

Adelong JV Partner GDM Cleared to Begin Commissioning at Challenger Gold Mine

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Great Divide Mining (ASX:GDM) has confirmed the Challenger Mine site is ready for safe recommencement of operations**
- **Commissioning of the Challenger Gold Plant is set to commence this month**
- **First gold production targeted as the next key milestone under the Adelong Venture Agreement**
- **Operations towards production of first gold will commence this month.**

Adelong Gold Limited (ASX:ADG) (Adelong Gold or the Company) is pleased to note the [ASX Announcement](#) on Friday, 16 May by joint venture partner Great Divide Mining Limited (ASX:GDM), confirming that the Challenger Gold Mine, part of the Adelong Gold Project in New South Wales, is now ready for the commissioning of its processing plant.

This development follows extensive site preparation, inspections and upgrade work completed by GDM under the terms of the Adelong Venture Agreement. With operational readiness now achieved, the plant is expected to begin commissioning activities this month as the project progresses toward first gold production.

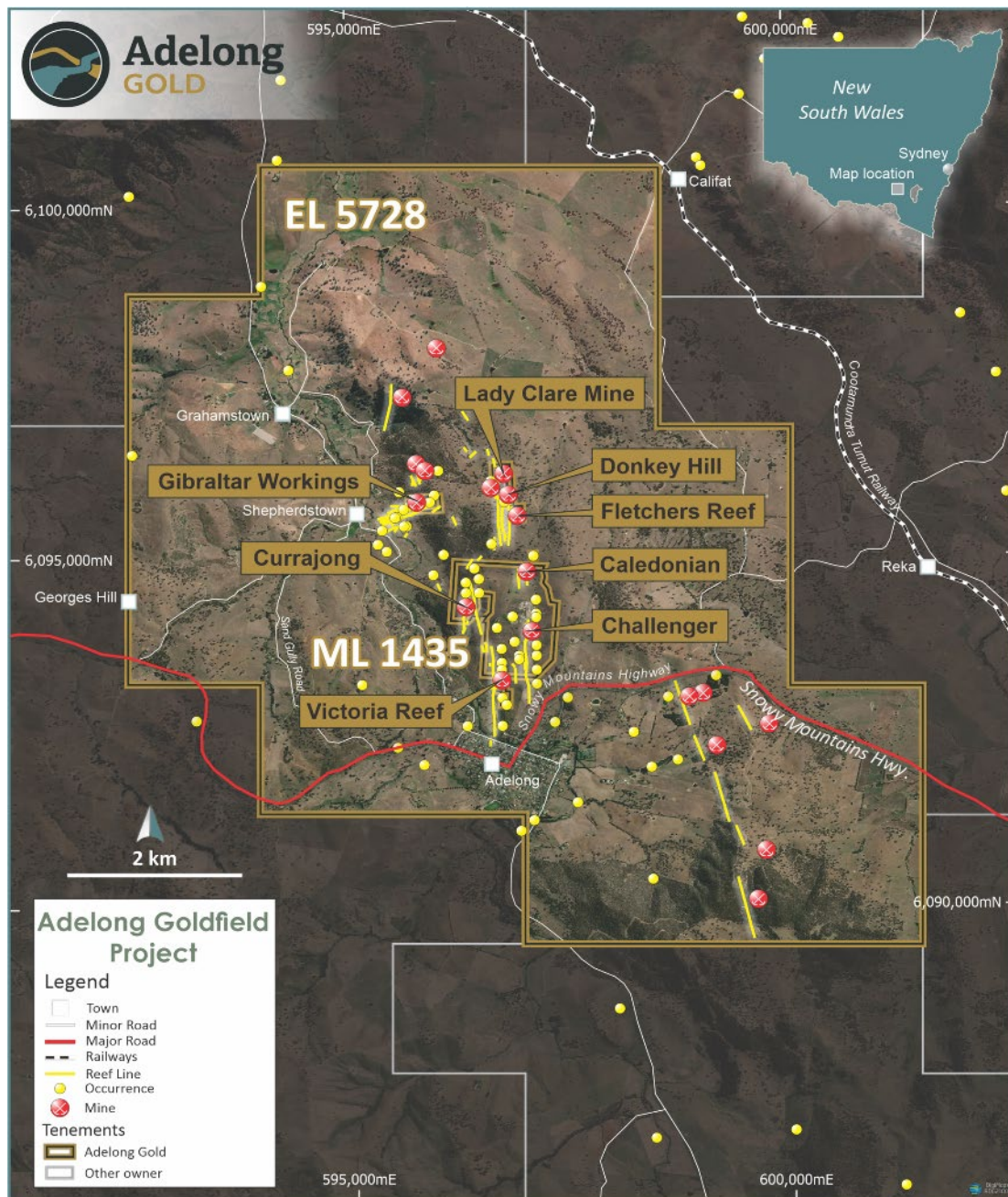
Adelong Gold's Managing Director, Ian Holland, commented:

"We are very encouraged by the rapid progress made by GDM since completion of due diligence earlier this year. Their commitment to restarting the Adelong Gold Plant safely and efficiently has been clear throughout, and today's milestone is an important step toward the delivery of first gold. We look forward to continuing our strong collaboration with the GDM team as the project transitions from restart to production."

Next Steps:

- GDM to commence commissioning activities at the Challenger Gold Plant during May.
- First gold production remains the key milestone to trigger GDM's second equity tranche (36%) under the JV agreement.
- Adelong Gold will continue to provide updates to shareholders as project commissioning progresses.





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Table 1: Total JORC Resources for the Adelong Gold Project (>1g/tAu Cut Off)

RESOURCE STATEMENT (JORC 2012) based on 1g/tAu Cutoff				TABLE 2
Challenger	Gold	Tonnes	Grade(g/t Au)	Gold (oz)
Measured	60%	357,000	4.17	47,900
Indicated	23%	163,000	3.5	18,300
Inferred	17%	144,000	3.07	14,100
Total	100%	664,000	3.77	80,300
Currajong West & Currajong East				
Measured				
Indicated	24%	126,000	2.57	10,400
Inferred	76%	407,000	2.63	34,400
Total	100%	533,000	2.62	44,800
Donkey Hill				
Measured				
Indicated				
Inferred	100%	103,000	5.03	16,600
Total	100%	103,000	5.03	16,600
Caledonian				
Measured				
Indicated	57%	127,000	3.90	15,900
Inferred	43%	123,000	3.04	12,100
Total	100%	250,000	3.48	28,000
Perkins West, Gibraltar				
Measured				
Indicated				
Inferred	100%	270,000	2.1	18,300
Total	100%	270,000	2.1	18,300
Measured	20%	357,000	4.17	47,900
Indicated	23%	416,000	3.33	44,600
Inferred	58%	1,047,000	2.84	95,500
TOTAL PROJECT RESOURCES	100%	1,820,000	3.21	188,000
ADELONG GOLD PROJECT RESOURCES				
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ABOUT ADELONG GOLD

Adelong Gold Limited (ASX: ADG) is a minerals explorer that owns the Adelong Gold Mine in New South Wales (NSW) and highly prospective Lithium Tenement packages in the prolific 'Lithium Valley' of Minas Gerais and in Paraiba Province within the Borborema Region, both located in Brazil. The Company is on the path to becoming a mineral producer at its Adelong Goldfield Project.

In May 2020, Adelong took control of the Adelong Goldfield which covers 70km², comprising the old Adelong Gold Project situated in Southern NSW located approximately 20km from Tumut and 80km from Gundagai.

The Project now carries a JORC (2012) Resource of 188,000oz, following a maiden JORC Resource for the Perkins West deposit at Gibraltar of 18,300oz with the potential to expand that resource at depth and along strike. Project resources have now increased by 45% from project resources in place on acquisition. Until recently, Adelong was a producing mine.

In December 2023, Adelong finalised its acquisition of a 100% interest in three applications for lithium exploration permits (Santa Rita do Aracuai Lithium Project) located in the world-class 'Lithium Valley' in Minas Gerais, in Brazil. This acquisition represents a pivotal transaction for the Company as it secures a strategic landholding in a globally significant, mining friendly region for hard-rock lithium spodumene deposits.

The 'Lithium Valley' accounts for all officially recognised lithium reserves in Brazil and is an emerging world-class lithium-producing region. Significant lithium discoveries by industry peers include Sigma Lithium's (NASDAQ: SGML) Grota do Cirio Deposit, Latin Resources' (ASX:LRS) Salinas Project – Colina Deposits and Lithium Ionic's (TSX.V:LTH) Itinga Project - Bandiera Deposit.

At the Santa Rita Do Aracuai Project, exploration activities commenced in December 2023 with the initial reconnaissance program, completed in February 2024, identifying two key areas for further lithium exploration. The geological assessment identified indicators for potential lithium mineralisation in Neoproterozoic formations, including the Macaúbas Group and Salinas Formation. Future exploration plans include detailed mapping and stream sediment/float geochemical analysis to pinpoint potential pegmatitic bodies and lithium indicators.

In March 2024, the Company announced they had been granted a further 10 Brazilian licenses at the Paraiba Province Project. These licenses further increase the exploration ground under license by 162.8km². These extra licenses are prospective for lithium pegmatites and are located within the Borborema Region, which comprises Proterozoic rocks that form part of the Brasiliano Fold belt and which host plutonic intrusions similar to the "Lithium Valley" region of Minas Gerais Province. This region contains known lithium pegmatites and many deposits/occurrences of tantalum, beryl, niobium, and aquamarine, which are commonly associated with lithium-type pegmatites.

COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

Information in this "ASX Announcement" relating to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and geological data has been compiled by Mr. Ian Holland. Mr Ian Holland is a Fellow (#210118) of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He is the Managing Director of Adelong Gold Ltd. Ian Holland has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person (CP) as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code).

