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Drilling to recommence at Mt Bevan Iron Ore project

Hawthorn Resources Limited ('Hawthorn') (ASX Code: HAW) is pleased to announce that a further drilling program will begin on the Mt Bevan Iron Ore project during late March or early April 2009.

The project area is located on tenement E29/510 approximately 100 kilometres west of Leonora, Western Australia (refer to figure 1).

Hawthorn's 2008 exploration program identified structurally controlled zones of haematite mineralisation along the interpreted strike of the Mt Mason Iron Ore Resource (5.75 Mt @ 59.9% Fe) of ASX-listed company Jupiter Mines Limited (refer to figure 2).

Drilling within Hawthorn's tenement in this area returned intercepts including:

- 40 metres @ 61.7% Fe
- 34 metres @ 59.9% Fe
- 16 metres @ 60.4% Fe

Mapping, recently completed geophysical surveys and structural interpretations have identified a number of primary targets of a similar nature to the Mt Mason resource extending throughout the southern half of the 25 kilometres of prospective strike with Hawthorn's tenement.

A reassessment of these targets has identified a number of shallow targets that will be initially tested by a RAB / Aircore drilling program that is scheduled to commence in late March or early April 2009.

Geological assessment of the northern 15 kilometres of prospective strike within the Hawthorn tenement has recommenced and targets within this area will undergo further exploration during March and April 2009.

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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.

Figure 1. Mt Bevan Project Location Plan

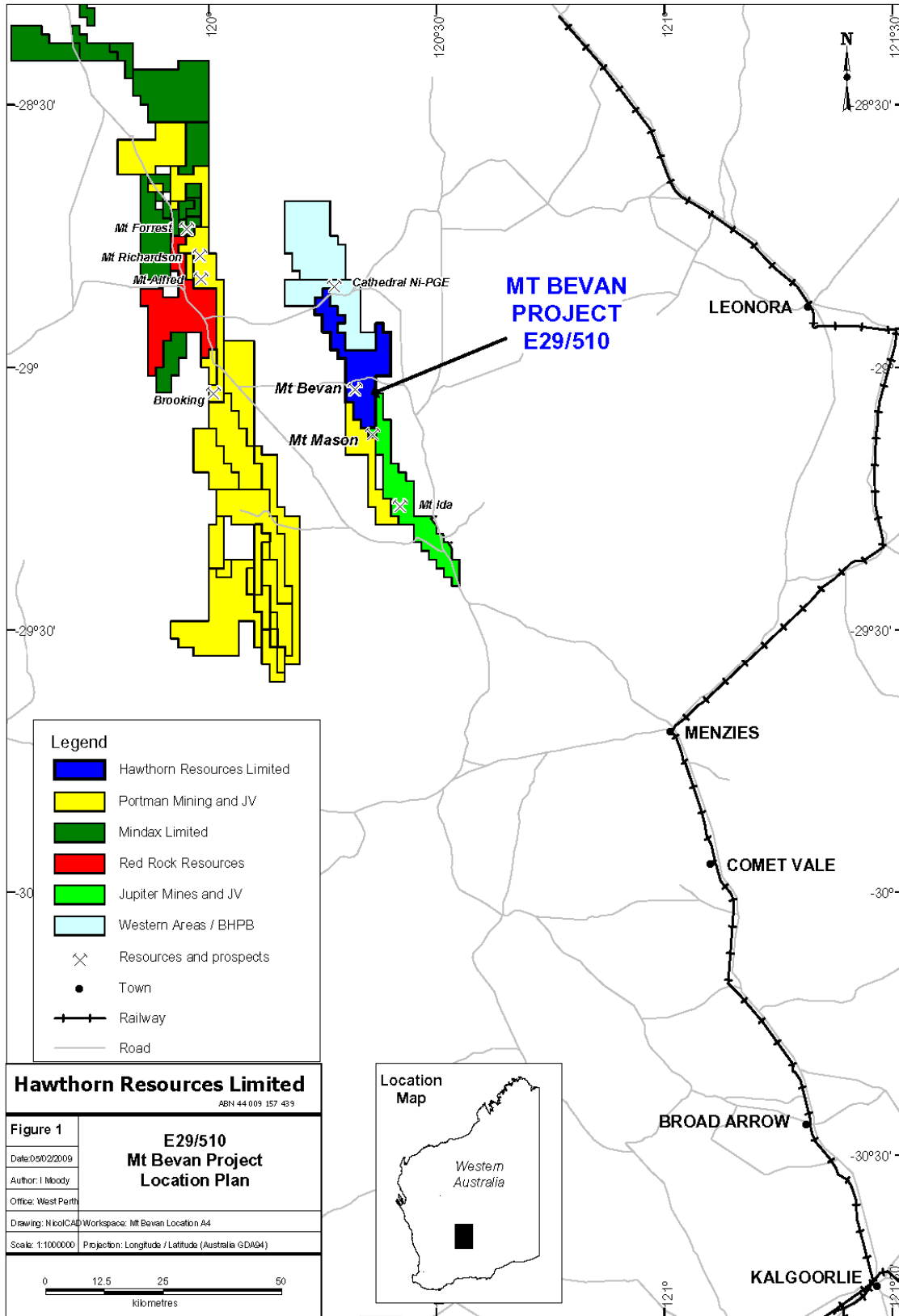


Figure 2.

Drill Hole Location Map – Mt Mason area

