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# RC DRILLING RE-COMMENCES AT SANDSTONE GOLD PROJECT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# • Drilling is targeted to extend known Vanguard mineralized structures down dip, and increase the volume of potential open pittable gold mineralization ahead of resource estimation

Alto Metals Limited (ASX: AME) ("Alto" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the recommencement of reverse circulation (RC) drilling at the Vanguard Prospect, to follow up ore grade gold intercepts from it's maiden 2017 RC drilling program. This Vanguard drilling program of approximately 1,600m is the first in a series of carefully focused drilling campaigns in 2018 to define substantial deposits of oxide and primary gold mineralization at Sandstone.

Alto's 2017 drilling programs at Vanguard identified both oxide and primary gold mineralization, with the oxide mineralization generally extending to 50m to 60m depth from surface. Below the base of complete oxidation, multiple zones of moderate to steeply dipping high-grade, structurally controlled primary mineralization were discovered and remain open at depth.

The RC drill holes planned in this first program of the season are designed to follow-up open pittable gold mineralization detected on 40m x 80m and 40m x 40m drill spacings. Assay results are expected to be turned around quickly to assist with resource modelling and wireframing which is currently in progress.

Alto's Managing Director Dermot Ryan said:

"At this stage, we do not know the full extent of the Vanguard system, but we do know that the mineralized structures defined so far are open in all directions.

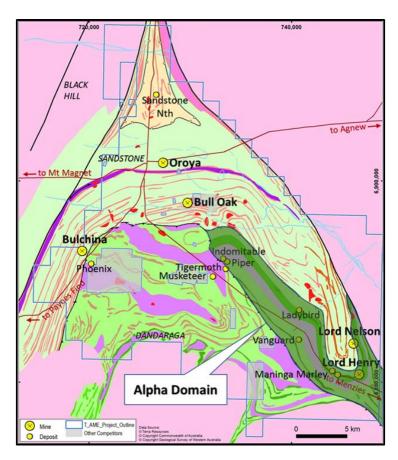
Vanguard is just one of a number of litho-structural targets that we have identified for drill testing in 2018, and our success so far gives us confidence that there are many more Vanguard-like deposits still to be found on our 800km<sup>2</sup> landholdings at Sandstone. This program is just a first step in Alto's quest to delineate an initial one million ounce JORC 2012 compliant Mineral Resource and re-establish gold mining at Sandstone."

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### **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this Report that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Dermot Ryan, who is an employee of Xserv Pty Ltd and a Director and security holder of the Company. Mr Ryan is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Ryan consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.



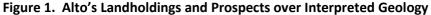
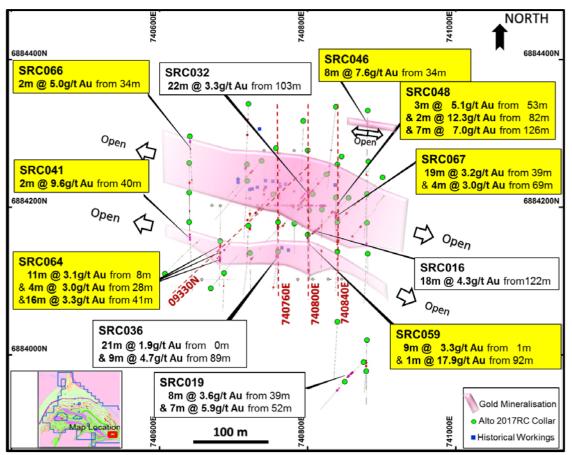


Figure 2. Vanguard Prospect- Significant 2017 RC Drill Hole Intercepts - previously reported



#### ALTO'S OBJECTIVES AT SANDSTONE

Alto has two main objectives at its 100% owned 800km<sup>2</sup> Sandstone Gold Project in Western Australia:

- In the short term, to delineate 1 million ounces of gold in shallow deposits (Eg. Vanguard, Indomitable, Havilah, Maninga Marley, Lord Nelson, Lord Henry, etc) that can be economically mined, leading to sustainable exploration-driven growth.
- In the medium to longer term, to discover 5 million ounces within high-grade gold deposits, which will serve as the foundation for major stand-alone mining operations.

Figure 3. Location of Alto's Sandstone Gold Project, in relation to Operating or Proposed Gold Plants

