



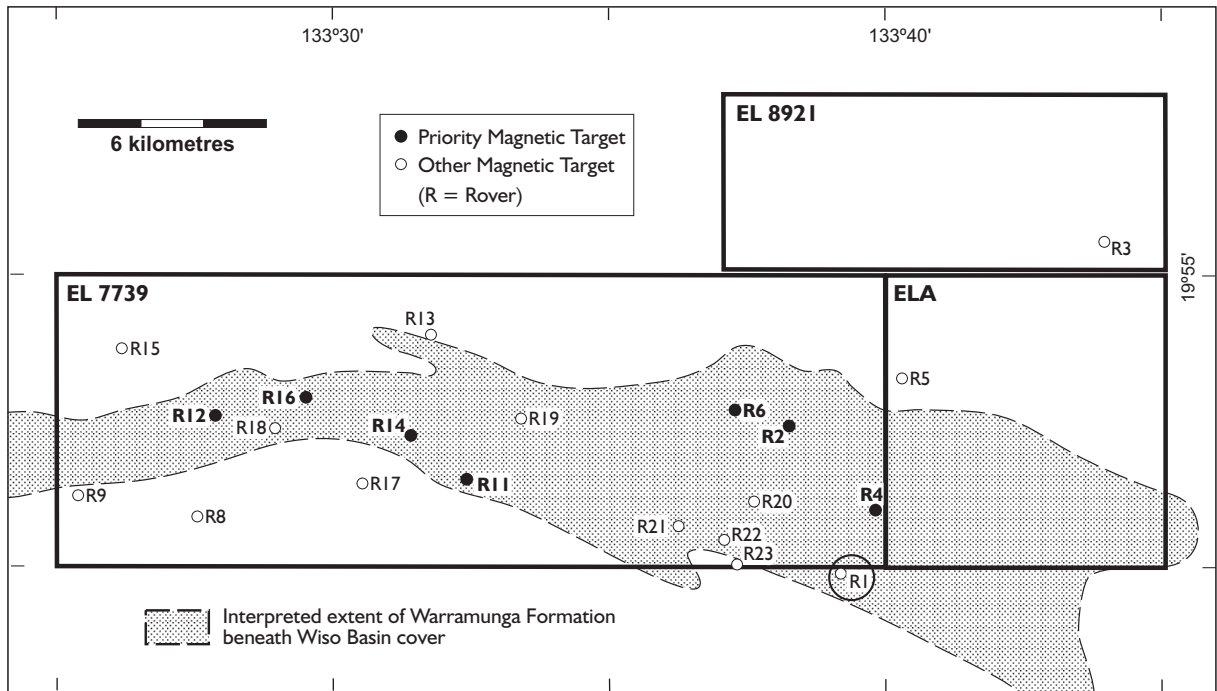
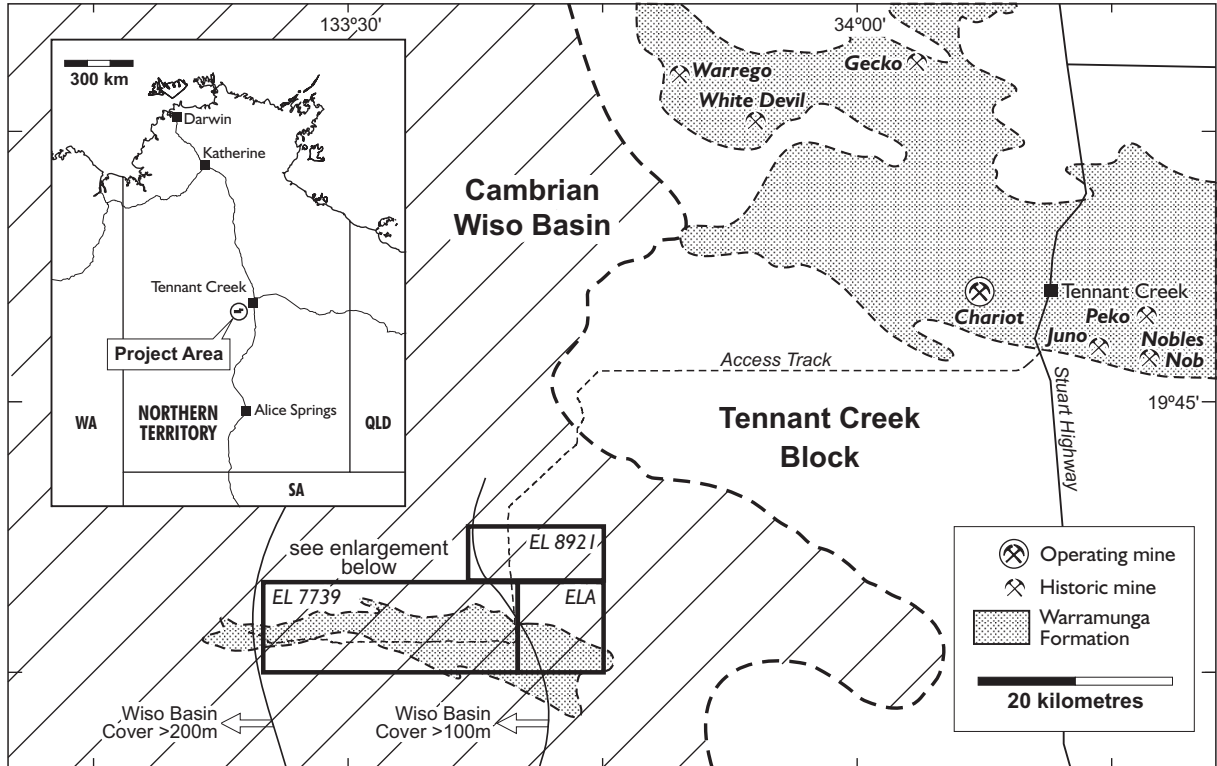
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Acquisition of the Rover Gold – Copper Project Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

Adelaide Resources (“Adelaide”) is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement with Newmont Gold Exploration Pty Limited (“Newmont”) to acquire a 100% interest in the Rover Project located 75 kilometres south-west of Tennant Creek NT, (see attached Plan).

- Consideration for the acquisition is a \$400 000 minimum exploration commitment, a net smelter return royalty ranging from 1.5% to 2.5% after production, and the grant of an option to Newmont to buy back a 70% interest should a resource of more than 1.5 million gold ounces be discovered. (See attached briefing notes for details).
- Past exploration has shown that the Rover Field contains mineralised ironstones geologically analogous to those of the Tennant Creek Goldfield, which has produced over 5 million ounces of gold largely from highly profitable bonanza grade gold deposits such as Juno (56g/t) and Nobles Nob (17g/t).
- Seven high priority and relatively untested magnetic targets beneath younger sedimentary cover have been identified for follow up, (see attached Plan). Drilling is planned to commence early in the second half of 2005 following site clearances and geophysical surveys.
- Adelaide believes that Rover is an exploration project of exceptional quality, located in a mining district renowned for its high grade gold deposits. Its acquisition will continue to maintain the excellent quality of the company’s exploration portfolio.



LOCATION OF ROVER FIELD

Northern Territory



Adelaide Resources Limited

Supplementary Briefing Notes – Rover Project, Tennant Creek District, NT.

Adelaide Resources is providing these supplementary notes to assist interested shareholders and investors in gaining a fuller understanding of the project background, and an appreciation of the project's outstanding exploration potential.

The Rover Project consists of two Exploration Licences 7739 and 8921 and an additional licence application covering a total of 400 square kilometres.

The prominent magnetic anomalies of the Rover Field were first identified by airborne geophysical surveys in the 1960s, with the majority contained within the project area ELs and ELA. **These potentially mineralised magnetic ironstone bodies occupy an east-west trending corridor some 30 kilometres long that shows a striking similarity to productive gold corridors eg the 'Nob Line' and 'Peko Line' in the central Tennant Creek Goldfield.** The basement rocks at Rover have also been shown to be Warramunga Formation equivalents, the preferred host of the ironstone gold - copper deposits of the Tennant Creek Field.

In the Rover Field, this highly prospective basement sequence and contained magnetic bodies are covered by younger Cambrian Wiso Basin sediments that range in thickness from less than 100 metres in the east to around 200 metres in the west of the project area.

Exploration of the Rover Field was initiated by Peko Mines Ltd in 1971 after recognizing the similarity of the Rover magnetic anomalies to those of the Tennant Creek Field. The most prominent magnetic anomaly, at Rover 1, was the initial focus, and is the only intensely drilled prospect in the Rover Field. This work returned several high grade gold – copper intersections in magnetic ironstone, including 15 metres at 17.3g/t gold and 0.7% copper; 20 metres at 5.2g/t gold and 1.7% copper, and 8 metres at 6.4g/t gold and 1.3% copper, plus localized high bismuth (up to 0.6%).

These Rover 1 mineralised intersections all came from the interval 375 metres to 550 metres below surface, and beneath 120 metres of Wiso Basin cover. The Rover 1 anomaly is located immediately south of the southern boundary of EL 7739, and is outside the project area, (see attached Plan), but it provides strong evidence that other ironstone bodies within the project area may also host similar high grade Tennant Creek style mineralisation.

From 1976 to 1982 a joint venture between Peko and the Shell Company of Australia limited continued to explore Rover 1, and undertook rudimentary drill testing of 18 other magnetic anomalies or prospects in the Rover area, many of which are located within EL 7739. The targeted ironstones in most cases returned anomalous gold and copper values, with some localized higher grade intersections, (eg. 4 metres at 3.6g/t Au, 0.7% Cu from Rover 4). **This widespread evidence of a gold – copper mineralising episode overprinted on the Rover Field ironstones reinforces an analogy with the Tennant Creek Field, where experience shows that this is a positive indicator of the potential for such ironstones to host economically significant bodies of high grade mineralisation.**

This initial exploration phase at Rover ended in 1982 and the project entered an extended period of inactivity until the present day.

Normandy Mining Limited, now Newmont Australia Limited, acquired its Rover Field tenement interests from Peko in 1991 and conducted a detailed airborne magnetic survey in 1999. No additional drilling was undertaken by these new owners, and the project remained inactive up to the present.

There has been therefore no serious exploration work, including drilling, within the Rover Field since 1982. **This 23 year hiatus in activity has created an exciting opportunity for Adelaide Resources to further explore the highly prospective Rover Field magnetic targets either inadequately tested or untested by previous drilling.**

Preliminary economic modeling gives confidence that acceptable returns can be achieved should a discovery eventuate similar in character to the top four or five gold producers at Tennant Creek, despite a requirement to develop through overlying cover rocks.

Agreements were finalised in 1998 and 2000 with the Aboriginal landowners covering both exploration licences, consequently exploration can commence as soon as site clearance surveys are completed. This should provide the opportunity to drill priority targets early in the second half of 2005.

An appraisal by Adelaide Resources of available information has resulted in the nomination of seven priority magnetic targets within the project area, (see attached Plan). The proposed 2005 program is to drill test up to three of the priority targets after completing ground geophysical surveys. This drilling will require an estimated 4000 metres of reverse circulation percussion drilling with possibly some diamond coring.

The principal terms of the acquisition agreement are as follows:

- Newmont will transfer to Adelaide a 100% interest in the tenements.
- In return for assigning this interest Adelaide has agreed to pay Newmont a net smelter return royalty (NSR) on gold production which ranges from 1.5% to 2.5% depending on the price of gold and whether the cumulative gold production is above or below 500,000 ounces. A 1.5% royalty will apply to metals other than gold.
- In addition Adelaide is obliged to spend a minimum of \$A400,000 within 18 months of gaining access to explore the tenements which are on Aboriginal land.
- If Adelaide establishes an aggregate Measured and Indicated Resource containing more than 1,500,000 ounces of gold then Newmont may elect to buy back a 70% interest in the project by paying Adelaide the lesser of \$A20 million or three times the expenditure by Adelaide from the date of execution of the agreement.
- Should Newmont exercise its buy-back a 70:30 joint venture will result with Adelaide having the option if it so elects to progressively dilute to a 10% interest carried into production.
- At any time after Adelaide has announced its intention to undertake a prefeasibility or feasibility study of a discovered resource, Newmont will have a once only option to explore the resource on a sole risk basis for a period of up to 9 months. After this exploration Newmont may elect to exercise its buy back option if a resource exceeding 1.5 million ounces is defined.
- A first right of refusal will apply should either party wish to assign all or part of its interest.

Yours sincerely



Keith Yates
Executive Chairman

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by KR Yates, who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

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2 March, 2005

ADELAIDE RESOURCES ACQUIRES NEWMONT

N.T. GOLD-COPPER PROJECT

One of Australia's most productive and historic gold and copper areas is to be targeted by Adelaide Resources Limited in the first major new exploration in a part of the province in more than 20 years.

Adelaide Resources (ASX code: "ADN") announced today it had acquired a 100% interest in the Rover gold-copper project near Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, from Newmont Gold Exploration Pty Limited.

Newmont has retained royalty and buy-back conditions in the sale.

The Rover project is southwest of some of the richest but now mined out bonanza gold and copper mines in Australia – including the Warrego, White Devil, Juno, Peko and Nobles Nob mines.

"The Rover project shows very similar geological structure and mineralisation indicators to features exhibited by the discoveries detailed above," Adelaide Resources' Executive Chairman, Mr Keith Yates, said today.

"The acreage has been in limbo for more than 20 years for a number of factors and has not had the benefit of a modern exploration focus," Mr Yates said.

"Yet the province generated mines that were company-makers for most of their founders, including White Devil, which was owned by Poseidon Gold and eventually became the foundation cash cow for the then Normandy Mining.

"Significantly, the potentially mineralised magnetic ironstone bodies at Rover occupy an east-west trending corridor some 30 kilometres in length showing a striking similarity to productive gold corridors such as the 'Nob Line' and 'Peko Line' in the central Tennant Creek Goldfield."

Mr Yates – who was Executive Director of the then Australian Development Limited and was closely associated with the discovery of White Devil in 1986 - said the region's geology, mineralisation and potential was well known to Adelaide Resources and had precipitated its move into the Rover project.

"Adelaide Resources has been looking for some time to add a significant gold project to its portfolio and has spent the past 12 months assessing the potential contained within Rover and the opportunities to apply our successful exploration modelling to it.

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Terms of Agreement

Under the terms of the acquisition announced today:

- Consideration for the acquisition is a \$400,000 minimum exploration commitment by Adelaide Resources,
- A net smelter return royalty to Newmont ranging from 1.5% to 2.5% after production, and
- The grant of an option to Newmont to buy back a 70% interest should a resource of more than 1.5 million gold ounces be discovered, by paying Adelaide Resources the lesser of \$A20 million or three times the expenditure by Adelaide Resources from the date of execution of the agreement.

Mr Yates said the disposal by Newmont of the Rover asset was in line with that Company’s increasing focus only on projects able to deliver multi-million ounce gold mines in line with Newmont’s standing as the world’s largest gold producer.

“For Adelaide Resources, it is a rare opportunity to access already drilled acreage in an area known for bonanza grades and which has seen five million ounces of gold produced from the Tennant Creek Goldfield,” he said.

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