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79g/t Gold in rock chip result extends mineralised corridor to over 4 kms at Red Gate Project, Western Australia

Blackstone Minerals Limited **(ASX code: BSX)**, is pleased to announce that recent field work has confirmed the presence of another new gold prospect in the mineralised corridor now named the "Red Gate Shear Zone" which extends over 4 kilometres of strike (Refer Figure Two) at the Company's Red Gate Project (100% interest) in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia (Refer Figure One). The Red Gate Shear Zone contains the historical gold prospects of Porphyry North and Porphyry West and the recently identified Porphyry South prospect, in addition to this new prospect, which contains rock chips results of up to 79 g/t gold.

Highlights of the Red Gate Shear Zone and the new prospect include:

- Red Gate Shear Zone already hosts porphyries with high grade gold mineralization 14 m@ 3.7 g/t from 1 m at Porphyry North & 12 m@ 9.2 g/t from 8 m at Porphyry West (Refer Blackstone Minerals Limited Prospectus, released 15 December 2016);
- Red Gate Shear Zone contains the recently identified Porphyry South Prospect which is a **large (600m long) IP (Induced Polarisation) anomaly** that has yet to be drill tested (Refer Figure Two);
- The new prospect is within the Red Gate Shear Zone and was identified through a recent reconnaissance surface sampling program that returned **rock chips results of up to 79 g/t gold** (see Table One for full set of results);
- The Red Gate Shear Zone is less than 10 km north of the historic Porphyry Gold Mine that has a gold endowment of 900,000 ozs.

Further reconnaissance surface sampling by the Blackstone Minerals exploration team, along strike from the recently identified Porphyry South Prospect, has located a new prospect with rock chip sampling results including 79 g/t gold, 7.6g/t gold and 4.3 g/t gold (see Table One for full set of results). This work has led to reinterpretation of the area resulting in the development of a mineralized corridor concept now named the Red Gate Shear Zone. The Red Gate Shear Zone contains two historic, high grade, gold prospects and extends over 4 kilometres in strike length and is up to 1,000 metres wide.

The Company is looking to further develop this mineralised corridor concept with further surface sampling before finalising priority targets for drill testing in the coming months.

Blackstone Fast Facts			
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Share Price	\$0.20		
Market Cap	\$7.16m		
ASX Code	BSX		

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The Red Gate Shear Zone is less than 10 km north of the historic Porphyry Gold Mine that has a gold endowment of 900,000 ozs (Produced 1.33 Mt @ 3.4 g/t gold* and has a current Indicated JORC resources of 7.2 Mt @ 2.1 g/t gold** and Inferred JORC resources of 3.7 Mt @ 2.1 g/t gold**).

Blackstone's Technical Director commented; "Blackstone is starting to see the development of a mineralised system which is analogous to the Porphyry Gold Mine area with an endowment of almost 1 Million ounces and located less than 10 km to the south of Blackstone's tenure. The Red Gate Project continues to deliver strong surface results and the Company looks forward to following its successes with a maiden drill program in the coming months."

Red Gate Project (100% interest) - Summary

The Red Gate Project consists of the one granted Exploration Licence E31/1096 covering an area of 145.2 km². The Project is centred 10 km north of the Porphyry Gold Mine (900,000 oz gold endowment), 140 km northeast of Kalgoorlie. Here historical exploration work has mostly targeted the Porphyry North Prospect where shallow, out cropping mineralisation has been defined. There is the potential to discover further mineralisation at Porphyry North and several other prospects nearby.

Porphyry granitoid intrusions very similar to the intrusive that hosts the Porphyry Gold Mine are present in the tenement, mostly under relatively thin cover. Using the geological model derived from the understanding of the Porphyry Gold Mine, the Red Gate Project is considered highly prospective for gold mineralisation of this style, particularly to the immediate north and west of the Porphyry North gold prospect.

In addition, over 80% of the tenement is covered by shallow Tertiary and Quaternary sediments and laterite. These covered areas have had little effective exploration hence providing further opportunities for gold discovery.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Radonjic Technical Director

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Exploration Targets is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Radonjic, a full time employee of the company and who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew Radonjic has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking 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'. Mr Andrew Radonjic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

- * Riedel Resources Website
- ** Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited Annual Report 2016



Figure One | Location of the Red Gate Project







Figure Two | Reconnaissance rock samples >1g/t gold from the new porphyry prospect within the Red Gate Shear Zone

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Sample No	Gold g/t	East*	North*	Description
AMRG038A	0.02	431446	6712131	Pale grey schist with minor pyrite
AMRG038B	0.04	431446	6712131	Schist with quartz veins, rare weathered pyrite
AMRG040	3.23	431547	6712352	White quartz vein in sericitic schist, trace weathered pyrite
AMRG041	78.9	431582	6712361	Thin quartz vein with minor weathered pyrite and trace free gold.
AMRG043	7.65	431860	6712390	Thin quartz vein with minor sericite and weathered pyrite
AMRG054A	4.30	431519	6712518	Thin quartz vein with minor sericite and weathered pyrite
AMRG054B	0.21	431519	6712518	Weathered sericite-altered granite with minor pyrite
AMRG055A	0.06	431532	6712503	Sericite-altered granite with minor fine pyrite
AMRG055B	0.03	431532	6712503	Granular felsic rock with strong sericite alteration
AMRG057A	0.02	431513	6712768	Schist with trace weathered pyrite
AMRG057B	0.07	431513	6712768	Quartz vein float within schist with pyrite and sericite
AMRG057C	0.05	431513	6712768	Quartz vein float with pyrite
AMRG059	< 0.01	431451	6712811	Strongly sericitised schist with abundant pyrite
AMRG072A	0.01	431300	6713021	Mica schist with trace weathered pyrite
AMRG072B	0.01	431300	6713021	Mica schist with trace weathered pyrite

Table One | Reconnaissance rock sample results from new porphyry prospect within Red Gate Shear Zone

* Coordinates in MGA Zone 51 GDA94

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Appendix One

JORC Code, 2012 Edition | '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	 Nature and quality of sampling (e.g.: cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised 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. Measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. 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 pulverised 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 mineralisation types (e.g.: submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	 Rock samples were collected from visibly mineralized outcrop and sub-crop by Blackstone Minerals Ltd geologists. Each rock sample weighed between 0.2 and 1 kg and was of sufficient size to be representative of the outcrop of interest. The rock samples were submitted to and assayed by ALS Global, Perth ("ALS").
Drilling techniques	 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). 	• No drilling, not applicable.
Drill sample recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. 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. 	• No drilling, not applicable.
Logging	 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. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	The rock samples were qualitatively logged and described by a suitably qualified geologist.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, 	 The rock samples were submitted ALS Global, Perth in their entirety where they were dried, crushed and pulverised to nominally 80% passing 75 microns for assay. No drilling so information regarding drill sampling not applicable.

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Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	 including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. 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. 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. 	 Gold was analysed by industry standard 50g charge lead collection fire assay with AAS finish at ALS Global, Perth. Commercially certified reference materials were included in ALS batches by the client at a minimum rate of one standard per 20 samples. Results for the commercial assay standards assays are considered within 10% of the reference values for the elements of interest.
Verification of sampling and assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	 The assay results are compatible with the observed mineralogy. The use of twinned holes is not applicable at this stage (no drilling). Primary data is stored and documented in industry standard ways. Assay data is as reported by the laboratories and has not been adjusted in any way. Remnant assay pulps are held in storage by the assay laboratories.
Location of data points	 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. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	 Sample locations were determined by handheld GPS considered accurate to ±10 m. All co-ordinates were recorded in MGA Zone 51 datum GDA94. Topographic control is provided by government 250,000 topographic map sheets and a Digital Terrain Model based on the 30 m Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission data.
Data spacing and distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. 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. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	 Only visibly mineralized rocks were sampled for assay and sampling is of a reconnaissance nature. The reported rock sampling data is in no way sufficient to establish mineral resources. Sample compositing has not been applied.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	 The reconnaissance rock sampling defines NNW trending zones of gold mineralization mainly associated with sericite-altered and sheared granite porphyry bodies within the Red Gate Shear Zone. No drilling, not applicable.
Sample security	• The measures taken to ensure sample security.	The chain of custody for samples from collection to dispatch to assay laboratory was managed by Blackstone Minerals personnel. Sample numbers were unique and did not include any locational information useful to non-Blackstone personnel. The level of security is considered appropriate for such reconnaissance sampling.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	 The assay results agree well with the observed mineralogy. No further reviews have been carried out at this reconnaissance stage. Further surface sampling to verify and extend these results is proposed.

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Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section)

Criteria	Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	 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. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. 	 The exploration targets are all located within Exploration Licence 31/1096. The Exploration Licence is held by 100% by Blackstone Minerals Limited.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	• Significant previous explorers of the Red Gate Project area include Aztec Exploration Ltd, Audimco Ltd, Capricorn Resources NL, Poseidon Gold Ltd, Consolidated Resources NL, Sons of Gwalia Ltd and Renaissance Resources Ltd. Most of the historic exploration activity, including drilling, was directed towards the Porphyry North, West and East prospects as discussed in Blackstone Minerals prospectus, released 15 December 2016 and available from http://blackstoneminerals.com.au
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	• The exploration area is within the Eastern Goldfields, Western Australia which is prospective for gold and base metal deposits.
Drill hole Information	 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: easting and northing of the drill hole collar; elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar; dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth; hole length. 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. 	• No drilling, not applicable.
Data aggregation methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. 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. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	• No drilling, not applicable.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	 These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. 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'). 	• No drilling, not applicable.

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Criteria	Explanation	Commentary
Diagrams	 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. 	 An appropriate exploration plan is included in the body of this release. No drilling, drill plans and sections as they are not applicable.
Balanced reporting	 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. 	• All Blackstone Minerals reconnaissance rock sampling results from the new prospect subject of this announcement are listed in Table 1.
Other substantive exploration data	 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. 	Appropriate reconnaissance exploration plans are included in the body of this release.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	 Blackstone Minerals proposes to conduct further prospecting, geochemical sampling, petrography and geophysical surveys to refine the targets before drill testing. An appropriate exploration target plan is included in the body of this release.