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**THE MANAGER  
COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OFFICE  
ASX LIMITED**

Dear Sir

**DRILLING COMMENCES AT MT BEVAN PROJECT**

Hawthorn Resources Limited (ASX Code : HAW) announces that RC drilling has commenced on the Company's 100% owned Mt Bevan project. The project is located on tenement E29/510 approximately 100 kilometres west of Leonora, Western Australia.

An initial RC drilling program of 52 holes is planned. Drilling commenced on Saturday 5 July, using a Schramm T660 drillrig operated by drilling company Ausdrill.

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*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Ian Moody, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full time consultant geologist with First Principle Mineral Exploration Company Pty Ltd. Mr Moody has over 20 years' experience as a geologist which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the 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 Moody consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*