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Drilling Commences - Trouser Legs Joint Venture Area

Hawthorn Resources Limited [ASX Code: HAW] (“Hawthorn” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that drilling has commenced in the Anglo Saxon Resource area within the Trouser Legs Joint Venture (Hawthorn 70%, Gel Resources 30%).

This drilling programme follows the recent capital investment by the **Feng Hua Mining Investment Holding (HK) Limited** consortium in Hawthorn and which is designed to accelerate the development of the Company’s key gold and iron ore projects from being those of exploration to mining operations.

The extensive program of drilling will,

- Refine **Anglo Saxon Resource** pit definition
- Drill test the potential higher grade satellite resource at **Coles** and,
- Drill test the **Main Dump** at Anglo Saxon - assessing the grade profile of the dump

This drilling is designed to further existing pit definition of the Anglo Saxon Resource, testing foot and hangingwall positions of the 3 pits defined to date, whilst also focussing on the “neck” zones between the pits in an attempt to link and expand the economically mineable portions of the orebody.

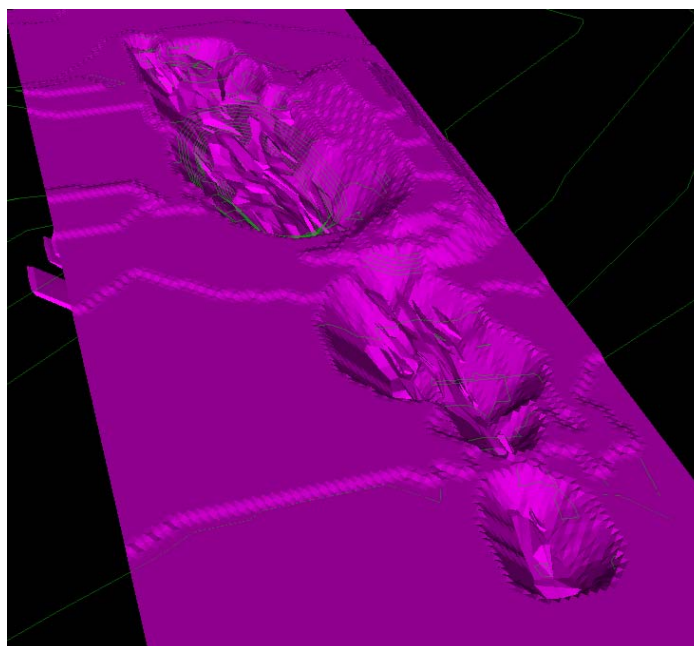


Figure 1. Anglo Saxon Ore Blocks and Proposed Oxide Only Pits. View from SW – Strike Length 660 metres

The drill rig utilised will subsequently be mobilized to Hawthorn's **Deep South** Project Area (Hawthorn 80%; Alacer Gold Corp 20%) to further drill the **Central Mineralisation** and to commence testing of prominent targets between of the well defined ore horizon between the **Central** and **Southern Mineralisation Zones**.

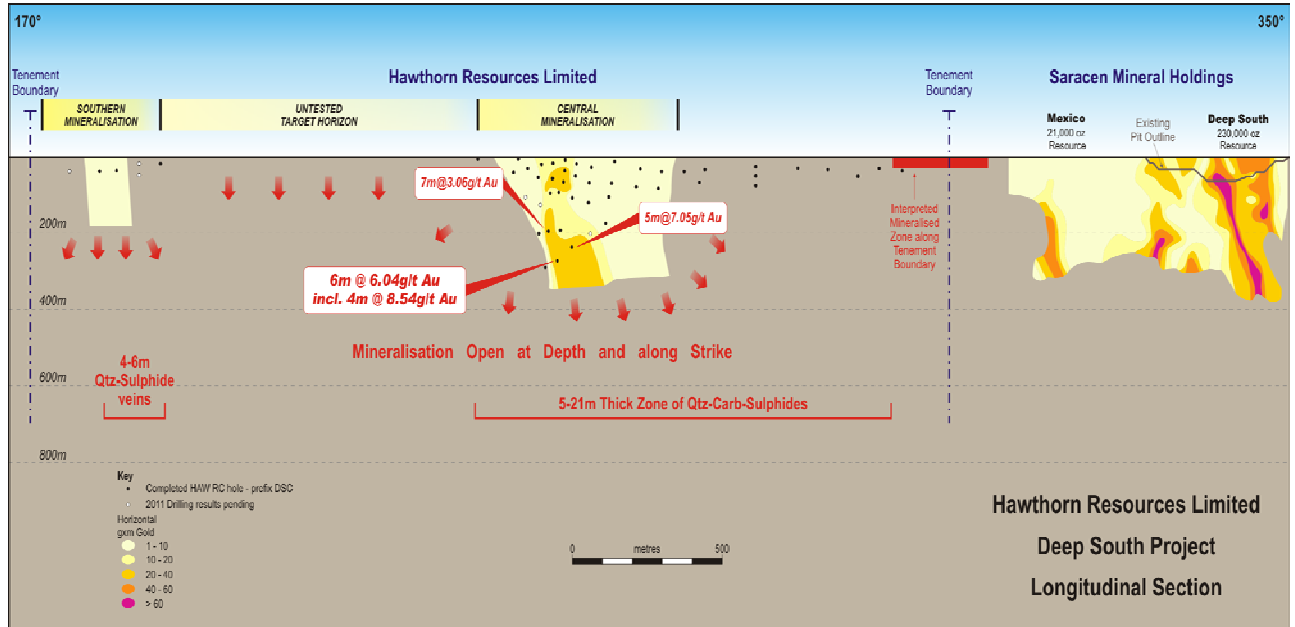


Figure 2. Deep South Longitudinal Section

It is expected that this drilling will continue through until late December 2012, with results available in late January 2013.

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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 sufficient experience as a geologist which is relevant to the style of mineralization 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 of 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