

# Anson Discovers High-Grade Critical Minerals at its Ajana Project

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## Highlights:

- **Critical Minerals Gallium, Indium, Germanium and Barium discovered at Anson’s Ajana Project, Western Australia**
- **The discovery includes mineralized values up to 67g/t Ga, 44.1g/t In, 40g/t Ge & 1.2% Ba**
- **Certain minerals can be enriched 5 to 10-fold during zinc ore processing**
- **These critical minerals discoveries would add significant economic value to the shallow Zn-Pb-Ag resource to be estimated**
- **Extension of the mineralized zones containing critical minerals have been identified for further drilling programs**
- **Federal and State governments have pledged significant financial support for critical minerals industry**

Anson Resources Limited (ASX: ASN) (“Anson Resources” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the discovery of extensive high-grade mineralization of the critical minerals Gallium (Ga), Indium (In), Germanium (Ge) and Barium (Ba) that are associated with the high-grade zinc values from the drilling programs at both the Ethel Maude and Surprise Prospects at the Ajana Project in the Mid-West region of Western Australia. The discovery of these critical minerals will add significant economic value to the Zn-Pb-Ag JORC resource being estimated by a third-party metallurgical consultant.

The results were obtained by resampling the high-grade pulps still stored at the laboratory from the previous two drilling programs at the priority Ethel Maude and Surprise prospects, *see ASX Announcement 19 February 2024*, which returned high grade zinc (Zn) values, *see Tables 1 and 2*.

Ethel Maude	Hole ID	From	To	Zn (%)	Pb(%)	Ag(g/t)	Ga(g/t)	In(g/t)	Ge(g/t)
	<b>AJRC16</b>	21	25	1.4	0.3	4.8	21	1.2	BD
	<b>AJRC31</b>	4	7	1.7	2.3	29	48	27	25
	including	5	6	29.5	1.2	43	67	41	40
		12	31	1.1	1.3	7.5	19	1.0	5.3
	<b>AJRC32</b>	19	40	2.4	2.2	7.4	22	2.8	8.8
		45	54	2.6	2.5	7.8	23	2.8	6.2
	<b>AJRC37</b>	30	42	1.3	2.8	7.2	20.5	1.4	4.8
		30	31	7.8	28.8	30	29	7.2	10

Table 1: The Zn, Pb and critical mineral (Ga, In, Ge) assays from the Ethel Maude Prospect.

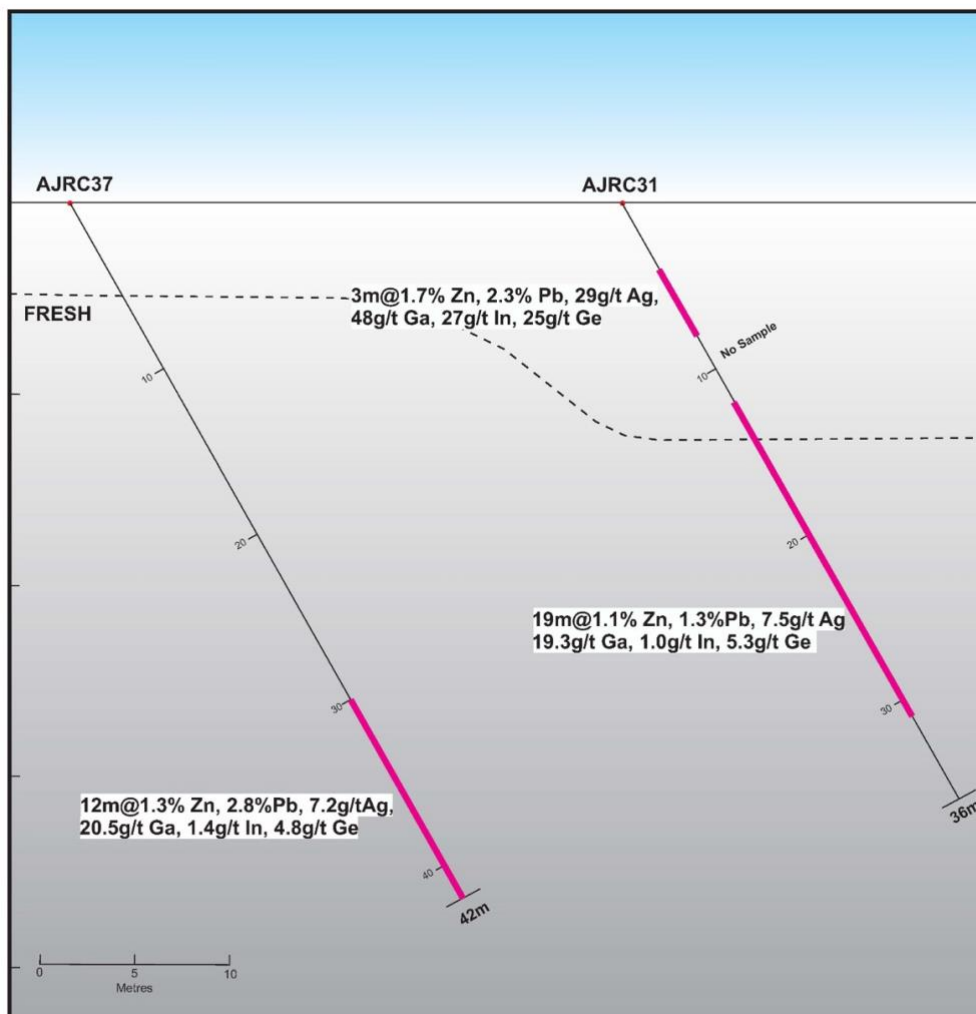


Figure 1: Cross-section showing the continuous down-hole Zn, Pb, Ag, Ga, In & Ge mineralization at Ethel Maude.

127 pulp samples were re-assayed for critical minerals, 76 at Ethel Maude and 51 at Surprise. The average Gallium grade was 20g/t with a maximum value of 67g/t Ga. Only 9% came back with Indium and 36% Ge values less than detection, respectively. In addition, it was decided to sample 44 pulps for Barium (Ba) that coincided with high-grade Zn-Pb-Ag mineralized zones.

Based on these successful assay results, it has been determined to re-assay for critical minerals through all the mineralized zones intersected in the drilling programs at both the Ethel Maude and Surprise Prospects. The Zn-Pb-Ag mineralized zones intersected are large, *see Figure 1*, and contain the critical minerals Ga, In and Ge over the entire mineralized section.

Prospect	Hole ID	From	To	Zn (%)	Pb(%)	Ag(g/t)	Ga(g/t)	In(g/t)	Ge(g/t)
Surprise	AJRC18	48	60	3.0	1.0	1.9	13.3	1.0	10
	AJRC19	43	48	2.7	0.04	1	18.6	1.7	6.7
	AJRC41	54	63	1.0	3.4	1.7	16.6	2.3	3.3
	AJRC42	17	20	3.8	1.0	3.3	13.7	2.9	10
		41	43	2.5	0.1	3.0	20	0.1	10

Table 2: The Zn, Pb and critical mineral (Ga, In, Ge) assays from the Surprise Prospect.

These original Zn-Pb-Ag drill targets were identified via a previous VTEM geophysical survey, see *ASX Announcement 13 November 2017*, and interpreted anomalies from historical soil sampling programs and geological mapping programs.

The programs continued to successfully intersect multiple high-grade zones at both targets, which have validated Anson's exploration approach at the Project. Predicted mineralization zones at the Ethel Maude prospect have been identified for a further drilling program to be carried out to increase the potential JORC resource estimates.

### **Federal and State Government Support for Critical Mineral Development**

The Federal and WA Governments have recently pledged significant funding and support packages to incentivize development of Western Australian critical minerals industry. The WA government, as set out in the WA Strategy, is to establish an internationally competitive critical mineral industry and includes:

- Upstream production
- Midstream processing

The upstream production is aimed at ongoing support for WA's exploration and mining industry. The midstream processing targets capturing a share of the market (e.g. refining and processing).

In addition, the Federal Government's "Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive" was announced as part of the broader "Future Made in Australia" agenda in the recent Federal budget. The incentive, which is slated to have an effective date of the 1st of July 2027, will come in the form of a production tax credit valued at 10% of relevant processing and refining costs for critical minerals for up to 10 years per project between 2027-28 to 2039-40. Australia's Critical Minerals List is made up of 31 metals and materials, including zinc, a key product of Anson's flagship Ajana Project.

Zinc, the project's primary product, is one of six "Strategic Materials" also identified by the Federal Government. The government has earmarked over \$7 billion over the decade for this incentive.

### **About Gallium, Indium and Germanium**

On 1 August 2023, China which produces 98% of the world's Gallium and 92% of Germanium cancelled all exports, weaponizing supply, highlighting the need to secure safe and reliable supply of critical elements and minerals. It is anticipated that USA and European semiconductor chip manufacturers will actively seek to establish long term supply contracts with future Gallium suppliers (outside of China), such as Australia.

#### **Gallium**

Gallium is a soft metallic element used in semi-conductors, blue ray technology light emitting diodes (LEDs), mobile phones and nuclear engineering because of their non-toxicity and resistance to neutron radiation and beta decay. On August 1, 2023, China which produces 98% of the world's Gallium cancelled all exports. The supply increase is a result of the increase in demand for Gallium Nitride (GaN) energy saving chips due to:

- 7% price increase year to date
- Demand increases for cost effective fifth generation (5G) networks requiring gallium computer chips
- Wireless charging required for electric vehicles
- GaN chips have lower power loss and provide smooth connection between solar energy to grid power storage systems

## Indium

Indium is most recovered from sphalerite, a zinc-sulphide mineral, widely used in the aerospace, defense, energy and telecommunications sectors. Currently the US is a 100% net importer of indium.

- 13% price increase year to date
- Indium tin oxide (ITO) accounts for most of the global consumption used as for thin film coatings on electrically conductive purposes (flat screens)
- Also used in night vision equipment, aerospace alloys and solar cells

## Germanium

There has been a significant increase in demand for Germanium.

- 5% price increase year to date
- Used in Fibre optics, infra-red optics, high brightness LED's and in semi-conductors
- Night vision and night targeting
- Solar panels as the most efficient energy generator

## Current Metal Prices

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| • Zinc      | US\$ 3,012/t (LME, May 28, 2024)                       |
| • Lead      | US\$ 2,248/t (LME, May 28, 2024)                       |
| • Silver    | US\$ 31.94/oz (Kitco Strategic Metals, May 28, 2024)   |
| • Gallium   | US\$ 805.90/kg (Strategic Metals Invest, May 22, 2024) |
| • Indium    | US\$ 643.80/kg (Strategic Metals Invest, May 22, 2024) |
| • Germanium | US\$ 2,972/kg (Strategic Metals Invest, May 22, 2024)  |

Bruce Richardson, Executive Chairman and CEO of Anson Resources commented, "Although the company remains laser focused on expediting the development of its environmentally friendly lithium projects in Utah, USA, the results from the recent drilling program at the Ajana Project presents an exciting prospect for the company to further increase and diversify its critical minerals portfolio and advances our strategy to be a key supplier of critical minerals for the electrification of global economies. The encouraging high grades of Ga, In and Ge and the rapid rise in value combined with governments' policies designed to onshore critical mineral supply provides an opportunity that the Company will continue to pursue."

This announcement has been authorized for release by the Executive Chairman and CEO.

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## About Anson Resources Ltd

Anson Resources (ASX: ASN) is an ASX-listed mineral resources company with a portfolio of minerals projects in key demand-driven commodities. Its core asset is the Paradox Lithium Project in Utah, in the USA. Anson is focused on developing the Paradox Project into a significant lithium producing operation. The Company's goal is to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition and development of natural resources that meet the demand of tomorrow's new energy and technology markets.

**Forward Looking Statements:** Statements regarding plans with respect to Anson's mineral projects are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that Anson's plans for development of its projects will proceed as expected and there can be no assurance that Anson will be able to confirm the presence of mineral deposits, that mineralisation may prove to be economic or that a project will be developed.

**Competent Person's Statement 1:** The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results and geology is based on information compiled and/or reviewed by Mr Greg Knox, a member in good standing of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Knox is a geologist who has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a "Competent Person", as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which they appear. Mr Knox is a director of Anson.

## JORC Code 2012 “Table 1” Report

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialized industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralization that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverized to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralization types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reverse Circulation (RC):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used high pressure air and a cyclone with a cone splitter.</li> <li>Sampling was taken on continuous 1m intervals.</li> <li>Standards and blanks were inserted during the drilling; and</li> <li>3m composite and 1m samples (where mineralization was visible) weighing</li> <li>3-5 kg were transported to the laboratory in calico bags.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Industry standard RC drilling methods were used.</li> </ul>
Drilling Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC Drilling (5 ½" hammer).</li> </ul>
Drill Sample Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC split samples were recovered from a cyclone and rig mounted cone splitter. With sample recovery recorded for each sample.</li> <li>A face sampling hammer is used to reduce contamination at the face.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All RC chips were geologically logged in the field by a qualified geologist.</li> <li>Geological logging is qualitative in nature.</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sub-sampling Techniques and Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken</li> <li>• If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>• For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>• Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximize representivity of samples.</li> <li>• Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>• Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3m composite samples and 1m samples of visible mineralisation from the RC drilling were submitted to Nagrom Laboratories in Perth.</li> <li>• Sample preparation techniques represent industry good practice.</li> <li>• Sampling procedures represent industry good practice.</li> <li>• The sample sizes are considered to be appropriate for the material being sampled.</li> <li>• Pulp samples stored in the lab were also assayed for gallium, indium and germanium.</li> </ul>
Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>• For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>• Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis was carried out by Nagrom, Perth which is AQIS registered site and has a license to import and quarantine geological material.</li> <li>• A certified standard and blank were inserted in every hole.</li> </ul>
Verification of Sampling and Assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>• The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>• Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>• Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results are considered acceptable and reviewed by geologists.</li> <li>• No adjustments to assay data has been undertaken.</li> </ul>
Location of Data Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>• Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>• Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drillholes were located during collection by handheld GPS (Garmin) with a typical accuracy of +/- 5m.</li> <li>• The grid system used is Australian Geodetic MGA Zone 50 (GDA94).</li> <li>• The level of topographic control offered by the handheld GPS is considered sufficient for the work undertaken.</li> </ul>
Data Spacing and Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>• Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a predetermined spacing for the holes as this program was to infill and drill down dip of previous drilling programs.</li> </ul>

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<i>Orientation of Data in Relation to Geological Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>• If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralized structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. •</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drill holes were drilled at near perpendicular to the strike of the ore body and is not considered to have introduced any bias.</li> </ul>
<i>Sample Security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC samples were collected from the cone splitter in calico bags and stored in plastic bags. The bags were put on pallets and bubble wrapped and transported by road to the laboratory in Perth. The samples were processed by Nagrom.</li> </ul>
<i>Audits or Reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No audits or reviews have been conducted at this point in time.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

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<i>Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>• The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a license to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ajana Project consists of 2 tenements, E66/89 and E66/94, which are 100% owned by Anson Resources.</li> <li>• All tenements are in good standing.</li> <li>• Land access agreements have been completed.</li> </ul>
<i>Exploration Done by Other Parties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous exploration was completed by Canadian Southern Cross Mines NL (CSC), Samin Ltd (Samin, a wholly owned subsidiary of Poseiden Ltd) and Ethan Minerals NL (Ethan).</li> <li>• Exploration completed included bulk sampling and trial mining from historical underground workings, geophysical surveys (IP and EM), surface geochemical surveys and drilling.</li> <li>• Exploration seems to have been completed to a high standard enabling a Mineral Resource to be estimated.</li> </ul>
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is located in the Northampton Block, an Archaean gneiss terrane believed to represent a metamorphosed sedimentary sequence.</li> <li>• Mineralisation is hosted on the margins of a dolerite unit, within a breccia unit.</li> <li>• Mineralisation is principally comprised of galena.</li> <li>• Millheim, KK, 1971. Exploitation of the Ethel Maude Zinc-Lead Mine. Tycho Mining. WAMEX Report A5955.</li> </ul>



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<p><i>Drill Hole Information</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>- elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level in meters) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>- dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>- down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>- hole length.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported in the body of the announcement.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Data Aggregation Methods</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade</li> <li>• Brine samples taken in holes were averaged (arithmetic average) without 14 Criteria JORC Code explanation Commentary truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>• Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low-grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>• The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No averaging or cut-off grades have been applied to assay results.</li> <li>• Samples were collected in 1m samples and 3m composites. The 1m samples were stored on site.</li> <li>• 3m RC samples were submitted, except where the mineralized zones were observed and 1m samples were submitted directly.</li> <li>• Metal equivalents are not reported.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Relationship Between Mineralization Widths and Intercept Lengths</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• If the geometry of the mineralization with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>• If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration is at an early stage and information is insufficient at this stage.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Diagrams</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate diagrams are shown in the text.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Balanced Reporting</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The only assay results disclosed are located on the Ajana Project tenement.</li> </ul>

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Other Substantive Exploration Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples - size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All available current exploration data has been presented.</li> </ul>
Further Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work is required which includes mapping and other exploration programs such as further RC drilling.</li> <li>Define future drilling targets.</li> <li>RC drilling of the identified targets.</li> </ul>