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EMILY STAR DRILL RESULTS CONTINUE TO REALISE HIGH COPPER GRADES

Hillgrove Resources Limited (**Hillgrove**) (ASX:HGO) is pleased to provide an update on the drilling activities at the Kanmantoo Copper Mine. The Emily Star drilling program was completed from the 1010 Nugent Diamond Drill Cuddy (**DDC**), with the assay results received for the final two (2) drill holes. These results, consistent with those reported for drillhole 25KVUG0699, further confirm the presence of high-grade mineralisation at Emily Star.

High grade Copper-Gold mineralisation continues to be intersected in underground drilling at Emily Star, including:

- 7.25m @ 1.6% Cu + 0.07g/t Au from 504.75m downhole in 25KVUG0723 (821m RL)
- 2.7m @ 1.28% Cu + 0.05g/t Au from 326.3m downhole in 25KVUG0723 (844m RL)
- 6.31m @ 1.34% Cu + 0.08g/t Au from 498m downhole in 25KVUG0722 (995m RL)
- 4.6m @ 1.57% Cu + 0.14g/t Au from 429.4m downhole in 25KVUG0722 (1005m RL)

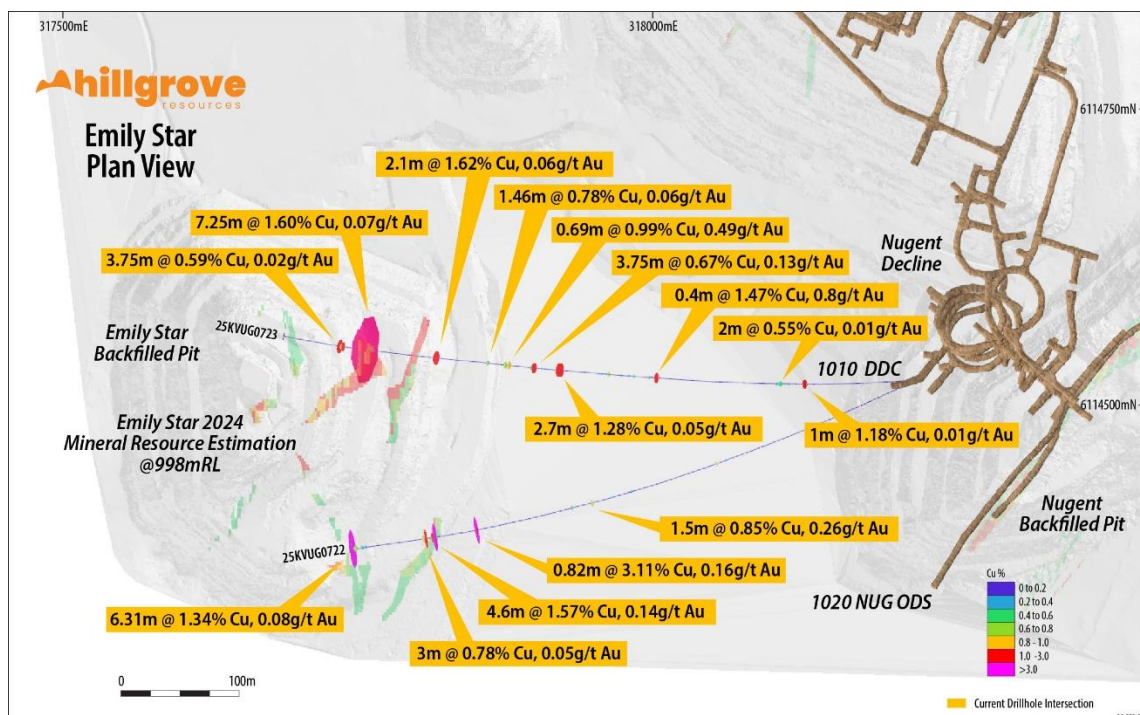


Figure 1: Plan View of 25KVUG0722 + 723 showing the high grades intersected downhole against the 2024 Emily Star Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) sliced at the 998 metre RL

Commenting on the drilling results, Hillgrove CEO and Managing Director, Bob Fulker said:

“The initial Emily Star exploration diamond drill program has been completed, with all final assay results received. As previously outlined, Emily Star is a stacked mineralised lode system with the potential to open multiple new mining fronts at Kanmantoo and support higher mining rates.

The latest results reaffirm our decision to commence the Emily Star drill drive, which will improve drill access and significantly shorten future drillhole lengths. These additional results at Emily Star continue to strengthen our confidence in expanding production at Kanmantoo.”

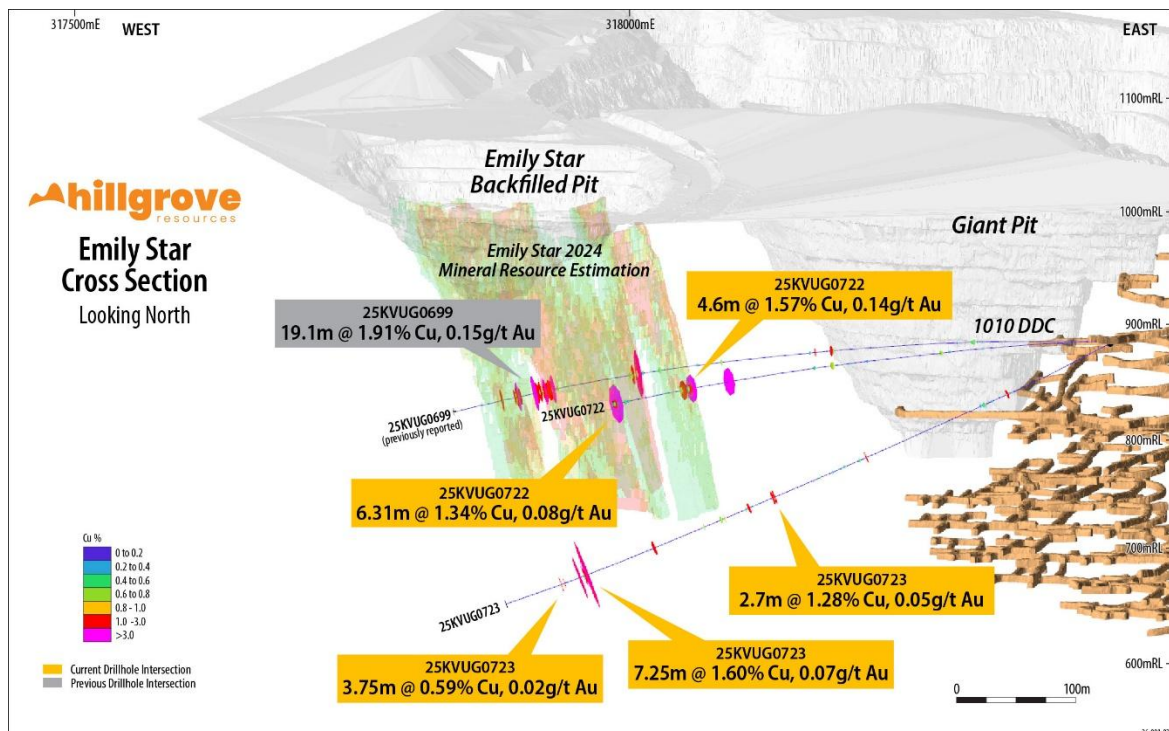


Figure 2: View towards the North showing key Copper grades intersected in 25KVUG0722 + 723 against the 2024 Emily Star MRE displaying Copper Grades and the previously reported 25KVUG0699¹. Please note, hole 25KVUG0722 was terminated within mineralisation after collapsing in broken ground.

Drilling at Emily Star was completed from the 1010 Nugent Diamond Drill Cuddy, with three (3) drillholes targeting both the Emily Star mineralisation and the largely untested area between Emily Star and Nugent, where no significant drilling at depth had been undertaken historically.

- 25KVUG0699 was previously reported in ASX announcement ‘Outstanding Emily Star Drill Results’ released on the 18 September 2025.
- 25KVUG0723 returned ten (10) significant intersections, seven (7) of which correlate with the projected Emily Star mineralisation beneath the existing Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE). The remaining three (3)

¹ Refer to ASX release titled ‘Outstanding Emily Star Drill Results’, dated 18 September 2025.

intersections occurred within the zone between Nugent and Emily Star, identifying a narrow mineralised zone within Paringa and Critchley.

- 25KVUG0722 returned four (4) significant intersections within the projected Emily Star mineralisation. The drillhole was ultimately abandoned after collapsing in broken ground mid-hole while actively drilling the Emily Star mineralised zone. The hole was terminated within mineralisation, and due to the early collapse, the full extent of the mineralisation at this location has not yet been defined. The deepest intercept, from 498m to 504.31m downhole, recorded 6.31m at 1.34% Cu and 0.08g/t Au.

Drilling to further define the extent of Emily Star is scheduled to recommence in Q2 2026 from the Emily Star drill drive, which is currently advancing and reached 34m as of 6 January 2026. The drill drive development commenced in late December 2025 following the breakthrough of the Nugent incline and decline on the 19 December 2025². Once established, the new drill drive will enable shorter, more targeted drillholes to close out information gaps within the Emily Star mineralisation.

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² Refer to ASX release titled 'Nugent Decline Completed on Schedule', dated 19 December 2025.

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The information in this release that relates to the Exploration Results is based upon information compiled by Caitlin Rowett, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Caitlin Rowett is a full-time employee and holds equity in Hillgrove Resources Limited and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration 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 (JORC Code)'. Caitlin Rowett has consented to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

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The information in this report that relates to the 2024 Emily Star Mineral Resource is extracted from ASX release titled 'Maiden Kanmantoo Underground Ore Reserve and 96% Increase in Copper Mineral Resource Endowment' dated 18 October 2024 and is available to view at www.hillgroveresources.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource Estimate in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

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APPENDIX A – DRILL HOLE INFORMATION

The objective of the ongoing underground diamond drilling program has been to expand the mineral system within the Kanmantoo Mine Lease. Appendix B JORC Table 1, sections 1 and 2 describe the drilling, sampling, and assaying processes.

Table 1 List of drill intercepts in this release

Intercepts tabulated in the table are amalgamated over a minimum down hole length of 2m > 0.4% Cu with a maximum of 3m internal dilution < 0.3% Cu. Or a minimum down hole length of 0.4m > 0.8% Cu to reflect individual sample zones of high-grade mineralisation. No assays were cut before amalgamating the intercept

Hole ID	Target Zone	Assay Method	Depth From	Depth To	Interval Length (m)	Cu %	Au g/t	Ag g/t
25KVUG0723	Nugent	4 Acid/ICP-MS	102	103	1	1.18	0.014	1.2
25KVUG0723	Paringa	4 Acid/ICP-MS	124	126	2	0.55	0.01	0.83
25KVUG0723	Critchley	4 Acid/ICP-MS	238.6	239	0.4	1.47	0.8	4.10
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	326.3	329	2.7	1.28	0.05	2.23
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	350.55	354.3	3.75	0.67	0.13	1.59
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	374	374.69	0.69	0.99	0.49	0.8
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	377	378.46	1.46	0.78	0.06	0.45
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	440.5	442.6	2.1	1.62	0.06	3.34
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	504.75	512	7.25	1.6	0.07	2.97
25KVUG0723	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	525.8	529.55	3.75	0.59	0.02	1.12
25KVUG0722	Critchley	4 Acid/ICP-MS	293	294.5	1.5	0.85	0.26	1.88
25KVUG0722	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	394	394.82	0.82	3.11	0.16	4.79
25KVUG0722	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	429.4	434	4.6	1.57	0.14	2.14
25KVUG0722	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	438	441	3	0.78	0.05	0.95
25KVUG0722	Emily Star	4 Acid/ICP-MS	498	504.31	6.31	1.34	0.08	2.12

Table 2 Drill Hole Collars

Hole id	Site Type	Max. Depth	Survey Method	Nat Grid ID	Easting	Northing	Height
25KVUG0723	DDH	580.3	Total Station	MGA94_54	318221.5317	6114521.534	1015.4549
25KVUG0722	DDH	504.31	Total Station	MGA94_54	318222.1216	6114520.984	1016.3377

Table 3 Drill Hole Downhole Survey

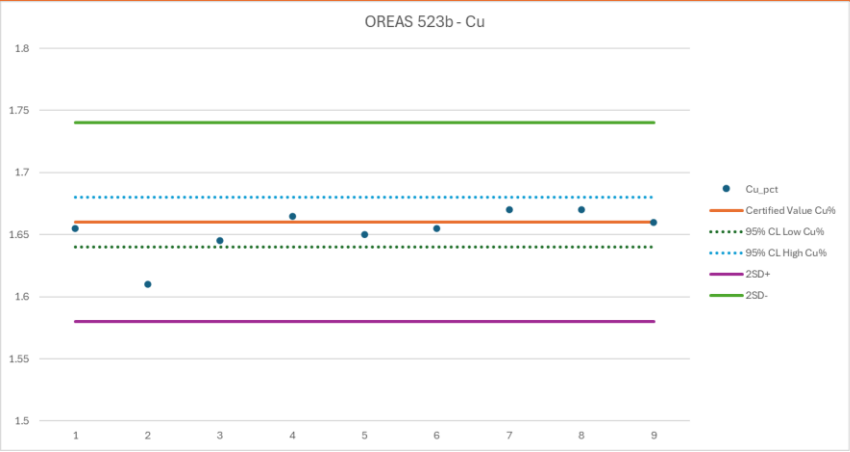
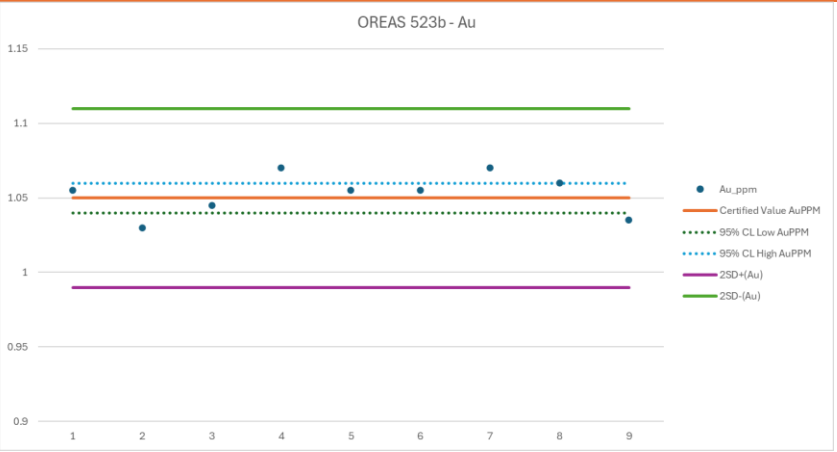
SITE_ID	DEPTH	AZIMUTH	DIP	SITE_ID	DEPTH	AZIMUTH	DIP
25KVUG0722	0	245	4.88	25KVUG0723	0	265	-25.3
25KVUG0722	15	245.12	4.49	25KVUG0723	15	265.35	-25.42
25KVUG0722	30	245.34	3.76	25KVUG0723	30	266.32	-25.12
25KVUG0722	60	245.97	2.35	25KVUG0723	60	268	-24.34
25KVUG0722	90	247.04	1.62	25KVUG0723	90	270.23	-22.55
25KVUG0722	120	248.29	0.36	25KVUG0723	120	270.85	-22.53
25KVUG0722	150	249.4	-0.51	25KVUG0723	150	272.04	-22.56
25KVUG0722	180	250.02	-1.28	25KVUG0723	180	272.18	-23.14
25KVUG0722	210	251.29	-1.85	25KVUG0723	240	274.02	-22.45
25KVUG0722	240	252.5	-1.75	25KVUG0723	210	274.06	-22.98
25KVUG0722	270	254.12	-2.3	25KVUG0723	330	274.31	-22.32
25KVUG0722	300	255.56	-3.44	25KVUG0723	270	274.5	-22.42
25KVUG0722	330	255.74	-4.2	25KVUG0723	300	275.16	-22.2
25KVUG0722	360	257.19	-4.85	25KVUG0723	420	275.54	-21.79
25KVUG0722	390	258.89	-6.04	25KVUG0723	360	275.93	-22.5
25KVUG0722	420	260.82	-6.75	25KVUG0723	390	276.02	-21.9
25KVUG0722	450	261.5	-7.71	25KVUG0723	450	276.36	-21.82
25KVUG0722	480	262.52	-8.49	25KVUG0723	480	276.72	-20.89
				25KVUG0723	510	276.95	-20.43
				25KVUG0723	580	280.01	-19.03
				25KVUG0723	570	280.18	-19.49
				25KVUG0723	540	280.34	-18.98

APPENDIX B – JORC TABLE 1

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	Commentary
Sampling techniques	- The Diamond Drill Hole (DDH) sampling was conducted as per the Hillgrove procedures and QAQC protocols. - Sample intervals from 1.2m to 0.30m as determined by geology through visibly mineralised zones were split from the drill core, with the drill core sawn in half with a diamond core saw. - Samples were prepared by ALS Adelaide with each sample being wholly pulverised to >85% passing <75µm.
Drilling techniques	All UG drilling is undertaken by external drilling contractor, DRC Drilling. All holes drilled with NQ. NQ Core size is 47.6mm in diameter.
Drill sample recovery	- Recovered drill core metres were measured and compared to length of drill hole advance to calculate core recovery for every core run. On average sample recovery is >98%. There is no correlation between sample recovery and copper grades in this DDH drill program. - When intersecting the fractured rock aquifers sample recovery has been observed to decrease for a discrete zone before returning to standard conditions
Logging	- All drill core was logged for lithology, alteration, structure, weathering and mineralisation by Hillgrove geologists in accordance with Hillgrove's Core Logging Procedure. Colour and any additional qualitative comments are also recorded. - High quality photographs of all drill core before being sampled were taken under controlled light at the HGO core yard at Kanmantoo. - All geological logging is recorded into Geobank (a database product from Micromine) templates and visually validated before being imported into the Hillgrove drill hole database. Additional validation is conducted automatically on import. - In addition, a geotechnical log of all drill core is recorded utilising standard geotechnical logging indexes. RQD is 98-100%. UG drill core is selectively oriented. Where required, orientation of structure relative to the dominant S2 foliation is recorded.

Criteria	Commentary
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	- For selected intervals the core was sawn in half and the half core despatched to ALS for each sample interval and the entire sample then crushed and 1kg riffle split from the crushed mass and the 1kg sub-sample then pulverised. A sub-split of 200 grams was then split by ALS and retained, and the reject pulverised material returned to Hillgrove. From the 200 gram sub-split a 2 gram aliquot was scooped and weighed by ALS for 4-acid digestion. - Hillgrove have detailed sampling and QAQC procedures in place to ensure sample collection is carried out to maximise representivity of the samples, to minimise contamination, and to maintain sample numbering integrity.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	- The samples were submitted to ALS for analysis. ALS code ME-MS61 using a 4-acid digest with determination by Mass Spectrometry. If the copper result was greater than 1%, the analysis was repeated using a modified acid digestion technique. Gold is assayed by 30g Fire Assay. If > 10 g/t then repeated by fire assay with a gravimetric finish. - The QAQC of sample preparation and analysis processes were via the following samples: - Certified reference materials (CRM's) inserted by HGO into the sample sequence at a frequency of one in 20. OREAS standard 523B has been used to provide a CRM Standard grade of 1.66% Cu, and 1.05 g/t Au and OREAS standard 924 has been used for copper at a CRM standard grade of 0.512% Cu which are relevant for the expected cutoff grades used for resource estimates across the Kanmantoo deposit.

Criteria	Commentary
	OREAS 523b - Cu  OREAS 523b - Au  ○ Results from all returned QAQC samples provide reasonable confidence as to the accuracy of the assay results used in the estimation. 100% of assays fall within 2SD of the expected CRM mean grade for Cu and Au. ○ Laboratory inserted QAQC samples were inserted with a minimum of two standards and one blank for every batch of 40 samples. ● Quartz flushes with <60ppm Cu are introduced to the crushers and bowl pulverisers within every high sulphide interval. These are monitored and where Cu contamination of the quartz flush occurs the batch is repeated. For the holes reported there are no examples of sulphides contaminating successive samples via sample preparation processes. ● Hillgrove's quality policy is that at a minimum of 5% of all samples are CRM's, and 5% of samples submitted are blanks thus ensuring that as a minimum, 10% of all samples submitted for analysis are Hillgrove QAQC samples.

Criteria	Commentary
Verification of sampling and assaying	Sample data sheets are prepared in Geobank Field Teams and printed for technicians use. All core is marked for sampling and confirmed by the logging geologist. Sample Sheets also include the sample number sequence and the sample numbers to be assigned to the QAQC samples. Sample intervals input from the excel spreadsheet into an SQL database via Geobank. Data was visually checked by the Geologist prior to import and additional validation was carried out by the database upon import. Copper results were reported in ppm units from the laboratories and then converted to a % value within the database.
Location of data points	- The map projection of Map Grid of Australia 1994 - Zone 54, (MGA94-54) is used for all work undertaken for this drilling. - Height is reported in Mine Relative Level (RL) which is ASL +1000m - The UG rigs set ups are aligned by qualified surveyors setting up the drill rigs in the UG drill access. - All drill hole collars are surveyed with a Leica survey total station. The accuracy of this instrument is 0.01m. All pick-ups were reported in MGA94-54 coordinate system once the drill rig is moved from the collar pivot point. The hole reported will have the collar point adjusted at the conclusion of drilling from this site. - Downhole surveys were determined using a gyro survey instrument at 30m intervals and recorded in Grid North.
Data spacing and distribution	See Table 2 above and Figures 1 and 2 in the body of the text for drill hole locations.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	- All holes are angled drill holes, dipping between 4 to -26 deg. Drill holes are orientated towards the South from 245deg to 280deg (MGA Grid North). - All down hole surveys are by Reflex or Axis Gyro. The hole was oriented drill core. - Dominant mineralisation trends as measured from in-pit and Underground mapping are strike ~040deg and dip -75deg to east. - It is important to note that current drill holes are all at various strike and dip angles to section, and that the true width varies for each intersection.

Criteria	Commentary
Sample security	- A Hillgrove employee is responsible for collecting and organising the samples ready for assay. Hillgrove has a detailed sample collection/submission procedure in place to ensure sample security. - Drill core is transported from the UG drill site to Hillgrove's core yard at Kanmantoo under the supervision of Hillgrove staff. - Transport of the samples for ALS assaying is by dedicated road transport to the Adelaide sample preparation facility. All samples are transported in sealed plastic bags and are accompanied by a detailed sample submission form. - At ALS, on receiving a batch of samples, the receiving laboratory checks received samples against a sample dispatch sheet supplied by Hillgrove personnel. On completion of this check a sample reconciliation report is provided for each batch received.
Audits or reviews	There has not been an external review of this DDH drilling program. Previous audits of the Hillgrove sampling methods were reviewed by independent consultant and were considered to be of a very high standard.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	- The Kanmantoo Cu-Au mine is situated on Mining Lease ML6345 + ML6436 approximately 55km SE from Adelaide and is owned 100% by Hillgrove. - Hillgrove owns the land covered by the Mining Lease. The Mine Lease is encompassed on all sides by EL6526 also owned 100% by Hillgrove. All drill holes were drilled on land owned or rented by Hillgrove Resources.
Exploration done by other parties	Hillgrove commenced exploration drilling in 2004 and since then has completed a number of exploration sampling and mapping campaigns which have resulted in defining the drill targets.
Geology	Mineralisation occurs as an epigenetic system of structurally controlled veins and disseminations of chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, pyrite, magnetite, within a quartz + biotite + andalusite ± garnet ± chlorite +/- staurolite schist host rock. Structural studies suggest the

Criteria	Commentary
	mineralisation is within brittle structures that have been re-activated. Mineralogical Studies suggest that the gold in the system is very fine with the particle size observed on the micron scale and overprinting all other mineralisation events.
Drill hole information	Drill collars, surveys, intercepts are reported in the body of this release.
Data aggregation methods	Intercepts tabulated in the table are amalgamated over a minimum down hole length of 2m > 0.4% Cu with a maximum of 3m internal dilution < 0.3% Cu. Or a minimum down hole length of 0.4m > 0.8% Cu to reflect individual sample zones of high grade mineralisation. No assays were cut before amalgamating the intercept
Mineralisation widths	Table of downhole mineralised intercepts is reported in the body of this release.
Diagrams	Diagrams that are relevant to this release have been included in the body of the release.
Balanced reporting	All drill holes selected as resource expansion have been reported.
Other exploration data	In situ rock density has been measured by wet immersion method. The results indicate that the bulk rock density of 3.1t/m³ as used at the Kavanagh mine site is still a reasonable representation of bulk density for all mineralisation.
Further work	Geological interpretation of the geology and assays to estimate a resource suitable for continued underground mine planning studies.