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# REPLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT HIGH GRADE COPPER MINERALISATION IDENTIFIED IN DRILLING AT KATTA TARGET



Askari Metals Limited (ASX: AS2) (“Askari” or “Company”) refers to its ASX announcement titled “High-Grade Copper Mineralisation in Drilling at Katta Target” as initially lodged with the ASX on 18 July 2025 (the “Announcement”).

The exploration results referred to in the Announcement were based on historical exploration undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) between 1969 and 1973.

The geological data reported by the Company in the Announcement is based on historical information extracted from the following reports:

- a report authored by the Eastern and Southern African Mineral Resources Development Centre, titled “Report on the Evaluation of Copper-Zinc-Gold Prospects in Katta Area, Western Ethiopia” and dated March 1983;
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cross sections and maps of drill holes to ensure accuracy and reliability. The Competent Person concluded that the cross sections and assay information were consistent with the drill logs and were the original documents that had been created at the time that the project was assigned to UNDP during which UNDP conducted the exploration.

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The Competent Person confirms that the exploration results referred to in accordance with Mining FAQ 36 remain accurate and reliable, and there is no further information available that would doubt the reliability or accuracy of the exploration results.

The Competent Person has not done sufficient work to report the exploration results in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC (2012) code. It is possible that further work may reduce the confidence in the pre-JORC (2012) exploration results, and the Company has not independently validated the exploration results to a JORC (2012) standard and accordingly cannot report, adopt or endorse those exploration results.

A replacement Announcement has been lodged with ASX as attached overleaf.

The key differences with the replacement Announcement include amendments to the cautionary statement contained in the body of the announcement together with key reporting considerations in relation to the application of Mining FAQ 36. The Company has included relevant information in consideration of this Mining FAQ 36 to provide an increased level of disclosure, and reminds investors and shareholders to read the additional disclosure in conjunction with the JORC (2012) Table 1 and 2 contained in the replacement Announcement.

**This announcement is authorised for release by the Board of Directors of Askari Metals Limited**

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Askari Metals is a focused Southern African exploration company. The Company is actively exploring and developing its Uis Lithium Project in Namibia located along the Cape-Cross – Uis Pegmatite Belt of Central Western Namibia. The Uis project is located within 2.5 km from the operating Uis Tin-Tantalum-Lithium Mine which is currently operated by Andrada Mining Ltd and is favourably located with the deep water port of Walvis Bay being less than 230 km away from the Uis project, serviced by all-weather sealed roads. In March 2023, the Company welcomed Lithium industry giant Huayou Cobalt onto the register who remains supportive of the Company's ongoing exploration initiatives.

The Company has also recently acquired the Matemanga Uranium Project in Southern Tanzania which is strategically located less than 70km south of the world-class Nyota Uranium Mine. Askari Metals is actively engaged in due diligence to acquire further uranium projects in this emerging tier-1 uranium province.

The Company is currently assessing its options for a suitable "value-add" divestment strategy of the Australian projects which includes highly prospective gold, copper and REE projects.

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# HIGH GRADE COPPER MINERALISATION IDENTIFIED IN DRILLING AT THE KATTA TARGET NEJO GOLD PROJECT, ETHIOPIA

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **High-grade copper mineralisation** identified in historic drilling at the recently acquired Nejo Gold Project
  - o Historic drilling identified **high-grade copper mineralisation across significant thickness** at the Katta Target, including:
    - **14.33m @ 3.2% Cu** at end of hole from a depth of 25.3m (UNDP\_03)
    - **35.51m @ 0.82% Cu** from a depth of 152.55m (UNDP\_04) – *hole drilled ~100m down dip*
  - o Historic exploration identified **6 copper bearing gossans** with 7 diamond drillholes completed at the Katta 2 Target
  - o **One mineralised gossan has a mapped strike length in excess of 600m**
  - o **The gossan is up to 30m wide and remains open along strike and depth**
- **District-scale 1,174km<sup>2</sup> advanced brownfields gold and copper project**
  - o Located in Central Western Ethiopia **on the highly prospective Arabian-Nubian Shield, one of the last underexplored mineral rich frontier belts hosting multiple large-scale gold and copper deposits**
  - o **Low geological risk** – 10 high-priority targets – drilling and trenching with limited follow up and **no systematic exploration – drill ready targets at Guji, Komto 1 and Komto 2**
- **Tier-1 Geological Setting:**
  - o Same Greenstone Belt as the **3.4-million-ounce Kurmuk Mine** (Allied Gold, TSX: AAUC)
  - o Surrounds the **1.7-million-ounce Tulu Kapi Mine** (Kefi Gold + Copper, LSE: KEFI)
  - o **Drill tested prospects** surrounding the **Tulu Kapi Mine** with **gold mineralised extensions identified** through historic exploration at Nejo
- **Extensive Exploration History**
  - o Over **~60km of prospective strike length** along the **Tulu Dimtu Shear Belt** with robust historical data including drilling, trenching, soil and rock sampling
- **Fast-Track to potential JORC Resource**
  - o Pathway to near-term potential **JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate** via systematic confirmatory drilling

## Commenting on the high-grade copper mineralisation at the Nejo Gold Project, Executive Director Gino D'Anna, stated:

*"Validating our acquisition strategy by analysing and digitising the historical exploration data has been our first priority at Nejo.*

*"The copper and base metal mineralisation data from our Katta Target, located on the northern-most licence, includes historical diamond drilling completed by UNDP between 1967 and 1973. This drilling identified high-grade copper mineralisation and reported intersections including **14.33m at an average grade of 3.2% Cu** from a depth of 25.3m as well as **14.54m at an average grade of 1.08% Cu** from a depth of 152.55m.*

*"Despite these high-grade intercepts across wide thicknesses, there is an absence of systematic exploration, and this is a key opportunity for Askari Metals to unlock the potential of these targets through modern, systematic and focused exploration.*

*"Nejo is a district-scale advanced brownfields gold and copper project and offers everything we look for in a flagship asset – scale, high-grade gold and copper upside, proven mineralisation, and proximity to major gold operations on a globally significant greenstone belt. With a large-scale landholding, extensive historical data, and clear targets, we have the ingredients to fast-track Nejo toward a maiden JORC resource.*

*"We are excited to unlock the full potential of this project and deliver meaningful exploration milestones in the near term and emerge as a major African Gold and Copper Developer."*

Askari Metals Limited (**ASX: AS2**) (**Askari** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide shareholders and investors with an update on the progress of the historical exploration data compilation program for the flagship advanced Nejo Gold Project (**Nejo** or the **Project**). Located in Central-Western Ethiopia and covering an area of ~1,174km<sup>2</sup>, the project is located on the highly prospective Arabian-Nubian Shield in Central-Western Ethiopia.

The data compilation program focused initially on evaluating the copper, gold and base metal potential of the historic Katta Target located on MOM\EL\00004\2022, being the northern-most licence that comprises the Nejo project (**Figure 1**).

Historical exploration across the Katta Target has confirmed copper, gold and base metal potential, given the prevalence of artisanal mines in the area targeting precious and base metals, with historic exploration including mapping, rock and soil sampling, trenching and diamond drilling.

Several outcropping copper-bearing gossans were identified and mapped over extensive strike lengths with one mineralised gossan exhibiting a strike length of ~600m, however only limited and sporadic exploration was completed. Despite the identification of high-grade mineralisation in previous exploration, including from diamond drilling, limited follow-up exploration has been undertaken.

The Company has been actively reviewing the historical exploration database to assess the opportunities for future exploration work, which includes detailed high-resolution magnetic surveys, geochemical surveys, trenching and follow-up drilling, optimising the location of drilling to intersect the interpreted steeply dipping copper mineralisation.



## High-Grade Copper Mineralisation Identified

The Nejo Gold Project is prospective for both high-grade gold and high-grade copper having had historical drilling, trenching and rock and soil sampling programs undertaken.

Since the 1930s, exploration within the Tulu Kapi mining area and within the extension zones has been carried out by a number of exploration companies including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ethiopian Mineral Survey Team which carried out exploration activities in the central Wollega area between 1967 and 1971.

Historic exploration undertaken at the Tulu Kapi mining area, and within the extension zones, included mapping, geophysics, geochemical sampling, remote sensing, trenching, drilling and other work.

These historical exploration activities generated a number of high-priority targets with recommendations for follow-up exploration, which was not conducted. This means that the Nejo Project remains a very underexplored opportunity in a known mineralised geological belt with significant exploration upside and potential, which can be realised from systematic and modern exploration.

### Diamond Drilling

In 1967, the Katta Target, located approximately 5km east of the town of Nejo, was assigned to UNDP for mineral exploration. Limited geochemical sampling was then followed rapidly with diamond drilling in 1968 in the Katta 1 area.

Findings from the first borehole and geochemical survey results established this area primarily as a copper-gold prospect. Wide coverage of the adjacent areas by geological mapping, geochemical sampling, geophysical survey and additional diamond drilling between 1970 and 1973 further established Cu-Zn-Au mineralisation over an area of 100km<sup>2</sup> with several surface showings in the form of gossans and limonitised outcrops.

UNDP identified six copper bearing gossans and drilled six diamond drillholes in the 1970's over a 600m strike of one gossan (Katta 2 Target). Geological mapping and drilling has identified that this gossan is up to 30m wide and remains open along strike and depth. No follow up exploration has been undertaken across this significant mineralised target.

A total of ten historical diamond drillholes were completed within the Katta area (**Appendix 2**), with two holes (UNDP\_01 and 02) in Katta 1, seven holes (UNDP\_03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 and 09A) in Katta 2 and one hole (UNDP\_07) in Katta 2 South.



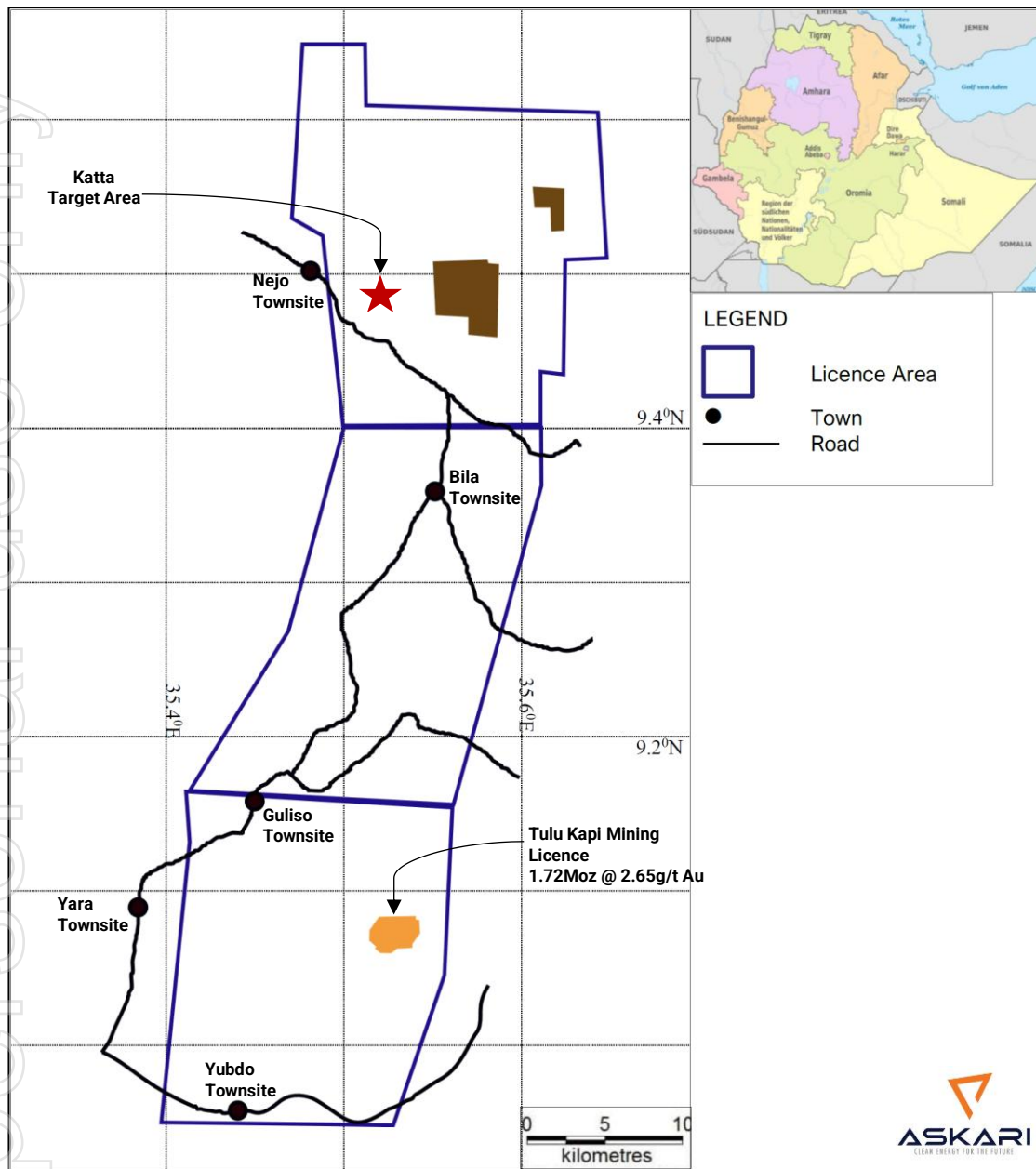


Figure 1: Location diagram of the Nejo Gold Project showing the position of the Katta Target within the northern exploration licence, approximately 5km from the town of Nejo. Coordinates are shown as degrees latitude and longitude.

### **Katta 1 Target Area**

Two overlapping diamond drillholes (UNDP\_01 and UNDP\_02) with a drilled length of 209 meters and 207 meters, respectively were drilled in Katta 1 in 1969 to primarily intersect reported surficial gold mineralisation at depth (**Appendix 2**). The only significant reported intersection in UNDP\_01 was 3.72m at an average grade of 0.40% Cu (from 178.5m depth) and a significant gold assay of 1.9g/t Au was obtained from an intersection measuring 1.07m (from 192.5m depth). Mineralisation grading 0.67% Cu in UNDP\_02 was intersected over 1.06m at a depth of 169.3m. Based on a historical review of the drillhole plans and field examination by UNDP, both UNDP\_01 and UNDP\_02 should have been located at least 100 meters to the north-east of their collared locations, in order to test the gold bearing quartz veins which are running in a NNE direction with a pitch towards the north.

### Katta 2 Target Area

Katta 2 Target is located approximately 1km to the northeast of Katta 1 (**Appendix 2**). When diamond drilling investigations moved to Katta 2 from Katta 1, more emphasis was put on base metal exploration rather than gold. Earlier preliminary geochemical sampling and geological mapping had detected copper mineralisation at Katta 2 Target. The first two diamond drillholes completed in this area across a gossan confirmed the existence of copper mineralisation.

Diamond drillhole UNDP\_03 in the Katta 2 Target intersected the oxidised and enriched zone at the base of the gossan at 45.72m with an intersection from sludge samples of **15.24m at an average grade of 2.8% Cu** from a depth of 45.72m, including a higher-grade zone of **14.33m at an average grade of 3.2% Cu**. The maximum assay value within the intersection went up to **7.5% Cu**. Core recovery was poor in the weathered rock and the hole was abandoned.

A second diamond drillhole, UNDP\_04 in the Katta 2 Target was positioned approximately 100m down dip aimed at testing the same mineralised zone at depth intersected the primary mineralised zone over a 43.59m length along the hole. The mineralised intersection within this hole was **35.51m at an average grade of 0.82% Cu** from a depth of 152.55m including **14.54m at an average grade of 1.08% Cu** from a depth of 152.55m and **6.1m at an average grade of 1.41% Cu** from a depth of 180.44m.

A cross section of diamond drillholes UNDP\_03 and UNDP\_04 is shown in **Figure 2**:

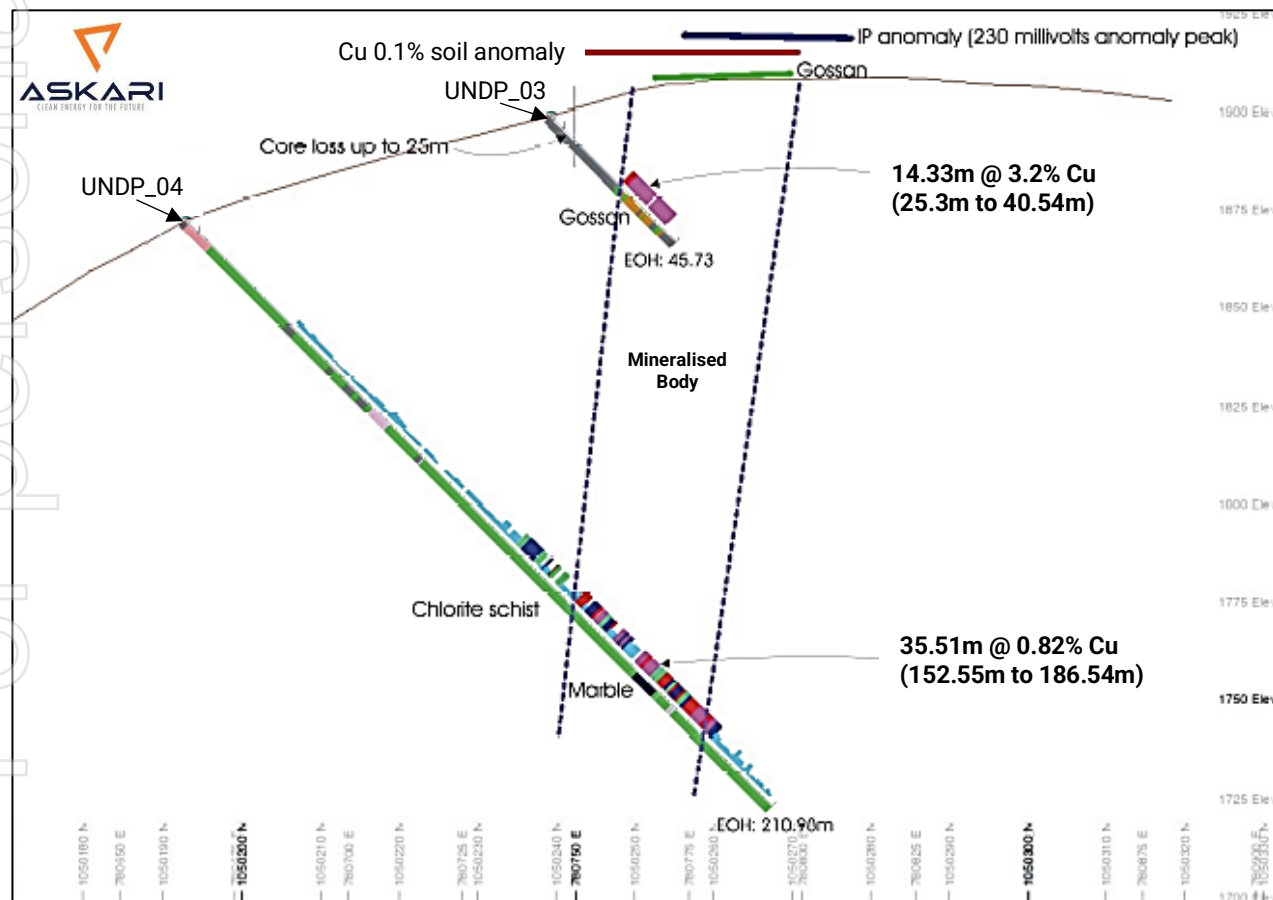


Figure 2: Cross section of UNDP\_03 and UNDP\_04 diamond drillholes within in the Katta 2 Target Area at the Nejo Gold Project, Ethiopia. UNDP\_03 and UNDP\_04 were drilled in 1972 to test copper and other base mineral potential in the area and to determine the geological environment hosting the different types of mineralisation. Sourced from Kefi Minerals plc, NewGenGold Conference 2017 presentation, Tula Kapi Gold Project: A History of "Repeated" Discoveries in Western Ethiopia. The drilling completed has been to a standard consistent with reporting under the requirements of the JORC (2012) Code.

Drillholes UNDP\_05 and UNDP\_06 were collared to the south of these holes but failed to intersect the thick mineralised zone along its interpreted strike. However, both of these diamond drillholes were located towards the west-south-west of the steeply dipping mineralised zone and are interpreted to have been terminated before reaching the target. Follow-up drilling should be located closer to the gossan exposure at surface in order to intersect the mineralised structure.

UNDP\_09 was abandoned and UNDP\_09A was sited at the same collar location. It is interpreted that UNDP\_09A was collared too close to the gossan. As a consequence, a partially oxidised mineralised zone was encountered from 19.35 to 39.90 metres depth in this diamond drillhole, just at the base of the overburden. Based on an interpretation of the geological trend of the gossans, another diamond drillhole should be drilled from WSW of UNDP\_09 and UNDP\_09A in the same alignment, in order to intersect the mineralised zone at depth in the primary mineralised zone.

### **Katta 2 South Target Area**

Diamond drillhole UNDP\_07 is reported to have been collared approximately 800 metres to the southeast of Katta 2 Target, to the west of the southern limit of the mapped gossans but the specific hole collar coordinate is unknown. The hole was closed off at 320 metres depth after intersecting interbedded graphitic phyllite, sericite schist, green schist and conglomerate calcareous grey phyllites containing specks of pyrite and chalcopyrite. The host rock of mineralisation of the Katta 2 area, namely greenschist started to appear in the drill core towards the end of the hole. Based on the location of the gossans, UNDP concluded that UNDP\_07 should have been located about 200 metres to the east of the collared location to properly test the target area.

The anomalous zones in the Katta 2 South target area are yet to be effectively explored with diamond drilling. Although Katta 2 South occurs in southern continuity of Katta 2, it is clear that Katta 2 South has to be treated as an independent prospect, and it is apparently separated from Katta 2 by at least one cross-fault and the host rocks are affected by intense folding and deformation.

### **Conclusion**

High-grade copper mineralisation has been intersected in UNDP\_03 and UNDP\_04, however the Katta 1, Katta 2 and Katta 2 South target areas remain very underexplored despite the positive results generated from the initial preliminary exploration.

Historical exploration drilling by UNDP at the Katta Target was not optimally executed and adjustments to the collar location and positioning of the diamond drillholes would be expected to have a positive material impact on the exploration results.

In addition, it is expected that modern systematic exploration at the Katta 1, Katta 2 and Katta 2 South areas including detailed high-resolution magnetic geophysical surveys, soil sampling geochemical surveys, trenching and gridded RC and diamond drilling (*where warranted*) will materially improve the known extent of copper and gold mineralised zones in this target area.

The Company has reviewed the historical exploration database as well as the geological maps and geochemical concentration maps to design a suitable follow up drilling campaign to effectively and efficiently test the copper and gold mineralisation in the Katta Target area. Close spaced soil geochemical surveys would also be completed as a precursor to follow-up drilling to adequately map the anomalous zones and ensure optimal drillhole positioning and orientation. In addition to those documented target areas within the Katta Target, there remains six other target areas that remain



underexplored which demonstrate copper and zinc anomalism identified in previously completed soil geochemical sampling surveys and geophysical surveys. These target areas include Tulu Chuchu, Katta 6, Adare North, Kutala Area, North-west-Prospect and Southern Prospect.

The Company is planning to undertake initial exploration activities including mapping and sampling at these other targets to prioritise future exploration.

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The positions of the reported historical drill hole collars are poorly constrained ( $\pm 10$  to 20 meters). Collar locations are based on estimated positions relative to a local grid established for the Katta Target at the time of exploration by UNDP. The location of the local grid is based on topographic maps shown in the historical Reports. Subsequently the hole coordinates were referenced to a modern metric survey datum but the process of conversion is not documented. The relative locations of the drill holes at the Katta 1 and 2 Targets are reported but the collar coordinates of the hole completed at the Katta 2 South targets is not known.

Sampling from the drill holes was completed using (i) sludge samples and (ii) cut drill core. Sludge from the drill holes was collected from the collars over 10 foot (3.05m) intervals and assayed for Cu only as indication of mineralisation abundance. Sludge samples are considered to be lower reliability than core samples due to poor locational control and potential for cross-contamination and/or sample bias. Half core was collected where mineralisation was identified, over non-uniform, geologically controlled intervals. Sampling is considered to have been carried out using industry-standard practice.

The methods of sample preparation, sample analysis, QA / QC procedures and sample security are unknown. However, these are considered to have been consistent with standard practice at the time of the work and appropriate for the level of exploration being undertaken.

The Reports contain the original assay data for the drill holes discussed in this announcement and significant assay intersections above 0.4% Cu cut-off grade have been disclosed. In some instances, analytical data is incomplete and where that is the case, the Competent Person has not reported any information that could not otherwise be validated or verified.

Future exploration programs completed by Askari will involve, amongst other activities, confirmatory drilling (diamond and reverse circulation) as well as geophysical surveys, geochemical sampling, rock chip sampling, trenching and geological mapping designed to validate historic results to enable compliance with the latest framework for reporting of exploration results, including full disclosure of any analytical information.

The geology of the Nejo Gold Project is well understood, and a substantial database has been developed. The Competent Person has no reason to consider that the historical results cannot be relied upon subject to the uncertainties associated with historical reporting. This information is considered to be reliable and continues to be current.

No additional information, recent estimates or relevant data has been reported or is available to the Company, which would create uncertainty over the reliability of the existing exploration results.



## Nejo Gold Project – Advanced Brownfields Mine Extension Exploration

The Nejo Gold Project is made up of three contiguous granted exploration licences which surround the 1.7-million-ounce Kefi Gold + Copper owned and operated Tulu Kapi Project. The exploration licences have recently been renewed with an expiry date of 23 March 2028.

### Key Project Information:

**Status:** The Nejo Gold Project is considered to be an advanced brownfields mine extension exploration project and is known to host extensions of the high-grade Tulu Kapi gold mineralisation.

**Commodities:** The Nejo Gold Project is prospective for both high-grade gold and high-grade copper having been historically explored including drilling, trenching and rock sampling.

### Location:

- ~520km from Addis Ababa and accessible via a sealed highway.
- ~9 km south of the village of Kelley on the main road from Gimbi to Dembi.
- Ayra and Gimbi, about 20 kilometers west of the project, are accessible by road
- Located on the same Greenstone Belt as the 3.4-million-ounce Kurmuk project owned by Allied Gold (TSX: AAUC) and surrounds the 1.7-million-ounce Tulu Kapi project owned by Kefi Gold + Copper (LSE: KEFI)

Road transportation is available to all major population centres, ensuring that access to a trained work force and the necessary equipment required for exploration and development is readily available.

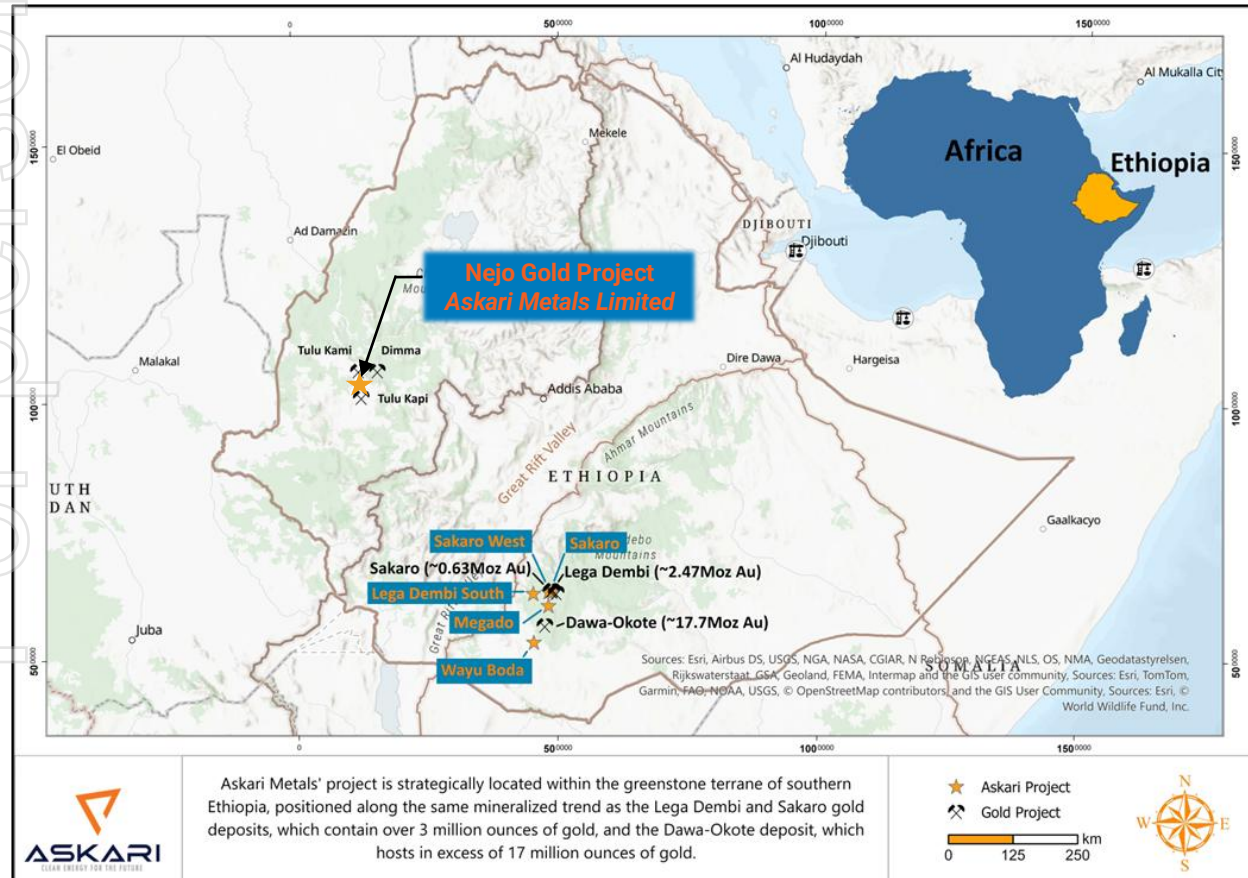
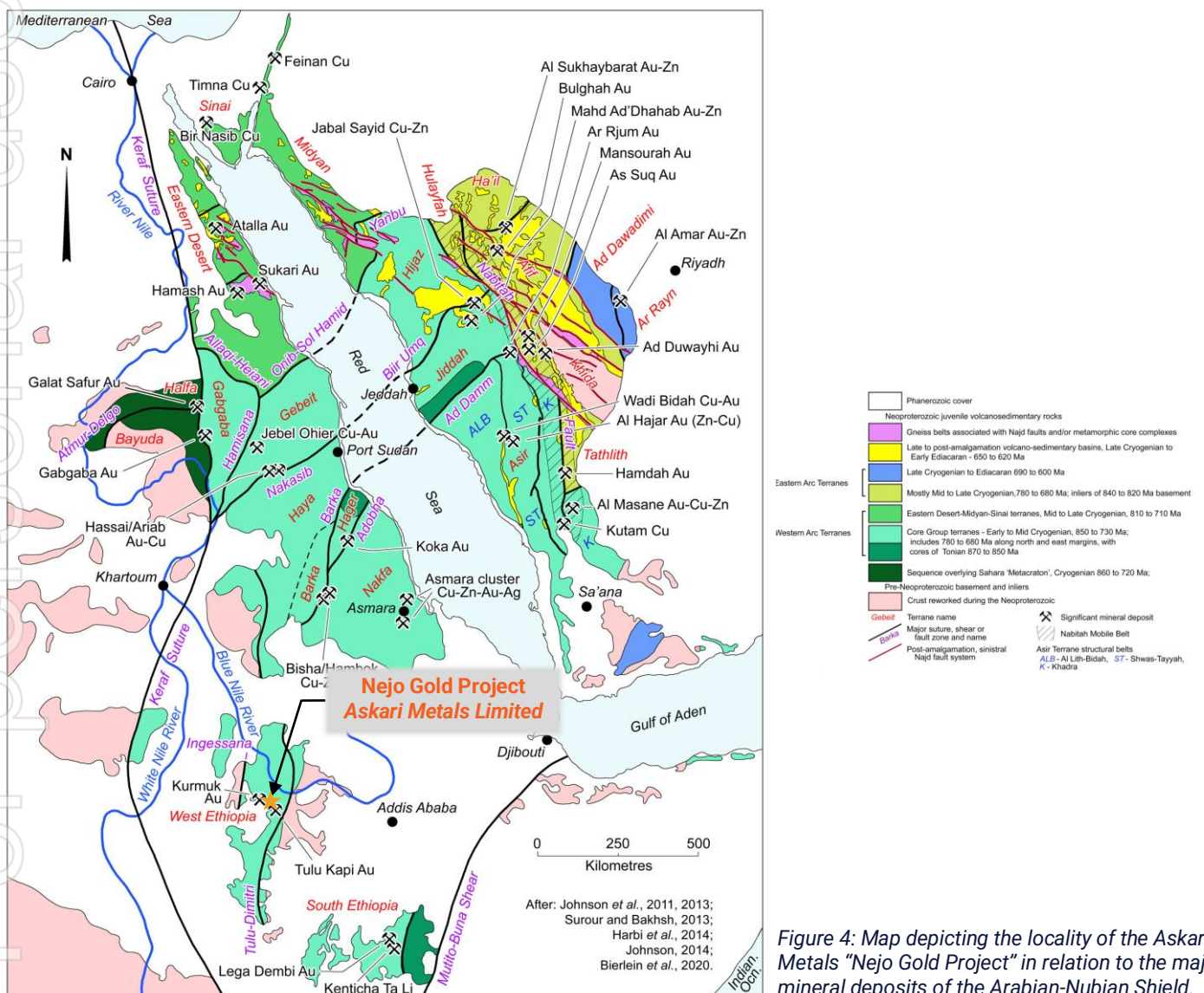


Figure 3: Map depicting the locality of the Askari Metals "Nejo Gold Project" in relation to the major gold deposits of Ethiopia.

## The Arabian-Nubian Shield – A Prolific Belt of World Class Mineral Endowment

The Arabian-Nubian Shield spans over 2.7 million square kilometres, covering Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. Despite its vast extent, the region remains largely unexplored despite hosting significant mineralisation, including Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) deposits, porphyry Cu-Au systems, and orogenic Au deposits. Several major mining operations highlight its resource potential. In Egypt, Centamin's Sukari mine hosts 11 Moz Au, while in Saudi Arabia, Barrick's Jabal Sayid project contains 30 Mt Cu. Sudan's Block 14, operated by Perseus, hosts 3 Moz Au, and Eritrea's Bisha mine, formerly run by Nevsun, contains approximately 67 Mt of Au, Cu, Ag, and Zn.<sup>1</sup> Ethiopia hosts multiple significant deposits, including Allied Gold's Kurmuk project with resources of 3.4 Moz Au at 1.6 g/t, Kefi's Tulu Kapi deposit with 1.7 Moz Au at 2.6 g/t, and Midroc's Lega Dembi mine with 2.5 Moz Au.<sup>2</sup>



- 1 Refer to [Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Report 2024](#) for further information about the Sukari Mine in Egypt. Refer to [Barrick Mining Corporation - 2024 Mineral Reserves & Resources](#) for further information in relation to the Jabal Sayid project in Saudi Arabia. Refer to [Meyas Sand Gold Project – Sudan – Perseus Mining](#) for further information in relation to the Block 14 project in Sudan. Refer to [Key Projects-Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.](#) in relation to the Bisha Mine in Eritrea.
- 2 Refer to [Allied Gold Corporation - Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources](#) in relation to the Kurmuk Mine in Ethiopia. Refer to [Resources/Reserves | KEFI Gold and Copper](#) in relation to the Tulu Kapi Mine in Ethiopia. Refer to [PorterGeo Database - Ore Deposit Description](#) for further information in relation to the Lega Dembi Mine in Ethiopia.

The Nejo Gold Project is situated within the central-western Arabian-Nubian Shield (ANS), a Neoproterozoic continental block formed during the Pan-African orogeny (870–550 Ma) as part of the East African Orogen.

The ANS is a prolific mineral belt and it is richly endowed with several mineralisation types linked to its arc-accretion history. VMS deposits such as the Bisha-Hambok cluster (Eritrea) and Hassai (Sudan) are arc-related, while porphyry Cu-Au systems like Jebel Ohier (Sudan) are associated with post-collisional intrusions. Orogenic gold mineralisation occurs in shear-zone-hosted quartz veins, including Ethiopia's Adola Belt and Egypt's Sukari deposit.

## Tulu Dimtu Shear Belt – A Significant Source of Gold and Copper

The Nejo Gold Project is located within the eastern part of the Arabian-Nubian Shield, in the southern region of the Tulu Dimtu Shear Belt. It is composed of Neoproterozoic granite and ophiolite suites. Weakly metamorphosed volcano-sedimentary strata were intruded by pan-African granites, with minor basic-ultrabasic intrusions. The Tulu Dimtu Shear Belt, the Keraf Shear Belt and Nugrus Shear Belt in the Arabian-Nubian Shield region host several globally significant copper and gold deposits. A series of VMS deposits and orogenic gold deposits have been discovered in these areas.

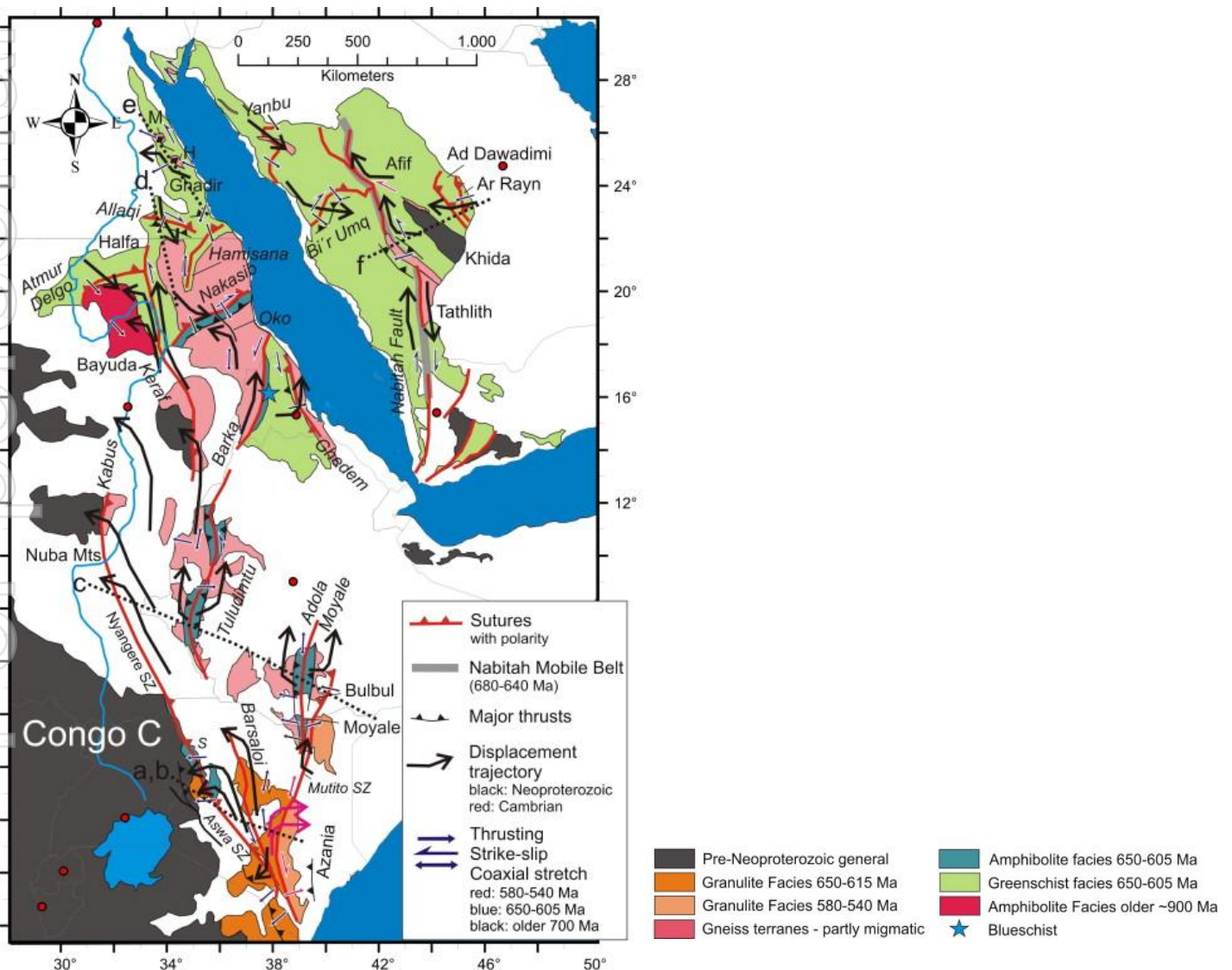


Figure 5: Structural and metamorphic map of the northern East African Orogen. Displacement trajectories are shown combining successive deformation phases. Sutures and major faults are labelled in italics.

The Tulu Dimtu belt is characterised by a sequence of metasedimentary rocks interlayered with mafic to ultramafic volcanic and intrusive rocks, all of which have been metamorphosed to upper greenschist/amphibolite facies during the closure of the East African Orogen between the east and west Gondwana cratonic blocks.

The Nejo Gold Project lies within the western part of this shear belt and is host to gold mineralisation which is similar to other gold mineralisation within the belt, and which is associated with major regional fault and fracture systems.

### **Future Work and Planned Exploration**

Askari is committed to a strategic, low-cost exploration approach, designed to efficiently identify and advance high-potential drill targets, commencing with:

- Compilation of the historic exploration database (*ongoing*);
- An initial field reconnaissance site visit to verify the historic drilling and trenching that has been completed to date at the Nejo Gold Project;
- Extensive field exploration including mapping, trenching, soil surveys and sampling;
- Initial drilling at the high priority targets which have been identified through previous exploration, including validation and verification drilling (RC and diamond); and
- Advancing the Nejo Gold Project to the definition of a JORC (2012) Mineral Resource through systematic exploration and drilling.

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## ABOUT ASKARI METALS

Askari Metals is a focused Southern African exploration company. The Company is actively exploring and developing its Uis Lithium Project in Namibia located along the Cape-Cross – Uis Pegmatite Belt of Central Western Namibia. The Uis project is located within 2.5 km from the operating Uis Tin-Tantalum-Lithium Mine which is currently operated by Andrada Mining Ltd and is favourably located with the deep water port of Walvis Bay being less than 230 km away from the Uis project, serviced by all-weather sealed roads. In March 2023, the Company welcomed Lithium industry giant Huayou Cobalt onto the register who remains supportive of the Company's ongoing exploration initiatives.

The Company has also recently acquired the Matemanga Uranium Project in Southern Tanzania which is strategically located less than 70km south of the world-class Nyota Uranium Mine. Askari Metals is actively engaged in due diligence to acquire further uranium projects in this emerging tier-1 uranium province.

The Company is currently assessing its options for a value-add divestment strategy of the Australian projects which includes highly prospective gold, copper, lithium and REE projects.

For more information please visit: [www.askarimetals.com](http://www.askarimetals.com)

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This document contains forward-looking statements concerning Askari Metals Limited. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact and actual events and results may differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking information provided by the Company, or on behalf of, the Company. Such factors include, among other things, risks relating to additional funding requirements, metal prices, exploration, development and operating risks, competition, production risks, regulatory restrictions, including environmental regulation and liability and potential title disputes.

Forward looking statements in this document are based on the Company's beliefs, opinions and estimates of Askari Metals Limited as of the dates the forward-looking statements are made, and no obligation is assumed to update forward looking statements if these beliefs, opinions and estimates should change or to reflect other future developments.

## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results at the Katta Target, part of the Nejo Gold Project is based on and fairly represents information compiled by Mr Lachlan Reynolds, a Competent Person who is a member of both the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists.

Mr. Reynolds is the principal of Sianora Pty Ltd and is employed as a technical consultant by Askari Metals Limited. Mr Reynolds 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 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. Reynolds consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



**Appendix 1 – JORC Code, 2012 Edition, Table 1 report**

**Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data (Criteria in this section applies 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 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.</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 mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling was undertaken using industry-standard practices including half cut drill core and sludge sampling from diamond drilling</li> <li>Given the historical nature of the drilling, no information is available about sample representivity and any tool calibration</li> <li>The diamond drill core has not been inspected, nor has an assessment been made of the quality of sampling techniques.</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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diamond drilling conducted using industry-standard techniques at the date of drilling, being between 1967 and 1973</li> <li>Core sizes were typically NX (54mm core diameter) and BX (42mm core diameter)</li> <li>Drill hole information can be found in the body and appendices of the announcement</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given the historical nature of the drilling, no information is available about sample recoveries for specific drill programs</li> <li>Core loss from diamond drill holes is recorded on historical drill logs and shown on cross sections</li> <li>Significant core loss is recorded in the upper parts of the drill holes, within the weathered regolith.</li> <li>No bias was noted between sample recovery and grade</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geological logs were completed for the drill holes</li> <li>Qualitative logging of lithology, alteration, mineralisation, regolith and veining was undertaken</li> <li>The level of detail logged is not sufficient to support any further technical studies</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information is available for sample preparation techniques</li> <li>Sludge from the drill holes was collected over 10 foot (3.05m) and assayed for Cu only as indication of mineralisation abundance. Sludge samples are considered to be lower reliability than core samples due to poor locational control and potential for cross-</li> </ul>



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
		contamination or sample bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half core was collected where mineralisation was identified, over non-uniform, geologically controlled and locally selective intervals</li> <li>• Sampling appears to have been carried out using industry-standard practise</li> <li>• The sample size is considered appropriate for the material being sampled</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>• Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No information is available regarding the nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures.</li> <li>• Procedures are considered industry-standard for the time</li> <li>• Drill core and sludge samples were sent for assay in South Africa but the specific laboratory is unknown</li> <li>• No information is available regarding quality control procedures adopted. QAQC procedures are considered industry-standard for the time</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>• Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>• Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Company has reported significant mineralised intersections where they are available. Where mineralisation information is not available or incomplete, it has not been reported upon</li> <li>• No twinned holes were identified from the data reviewed, although given the early stage of exploration this is to be expected</li> <li>• No adjustments have been made to original assay data other than conversion of intersection depths from imperial to metric measurements</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling was originally undertaken using the local grid system established at the time of the historical work and the collar locations are estimated from relevant maps</li> <li>• The approximate position and orientation of the local grid can be inferred from local topographic maps included in the historical reports</li> <li>• Referencing of the collar coordinates to a modern survey datum was completed by subsequent exploration companies but the process of conversion is not documented</li> <li>• The metric grid is based on WGS84 datum and UTM Zone 36N projection</li> <li>• Diamond drilling pre-dates the utilisation of any type of handheld GPS system and the accuracy of the hole collar surveys is therefore considered to be poor (<math>\pm 10</math> to 20 metres)</li> <li>• No field validation has been undertaken by the Company</li> <li>• No downhole surveys were recorded for the drilling</li> <li>• Topographic control is considered adequate for the early stage of exploration</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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drillhole spacing is highly variable over the Katta Target with drilling only to test the historical workings and outcropping mineralised gossans</li> <li>• There has been insufficient sampling and no significant results to date to support the</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	<p>appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<p>estimation of a resource. It is unknown if additional exploration will result in the definition of a Mineral Resource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assays have been composited into significant intersections</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill holes were angled perpendicular to the strike of the geology as interpreted at the time of drilling</li> <li>Intersections are reported as down hole lengths; true width is unknown</li> <li>No orientation-based sampling bias is known at this time</li> <li>Drillhole collar locations can be significantly improved based on an expanded understanding of the geology and structures</li> </ul>
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reported exploration results are historical and details of measures taken for the chain of custody of samples is unknown for the previous explorers' activities</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<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>Reported exploration results are historical and no audits of the sampling techniques and data have been completed</li> <li>The Company will be compiling the historic exploration data from various sources to validate the exploration results</li> </ul>

**Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results (Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<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>Askari Metals Limited is acquiring 100% of the issued share capital of Hong Kong Xingxu Mining International Investment Co, Ltd. (<b>Xingxu Mining</b>)</li> <li>Xingxu Mining owns the following granted exploration licences, which are located in Central Western Ethiopia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOM\EL\00004\2022</li> <li>MOM\EL\00005\2022</li> <li>MOM\EL\00006\2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>The exploration licences expire on 23 March 2028 and are subject to a further renewal of a three-year term before application can be made for a Mining Licence.</li> </ul>
Exploration done by other parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the body of this announcement</li> </ul>

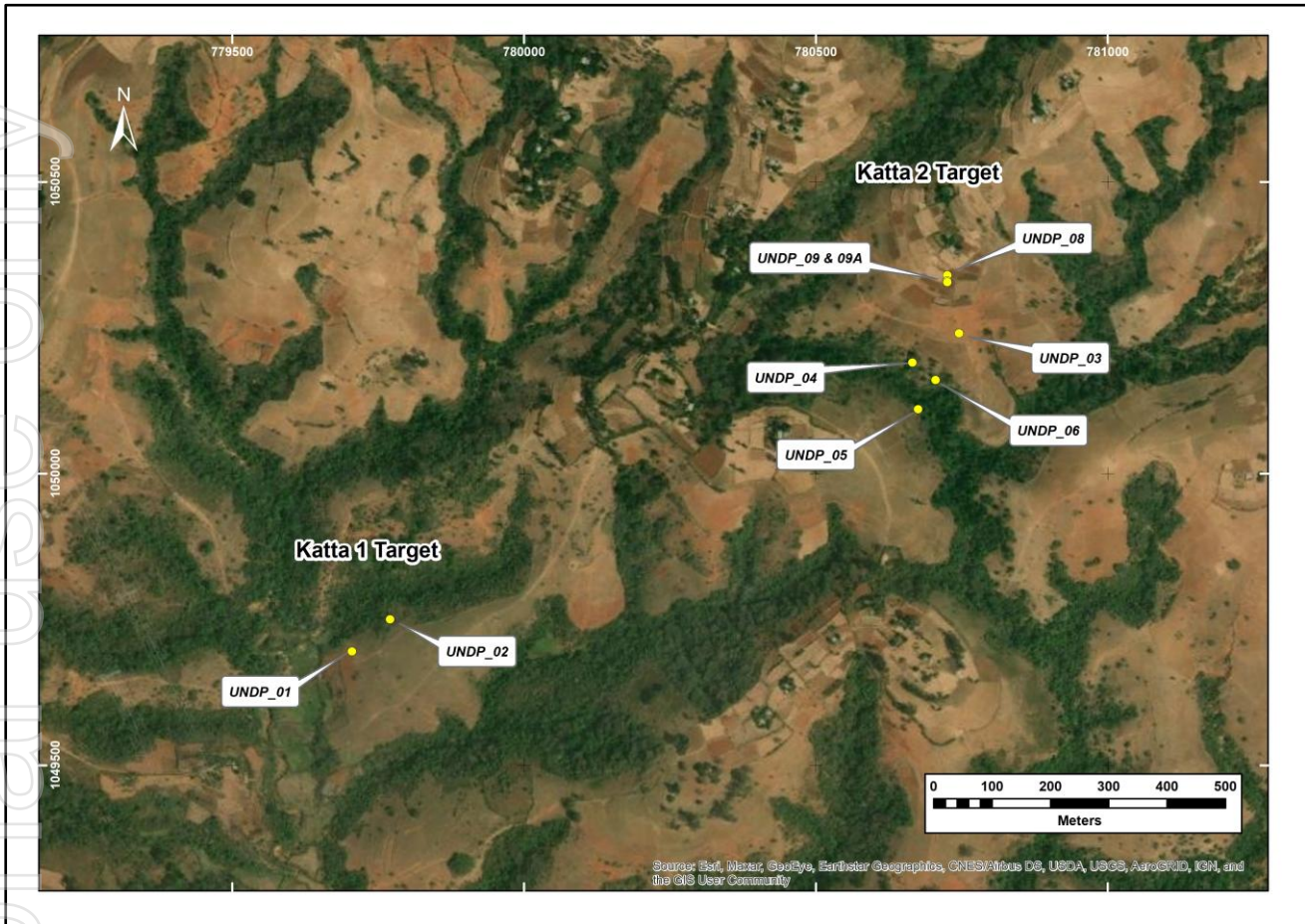


Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit types include: 1) orogenic gold and 2) gold-bearing volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) deposits occurring within low-grade metamorphic rocks of the Neoproterozoic Arabian-Nubian Shield, in the northern part of the East African Orogen.</li> <li>The ANS features gold in alluvium, ultramafic rocks, and banded-iron formations, but it is primarily found in structurally-controlled gold-bearing quartz veins, VMS deposits, and oxide gold zones above these deposits. The weathered oxide caps, which undergo oxidation and supergene processes resulting in gold-rich gossans are particularly rich in gold, making them highly valuable.</li> <li>Orogenic gold is prevalent in the ANS, with modern operations at Sukari, Lega Dembi, and Sakaro. Over twenty companies are currently active in mining and exploration for gold-bearing VMS deposits are being explored in the northern Eastern Desert, northern Sudan, Eritrea, and northern Ethiopia, as well as near existing mines at Bisha and Ariab Mineral District. Exploration for orogenic gold is ongoing along the Keraf and Nakasib sutures in Sudan, north-trending shear zones in plutons and green-stone belts in Eritrea and Ethiopia, and northwest-trending shear zones in Egypt.</li> </ul>
Drill hole Information	<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:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A tabulation of drilling information is provided in the body and the appendices of the announcement</li> <li>Given the age of the drilling and lack of modern coordinate data, the Company will validate the location of the drill hole collars where possible through inspection in the field</li> </ul>
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg 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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length weighted average grades are reported</li> <li>Significant intersections are based on a cut off grade of 0.4% copper and 1 g/t Au</li> <li>No cutting of high grades have been applied</li> <li>No metal equivalent or data aggregation reporting has been applied</li> </ul>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<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 mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new drill hole results are reported</li> <li>Mineralisation widths are reported based on based on historical source references</li> <li>Only downhole lengths are reported</li> <li>The exact geometry of the mineralisation is not known as such true width of mineralisation is not known</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Diagrams	<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 plans and sections are included in the body and appendices of the announcement.</li> </ul>
Balanced reporting	<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 results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant exploration drill results are included in this announcement.</li> <li>Some of the analytical data is incomplete and therefore results have only been reported upon where the information is complete.</li> <li>Analytical results for UNDP_01 and UNDP_02 and UNDP_08 are incomplete.</li> </ul>
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>Historical exploration drilling, geochemical sampling and geophysical surveys (and associated activities) have been undertaken on the project.</li> <li>No other modifying factors have been investigated at this stage.</li> <li>There is no other substantive exploration data to report.</li> </ul>
Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the body of this announcement.</li> <li>Further work includes:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compilation of the historic exploration database (<i>ongoing</i>);</li> <li>An initial field reconnaissance site visit to verify the historic drilling and trenching that has been completed to date at the Nejo Gold Project;</li> <li>Extensive field exploration including mapping, trenching, soil surveys and sampling;</li> <li>Initial drilling at the high priority targets which have been identified through previous exploration, including validation and verification drilling (RC and diamond); and</li> <li>Advancing the Nejo Gold Project to the definition of a JORC (2012) Mineral Resource through systematic exploration and drilling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Appendix 2 – Diamond Drillhole Location Map – UNDP Katta 1 & 2 Target Drilling



**Table 1: Summary of UNDP diamond drill holes completed at the Katta Target**

Hole ID	Target Area	Collar Coordinates <sup>1</sup>				Dip (°)	Azimuth <sup>2</sup>	EOH Depth (m)
		Local North (m)	Local East (m)	UTM North (m)	UTM East (m)			
UNDP_01	Katta 1	NA	NA	1,049,695	779,705	-43	N60°E	209
UNDP_02	Katta 1	NA	NA	1,049,750	779,770	-43	N60°E	207
UNDP_03	Katta 2	392S	002E	1,050,240	780,745	-45	N50°E	46 (Abandoned)
UNDP_04	Katta 2	413S	104W	1,050,190	780,665	-45	N60°E	211
UNDP_05	Katta 2	505S	083W	1,050,110	780,675	-45	N60°E	165
UNDP_06	Katta 2	450S	050W	1,050,160	780,705	-45	N70°E	130
UNDP_07	Katta 2 South	NA	NA	NA	NA	-43	N60°W	320
UNDP_08	Katta 2	292S	002W	1,050,340	780,725	-50	N70°E	237
UNDP_09	Katta 2	300S	020W	1,050,330	780,725	-45	N70° E	73 (Abandoned)
UNDP_09A	Katta 2	303S	020W	1,050,328	780,725	-45	N70°E	127

<sup>1</sup> Local coordinates are relative to a local grid established by UNDP for the Katta Target area. Metric coordinates are estimated from the available historical reports and are based on the standard WGS84 datum and UTM Zone 38 projection. Accuracy of the collar coordinates is considered to be poor ( $\pm 10$  to 20m). Field verification of the collars is required to obtain an accurate survey position relative to a modern datum. Specific coordinates are not known for drillhole UNDP\_07.

<sup>2</sup> Drill hole azimuth is relative to a local grid north established for the Katta Target area.

Note that appropriate rounding of values has been applied.



**Table 2: Significant intersections from diamond drilling completed at the Katta Target**

Hole ID	Downhole Depth <sup>1</sup>		Intersection <sup>2</sup>	Assay Grade <sup>3</sup>		Comment
	From (m)	To (m)		Cu (%)	Au (ppm)	
UNDP_01	178.5	182.2	3.7	0.40		
	192.5	193.6	1.1		1.9	
UNDP_02	169.3	170.4	1.1	0.67		
UNDP_03 including	45.7	60.9	15.2	2.8		Sludge samples at 1.5 to 3m intervals
	25.3	40.5	14.3	3.2		
UNDP_04 Including and	152.6	188.1	35.5	0.82		
	152.6	167.1	14.5	1.08		
	180.4	186.5	6.1	1.41		
UNDP_05	No significant intersections					
UNDP_06	No significant intersections					
UNDP_07	No assays reported					
UNDP_08	No assays reported					
UNDP_09	No significant intersections					
UNDP_09A	No significant intersections					

<sup>1</sup> Downhole depths have been converted from feet to metres where appropriate.

<sup>2</sup> Intersection lengths are based on downhole depths. The geometry of the mineralised zone is not well constrained and true width is not known.

<sup>3</sup> Reported intersections are based on length weighted average grades. Significant intersections are based on grades greater than 0.4% Cu and 1.0 ppm Au.

Note that appropriate rounding of values has been applied.



Appendix 3 – Mining FAQ 36 Requirements

<p><b>Bullet Point # 1</b></p>	<p>the Exploration Results have been reported by the former owner rather than the acquirer</p>	<p>The exploration results contained in the announcement are based on exploration and diamond drilling undertaken by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) between 1969 and 1973.</p>
<p><b>Bullet Point # 2</b></p>	<p>the source and date of Exploration Results</p>	<p>In 1967, the Katta Target was assigned to UNDP for mineral exploration. Limited geochemical sampling was then followed rapidly with diamond drilling in 1968 in the Katta 1 area.</p> <p>Findings from the first borehole and geochemical survey results established this area primarily as a copper-gold prospect. Wide coverage of the adjacent areas by geological mapping, geochemical sampling, geophysical survey and additional diamond drilling between 1970 and 1973 further established Cu-Zn-Au mineralisation over an area of 100km<sup>2</sup> with several surface showings in the form of gossans and limonitised outcrops.</p> <p>UNDP identified six copper bearing gossans and drilled six effective diamond drillholes in the 1970's over a 600m strike of one gossan (Katta 2 Target). Geological mapping and drilling has identified that this gossan is up to 30m wide and remains open along strike and depth. No follow up exploration has been undertaken across this significant mineralised target.</p> <p>A total of ten historical diamond drillholes were completed within the Katta area (Appendix 2), with two holes (UNDP_01 and 02) in Katta 1, seven holes (UNDP_03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 and 09A) in Katta 2 and one hole (UNDP_07) in Katta 2 South.</p> <p>The geological data that has been evaluated and validated by the Company in preparation of this announcement is based on historical information extracted from the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a report authored by the Eastern and Southern African Mineral Resources Development Centre, titled "Report on the Evaluation of Copper-Zinc-Gold Prospects in Katta Area, Western Ethiopia" and dated March 1983;</li> <li>• a report authored by Alemayehu Berhe, titled "Integrated Geophysical Methods in Base Metal Exploration and</li> </ul>

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Studies of Shear Structures in Katta II, Wollega” and dated June 1998;

- a report authored by George R. Kent, titled “Exploration Results on the Kata Primary Gold Occurrence” and dated 25 February 1970;
- a report authored by R. F. Ball, titled “Kata II: A Brief Assessment of Drill Holes 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 9A” and titled 1 October 1982; and
- a report authored by JCI (Ethiopia) PLC, titled “Katta – Gulliso Exploration Licence, Final Report for the First Year Exploration” and dated October 1998.

collectively, the “Reports”.

The Reports outline the drill hole information, assay results, drill logs, cross sections and other pertinent geological and technical information which was validated and verified by the Competent Person.

In addition to relying on information contained in the Reports, the Company has relied on information contained in the following public releases:

**Kefi Gold + Copper Limited, LSE: KEFI**

- Kefi Minerals – New Gen Gold Conference Presentation – 14 November 2017
- March 2025 – Tulu Kapi Gold Project Overview
- 121 Cape Town 3-4 February 2025 Presentation
- Kefi Minerals Presentation - Tulu Kapi Gold Project: A History Of “Repeated” Discoveries in Western Ethiopia
- Kefi Minerals Research Report (New Gen Gold Paper, 2017) - Tulu Kapi Gold Project: A history of repeated discoveries in Western Ethiopia
- Kefi website - Tulu Kapi | KEFI Gold and Copper

**Allied Gold Corp, TSX: AAUC**

- NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Kurmuk Gold Project, Ethiopia. Prepared for Allied Gold Corp and Mondavi Ventures Ltd (to be renamed Allied Gold Corporation) by Datamine Australia Pty. Ltd. (Snowden Optiro). 9 June 2023

Refer to the various sources contained in the body of this announcement.



<p><b>Bullet Point # 3</b></p>	<p>which edition of the JORC Code they were reported under and the fact that the reporting of those Exploration Results may not conform to the requirements in the JORC Code 2012</p>	<p>The historical exploration results were documented prior to the introduction of Appendix 5A of the ASX Listing Rules, being the JORC Code. The reporting of those exploration results therefore may not conform to the requirements of the JORC (2012) Code.</p>
<p><b>Bullet Point # 4</b></p>	<p>the acquirer's view on the reliability of the Exploration Results, including by reference to any of the criteria in Table 1 the JORC Code 2012 which are relevant to understanding the reliability of the Exploration Results</p>	<p>The positions of the reported historical drill hole collars are poorly constrained. Collar locations are based on estimated positions relative to a local grid established for the Katta Target at the time of exploration by UNDP. The location of the local grid is based on topographic maps shown in the historical reports. The collar coordinates were subsequently referenced to a modern datum but the process of this conversion is not recorded. Relative locations of the drill holes at the Katta 1 and 2 Targets are reported but the collar coordinates of a hole completed at Katta 2 South target is not known.</p> <p>Sampling from the drill holes was completed using 1) sludge samples and 2) cut drill core. Sludge from the drill holes was collected over 10 foot (3.05m) and assayed for Cu only as indication of mineralisation abundance. Sludge samples are considered to be lower reliability than core samples due to poor locational control and potential for cross-contamination and/or sample bias. Half core was collected where mineralisation was identified, over non-uniform, geologically controlled intervals. Sampling is considered to have been carried out using industry-standard practise.</p> <p>The method of sample preparation, sample analysis, QA / QC procedures and sample security are unknown. However, these are considered to have been consistent with standard practice at the time of the work and appropriate for the level of exploration being undertaken.</p> <p>Consistency checks were undertaken between the database and the original data sources. No material inconsistencies were identified, and the data was deemed satisfactory for reporting purposes in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC (2012) Code.</p> <p>In some instances, analytical data is incomplete and where that is the case information that could not otherwise be validated or verified is not reported.</p>

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		<p>The Competent Person undertook a number of validation checks to ensure compliance with the JORC (2012) Code including identifying areas of limitation and areas that required field validation by the Company as part of its ongoing exploration activities at the Katta Target. Such validation checks consisted of reviewing and cross referencing drill logs and assay data sheets (where available) with the hand-drawn cross sections and maps of drill holes to ensure consistency. The Competent Person concluded that the cross sections and assay information were consistent with the drill logs.</p> <p>The Competent Person undertook consistency checks between the database and the original data sources. No material inconsistencies were identified, and the data was deemed satisfactory for reporting purposes in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC (2012) Code. The Competent Person has concluded that the exploration results are reliable and remain current and can be reported in compliance with the JORC (2012) guidelines.</p>
<b>Bullet Point # 5</b>	to the extent known, a summary of the work programs on which the Exploration Results were based	Refer to the body of the announcement.
<b>Bullet Point # 6</b>	any more recent Exploration Results or data relevant to understanding the Exploration Results	<p>No more recent exploration results or data exist that would be relevant to the understanding of the exploration results contained in the announcement.</p> <p>Data compilation is ongoing for the Nejo Gold Project – Katta Target. No additional information, recent estimates or relevant data has been reported or is available to the Company which would create uncertainty over the reliability of the historical exploration results.</p>
<b>Bullet Point # 7</b>	the evaluation and/or exploration work that needs to be completed to report the Exploration Results in accordance with the JORC Code 2012	Future exploration programs completed by Askari will involve, amongst other activities, confirmatory drilling (diamond and reverse circulation) as well as geophysical surveys, geochemical sampling, rock chip sampling, trenching and geological mapping designed to validate historic results to enable compliance with the latest framework for reporting of exploration results, including full analytical information.

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<p><b>Bullet Point # 8</b></p>	<p>the proposed timing of any evaluation and/or exploration work that the acquirer intends to undertake and a comment on how the acquirer intends to fund that work</p>	<p><b>The acquisition of the Nejo Gold Project is subject to shareholder approval as well as other customary conditions precedent including due diligence completion.</b></p> <p><b>Post settlement, the Company plans to complete the data compilation exercise to ensure that all historical exploration data has been digitised and catalogued appropriately.</b></p> <p><b>Following this, the Company plans to undertake an initial drilling campaign to verify and validate the historic drilling results. The Company notes that there are 10 defined high-priority targets in addition to the Katta Target which hosts high-grade copper mineralisation but also large areas that have not been explored despite being along strike of known mineralisation.</b></p> <p><b>It is expected that the Company will continue exploration at the Nejo Gold Project over the next 12-24 months. The Company will fund this work through equity capital raisings / placements.</b></p>
<p><b>Bullet Point # 9</b></p>	<p>a statement by a named Competent Person(s) that the information in the market announcement is an accurate representation of the available data and studies for the material mining project</p>	<p><b>Refer to the body of the announcement.</b></p>
<p><b>Bullet Point # 10</b></p>	<p>a cautionary statement proximate to, and with equal prominence as, the reported Exploration Results</p>	<p><b>Refer to the body of the announcement.</b></p>

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