95</b>	<b>53.25</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>24.62</b>	M1
	191.83	192.22	0.39	7.44	
	<b>263.33</b>	<b>269.80</b>	<b>6.47</b>	<b>17.90</b>	
incl	<b>263.33</b>	<b>265.19</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>20.39</b>	
incl	<b>264.22</b>	<b>264.57</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>78.51</b>	
and incl	<b>266.85</b>	<b>269.80</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>26.43</b>	
incl	<b>268.25</b>	<b>268.60</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>138.50</b>	
	<b>308.00</b>	<b>310.10</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>10.41</b>	UR2
incl	<b>308.30</b>	<b>309.05</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>16.99</b>	UR2
	314.80	317.48	2.68	2.50	UR2
incl	<b>317.08</b>	<b>317.48</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>11.29</b>	UR2
	<b>319.25</b>	<b>320.30</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>11.90</b>	
	323.87	324.17	0.30	3.56	
	<b>505.65</b>	<b>507.80</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>17.70</b>	500
incl	<b>506.30</b>	<b>506.60</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>122.00</b>	500
<b>TUDDH529</b>	124.51	127.52	3.01	1.02	S2
	128.80	130.12	1.32	1.06	S2FW
	176.80	177.30	0.50	1.73	
<b>TUDDH530</b>	149.18	150.15	0.97	3.54	S1FW
	166.67	167.17	0.50	9.70	
<b>TUDDH532</b>	<b>81.10</b>	<b>81.40</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>31.09</b>	M1HW
	120.72	132.64	11.92	3.39	S1
incl	<b>122.74</b>	<b>125.92</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>5.72</b>	S1
incl	<b>123.58</b>	<b>123.72</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>18.77</b>	S1
and	<b>124.69</b>	<b>125.18</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>11.88</b>	S1
incl	<b>131.67</b>	<b>132.05</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>15.05</b>	S1
<b>TUDDH533</b>	<b>12.45</b>	<b>13.65</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>10.45</b>	M2
incl	<b>13.00</b>	<b>13.30</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>36.69</b>	M2
	15.35	15.65	0.30	2.18	M2
	17.50	17.80	0.30	2.91	M2
	20.30	23.80	3.50	2.72	M2
	20.60	20.90	0.30	9.23	M2
	36.00	39.00	3.00	3.47	M2FW
incl	<b>37.60</b>	<b>38.20</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>10.06</b>	
<b>TUG130</b>	4.55	5.15	0.60	6.05	M1
	129.80	129.95	0.15	10.77	URW1
<b>TUG131</b>	50.30	51.50	1.20	1.35	
<b>TUG132</b>	111.00	111.30	0.30	7.44	URW1

Note: true width of intersections has yet to be accurately determined for the numerous lodes intersected to date. A Company news release dated May 26, 2021 included several holes that were in progress, hence results from 366.75m to 483.60m in hole



TUDDH526, from 18.44m to 324.17m in hole TUDDH528 and from 4.55m to 5.15m in hole TUG130 were previously announced in that release.

“With the 2021 drill campaign fully underway, Lion One continues to see a steady stream of high-grade drill intercepts return from Tuvatu,” commented Dr. Quinton Hennigh, technical advisor to Lion One. “While shallow intercepts help us build confidence with the resource area, our deeper drill holes continue to demonstrate excellent opportunity for expansion of some of the principal Tuvatu lodes at depth. The UR4 lode looks particularly promising given we can now see at least 200m of untested strike at depth. Shortly, drilling will commence at Banana Creek where a deep capacity rig will probe deeper parts of that large anomalous gold system in search of Tuvatu style lodes.”

#### Survey details of diamond drill holes discussed in this release

Hole No	coordinates		RL	final depth	dip	azimuth (TN)
	N	E				
TUDDH526	3920460	1876584	318.9	900.00	-81	252
TUDDH528	3920795	1876351	209.4	701.60	-54	128
TUDDH529	3920735	1876266	225.8	179.80	-59	348
TUDDH530	3920735	1876265	225.8	248.60	-88	348
TUDDH532	3920735	1876266	225.8	169.50	-60	20
TUDDH533	3920795	1876351	209.4	In progress	-60	130
TUG130	3920761	1876456	139.0	182.4	-60	270
TUG131	3920761	1876456	139.0	152.9	-40	270
TUG132	3920761	1876456	139.0	147.90	-30	270

#### Drilling and Assay Processes and Procedures

The Company is utilizing its own diamond drill rig, using PQ, HQ and ultimately NQ sized drill core rods. Drill core is logged by Company geologists and then is sawn in half and sampled by Lion One staff.

Samples are analyzed at the Company's own geochemical laboratory in Fiji, whilst pulp duplicates of samples with results >0.5g/t Au are sent to ALS Global Laboratories in Australia for check assay determinations. Assays reported here will be sent to ALS Global Laboratories for check assays shortly. All samples are pulverized to 80% passing through 75 microns. Gold analysis is carried out using fire assay with an AA finish. Samples that have returned grades greater than 10g/t Au are then re-analyzed by gravimetric method. Lion One's laboratory can also assay for a range of 71 other elements through Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES), but currently focuses on a suite of 9 important pathfinder elements. All duplicate anomalous samples sent to ALS Townsville, Queensland, Australia are analyzed by the same methods (Au-AA26, and also Au-GRA22 where applicable). ALS also analyze for 33 pathfinder elements by HF-HNO<sub>3</sub>-HClO<sub>4</sub> acid digestion, HCl leach and ICP-AES. (method ME-ICP61).

#### Qualified Person



The scientific and technical content of this news release has been reviewed, prepared, and approved by Mr. Stephen Mann, P. Geo, and a Director of Lion One, who is a qualified person pursuant to National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI-43-101").

#### **About Tuvatu**

The Tuvatu gold deposit is located on the island of Viti Levu in the South Pacific island nation of Fiji. The mineral resource for Tuvatu as disclosed in the technical report "Tuvatu Gold Project PEA", dated June 1, 2015, and prepared by Mining Associates Pty Ltd of Brisbane Qld, comprises 1,120,000 tonnes indicated at 8.17 g/t Au (294,000 oz. Au) and 1,300,000 tonnes inferred at 10.60 g/t Au (445,000 oz. Au) at a cut-off grade of 3 g/t Au. The technical report is available on the Lion One website at [www.liononemetals.com](http://www.liononemetals.com) and on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### **About Lion One Metals Limited**

Lion One's flagship asset is 100% owned, fully permitted high grade Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project, located on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. Lion One envisions a low-cost high-grade underground gold mining operation at Tuvatu coupled with exciting exploration upside inside its tenements covering the entire Navilawa Caldera, an underexplored yet highly prospective 7km diameter alkaline gold system. Lion One's CEO Walter Berukoff leads an experienced team of explorers and mine builders and has owned or operated over 20 mines in 7 countries. As the founder and former CEO of Miramar Mines, Northern Orion, and La Mancha Resources, Walter is credited with building over \$3 billion of value for shareholders.

#### **On behalf of the Board of Directors of Lion One Metals Limited**

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## **JORC Code 2012 Table 1**

The following extract from the JORC Code 2012 Table 1 is provided for compliance with the Code requirements for the reporting of Mineral Resources:

### **‘JORC Code 2012 Table 1’ Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections).

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li><li>• Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li><li>• Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where ‘industry standard’ work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg ‘reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1m samples from which 3kg was pulverised to produce a 30g charge for fire assay’). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Core drilling, logging and sampling at Tuvatu proceeded as follows:</li><li>• Diamond drillholes prefixed TUDDH are drilled from the surface, whilst those prefixed TUG are drilled from the underground. All holes are completed with diamond drilling methods.</li><li>• For three of the nine diamond drillholes included in the release (TUDDH 526, 528, and 533), 35.40 meters to 85.5 meters of the poorly consolidated transported material, weathered monzonite and some fresh monzonite was drilled using PQ3 (83.0mm core diameter) diamond core with remainder of the hole drilled with HQ3 (61.1mm core diameter) or NQ (47.6mm core diameter) diamond core. TUDDH 529, 530 and 532 were drilled in NQ sized core with an HQ precollar from 23.6m to 29.4m downhole . TUDDH 533 is still in progress at the time of this release. TUG130, 131 and 132 were collared from a drill caddy underground with HQ sized core, and then completed in NQ.</li><li>• Lithological logging included rock type, mineralogy, weathering, alteration, texture, grain size, lodes and geotechnical data where relevant.</li><li>• Each tray of drill core was photographed.</li><li>• Zones of mineralization defined by alkaline rich veining and brecciation, plus or minus sulphides or iron oxides after sulphides; are sampled selectively to minimise the effects of dilution by barren host rock. This selective sampling means sample intervals can vary from 15 cm to over 1 m in length. At least one meter of core on either side of a mineralized section is also sampled.</li><li>• Samples are composited where there is more than one consecutive &gt;0.5 g/t Au interval.</li><li>• Sample intervals were marked up on site.</li><li>• Core is cut using a diamond core saw.</li><li>• Half core of mineralised intervals are cut by diamond saw and sampled for assay.</li><li>• Drillholes were downhole surveyed using a Ranger Explorer Mark 2 electronic multishot camera. Surveys are taken at least once every 30 m.</li><li>• Core recovery was generally high, averaging over 95%.</li></ul>

<b>Drilling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, multishot camera, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face- sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In some cases, diamond drilling used PQ3 core for up to 85.5 meters of unconsolidated, partly weathered or fresh material before converting to HQ3 core for the remainder of the drill hole. Other holes were collared with HQ or NQ core drilling.</li> <li>• Core is orientated using a spear or crayon to mark the position on the core. Orientations are carried out as regularly as required.</li> <li>• Downhole surveys are carried out using a Ranger Explorer Mark 2 electronic multishot camera. Surveys are taken at least once every 30 m.</li> </ul>
<b>Drill sample recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>• Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>• Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diamond drill core sample recovery was measured and recorded during the drilling and logging process. In general very little sample loss has been noted once the surface unconsolidated material has been drilled through.</li> <li>• In places where it is believed core loss may be greater than expected, triple tube diamond drilling is carried out.</li> <li>• Sample recoveries are generally high. No significant sample loss was recorded with a corresponding increase in Au present. No sample bias is anticipated and no preferential loss/gain of grade material was noted.</li> </ul>
<b>Logging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>• Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>• The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lion One personnel geologically and geotechnical log the core on a continuous basis. Geological logs are of the detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation. Lion One's Competent Person is managing the improvement of geotechnical logging of the core</li> <li>• Diamond drill core logging database records collar details, collar metadata, downhole surveys, assays, weathering, lithology, alteration, Geotech, SG data and Lode tags.</li> <li>• All drill holes were logged in full.</li> <li>• All drill core is photographed.</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>• If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>• For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>• Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise the representivity of samples.</li> <li>• Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All diamond core samples are logged on site and then mineralized intervals are half cored.</li> <li>• Sample intervals vary as determined by the geologist logging the hole depending on the visual potential to host mineralization.</li> <li>• The core samples are bagged on site in sealed bags, placed in bound poly weave bags for transport, and then collected by courier for airfreight to Australia.</li> <li>• Samples are transported to Lion One's custom built geochemical and metallurgical laboratory at its Fiji Head office at Waimalika in Nadi, Fiji, where they are processed and assayed.</li> <li>• Check samples are sent to Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd. (ALS), in Queensland, an independent accredited analytical laboratory.</li> <li>• All samples were finely crushed (&gt;75% passing through -2 mm) and a 1 kg split then pulverized (&gt;85% passing through -75 µm).</li> <li>• Field QAQC procedures included the insertion of 4% certified reference 'standards' and 2% field duplicates for all drilling.</li> <li>• The same side of the half core is always collected.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sample size of between 2.5 and 4.5 kg is collected, depending on the length of the sample interval. This size is considered appropriate and representative of the material being sampled given the width and continuity of the intersections, and the grain size of the material being collected.</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samples are assayed at Lion One's custom built geochemical and metallurgical laboratory at its Fiji Head office at Waimalika in Nadi, Fiji, where they are processed and assayed.</li> <li>Once dried and pulverised, diamond samples were analysed using a 30g charge lead collection Fire Assay with AAS finish. This is an industry standard for gold analysis. All samples are then analysed for a range of 9 elements with an aqua regia digest and ICP-OES finish (including Ag, As, Cu, Fe, Pb, Se, Te, V, and Zn). Lion One's laboratory is able to assay for 71 elements via ICP-OES but restricts that number to the 9 main pathfinder elements at this point in time. Other elements are determined on an as required basis.</li> <li>Check samples are also submitted to Australian Laboratory Services (ALS) in Townsville, Australia for analysis. These samples are analysed for a range of 36 elements with an aqua regia digest and ICP-MS finish (including Ag, Al, As, Ba, Be, Bi, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Ga, Hg, K, La, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, P, Pb, S, Sb, Sc, Se, Sr, Te, Th, Ti, Tl, U, V, W, Zn).</li> <li>No geophysical tools have been used at Tuvatu during this stage of work.</li> <li>Field QAQC procedures include the insertion of both field duplicates and certified reference 'standards'. Assay results have been satisfactory and demonstrate an acceptable level of accuracy and precision. Laboratory QAQC involves the use of external certified reference standards, as well as blanks, splits and replicates. Analysis of these results also demonstrates an acceptable level of precision and accuracy.</li> <li>Laboratory QAQC procedures include the insertion of certified reference 'standards'. Assay results have been satisfactory and demonstrate an exceptional level of accuracy and precision. Lion One Laboratory QAQC involves the use of external certified reference standards. The laboratory is using the Geostats Certified Reference Standards.</li> <li>For the field samples, four different gold CRM standards supplied by Rocklabs Ltd of New Zealand have been used by Lion One for quality control in this core sampling. These standards are submitted for every 20 samples.</li> <li>Field blanks are obtained from within the vicinity of the project by selecting an unmineralised outcrop of similar mineralogy and weathering as the sample being submitted. A representative number of blank material samples are submitted for analysis to provide reference concentrations of elements of interest.</li> <li>Duplicates are split by laboratory after sample preparation and are reported on in the process.</li> </ul>

<b>Verification of sampling and assaying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>• The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>• Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>• Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All drill holes and any significant intersections were visually field verified by Company geologists.</li> <li>• Diamond drill holes are reviewed by Competent Person prior to logging and once assays have been received.</li> <li>• No twinned holes have been completed in this set of results.</li> <li>• No adjustments to assay data have been undertaken.</li> <li>• Primary data, including geological logs and assay results are forwarded to rOREdata Perth, an independent company, for validation and entry into an Access database. This database is managed by rOREdata, and cannot be altered by anyone within Lion One, or any other external party.</li> </ul>
<b>Location of data points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>• Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>• Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All drill hole collars were surveyed using differential GPS (DGPS) equipment. Coordinates are relative to Fiji Map Grid. A down hole survey was taken at least every 30m in diamond drill holes by a Ranger Explorer Mark 2 electronic multishot camera by the drilling contractors.</li> <li>• Aerial topographic data was collected in 2013. Detailed ground surveys have also been undertaken by independent survey companies in Fiji. Results from the DGPS are compared with this topographic data as a double check.</li> <li>• Lion One has used an NSS-MOSS-I-TS16 to allow it to even more accurately locate collars on the surface and potentially underground. This equipment will allow accuracy within 10 mm.</li> </ul>
<b>Data spacing and distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>• Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drill spacing for the reported exploration results are variable due to the rugged topography.</li> <li>• Although collar positions are variable due to the topography, the intersections are part of a programme to develop drill spacings approximately 30-40 meters apart on section and plan view.</li> <li>• It has yet to be determined whether the mineralised domains have sufficient continuity in both geology and grade to be considered appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedures and classification applied under the 2012 JORC Code, but the drill program is ongoing and the results of subsequent drilling will clarify this matter.</li> <li>• Sample intervals are variable and sample lengths can vary from 15 cm to over 100 cm. Reported intersections are then composited. Intersections in excess of 0.5 g/t Au are included over the variable thicknesses. Reported intervals are drill thicknesses, as true thicknesses are currently difficult to accurately calculate.</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>• If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling sections are orientated perpendicular to the strike of the mineralised host rocks where possible, but due to the rugged topography, it is often difficult to locate drill collars in the preferred or ideal location. The drilling is angled at 54 to 81 degrees for the surface diamond drill holes, and -30 to -60 degrees for the underground drill holes, to allow for the preferred distance between intersections, and where possible is targeting zones approximately perpendicular to the dip of the lodes. Once again due to the rugged topography the location of collars and the dips of the holes aren't always ideal.</li> <li>• No orientation based sampling bias has been identified in the data</li> </ul>

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<b>Sample security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following specific security measures were used during the life of the Tuvatu project.</li> <li>Visible free gold is rare and off-site laboratories have been used throughout.</li> <li>Half core splits of drill core are retained on site. This core is well catalogued and is available for inspection.</li> <li>Chain of custody is managed by Lion One. Core is cut and sampled in the presence of at least one geologist and two or three field technicians. Samples are bagged and sealed on site, and then transported to the Lion One office in Fiji (16 km away), where they are processed and analyses. For check samples to be sent to ALS in Australia, the samples are inspected by the Fiji Mineral Resources Department (MRD), before an export licence is granted.</li> <li>The samples to be sent to ALS in Australia are then collected by DHL couriers, and internationally recognised courier transport company, who subsequently transport them to Australia for sample analysis.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of drilling, sample selection, core cutting, sample bagging, and sample dispatch have all been reviewed by a Competent Person as defined by JORC, and audits and reviews have been undertaken by independent persons from time to time. Geological logs and assay results are forwarded to rOREdata Perth, an independent company, for validation and entry into an Access database. This database is managed by rOREdata, and cannot be altered by anyone within Lion One, or any external party.</li> <li>The database is available for review.</li> </ul>

### ‘JORC Code 2012 Table 1’ Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section).

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a license to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tuvatu Project is situated in Fiji on granted Mining License SML62. Lion One has a 100% interest in the tenement. The area surrounding Tuvatu is also held by Lion One and includes four Special Prospecting Licenses (SPL1283, 1296, 1465 and 1512). Lion One has 100% interest in these tenements.</li> <li>The tenement are in good standing and no known impediments exist.</li> </ul>
<b>Exploration done by other parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tenement area has been previously explored by a number of other companies, and has been referenced in a number of Lion One news releases and independent technical reports. The details are not applicable to reporting of these results.</li> </ul>
<b>Geology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuvatu deposit is one of several alkaline gold systems situated along the &gt;250 km Viti Levu lineament in Fiji.</li> <li>The majority of mineralisation is hosted by late Miocene to early Pliocene monzonite which has intruded the late Oligocene – middle Miocene volcanic breccias.</li> <li>The Tuvatu deposit is structurally controlled and occurs as a series of sub- vertical lodes, shallow dipping lodes and stockworks. Individual “lodes” can have strike length in excess of 500 m and vertical extent often only limited by the depth of drilling; and range from less than 1 m to 9 meters in width.</li> <li>The mineralogy is predominantly quartz, pyrite, and occasional base metal sulphides. A high proportion of gold occurs as very fine free gold or intimately associated with pyrite grains.</li> </ul>

<b>Drill hole information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of all information material to the under-standing of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</li> <li>• easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>• elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>• dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>• down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>• hole length</li> <li>• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All drill holes logistics of those holes reported in this news release include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- easting and northing of drill hole collar,</li> <li>- elevation,</li> <li>- dip and azimuth of hole,</li> <li>- hole length,</li> <li>- downhole length, and</li> <li>- interception depth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Data aggregation methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>• Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>• The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All reported assays have been length weighted if appropriate. No top cuts have been applied. A nominal 0.5 g/t Au lower cut off has been applied.</li> <li>• High grade gold (Au) intervals lying within broader zones of Au mineralisation are reported as included intervals. In calculating the zones of mineralization, internal dilution has been allowed.</li> </ul>

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<b>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill azimuth and dips are such that intersections are orthogonal to the expected orientation of mineralisation where possible. Due to the rugged topography this is often not the case.</li> <li>True widths are reported where possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Diagrams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No diagrams have been included within the news release report main body of text, but a table with drill hole logistics is included.</li> </ul>
<b>Balanced Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All drill hole collars were surveyed using differential GPS (DGPS) equipment. Coordinates are relative to Fiji map grid. A down hole survey was taken at least every 30m in each diamond drill hole by the drilling contractors using a Ranger Explorer Mark 2 electronic multishot camera.</li> <li>Aerial topographic data was collected in 2013. Detailed surveys have also been undertaken by independent survey companies in Fiji. Results from the DGPS are compared with this topographic data as a double check.</li> <li>Lion One acquired a NSS-MOSS-I-TS16 to allow it to even more accurately locate collars on the surface and potentially underground. This equipment will allow accuracy within 10 mm.</li> </ul>
<b>Other substantive exploration data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples - size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other substantive exploration data relative to these results are available for this area.</li> </ul>
<b>Further work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is proposed to drill a number of additional diamond drill holes in this area to determine orientation, dip, true thickness, length, and potentially depth of mineralisation.</li> </ul>

### **‘JORC Code 2012 Table 1’ Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources**

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section).

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Database integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</i></li> <li><i>Data validation procedures used.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results.</li> <li>That said, discussion of database integrity has been included in previous Section 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Site visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</i></li> <li><i>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results.</li> <li>That said, site visits have been undertaken by Competent Person for both resource estimation and exploration.</li> </ul>

<b>Geological interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</i></li> <li>• <i>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</i></li> <li>• <i>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li>• <i>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li>• <i>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results.</li> <li>• That said brief discussion on geology is included in Section 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dimensions of mineralisation identified in this area to date cannot be determined by the data which have been collected and will require further drilling.</li> </ul>
<b>Estimation and modelling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions,</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results.</li> </ul>

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<b>techniques</b>	<p>including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</li> <li>• The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</li> <li>• Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</li> <li>• In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</li> <li>• Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</li> <li>• Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</li> <li>• Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</li> <li>• Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</li> <li>• The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICP multi-element geochemical data is collected for all sampled intervals assayed by Lion One's own custom made geochemical and metallurgical laboratory in Fiji. Check samples are sent to ALS Laboratories in Australia where a larger range of elements are analysed. To date, there does not appear to be any significant deleterious elements.</li> </ul>
<b>Moisture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Cut-off parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Mining factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>

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	<i>parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</i>	
<b>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Bulk density</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</i></li> <li><i>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</i></li> <li><i>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</i></li> <li><i>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).</i></li> <li><i>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details not applicable to reporting of exploration results</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i></li> <li>• <i>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</i></li> </ul>	