

ASX Announcement

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80,000m growth and discovery drilling commences at Spur Gold Project

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Drilling Underway:** Waratah Minerals is currently undertaking an aggressive 80,000-metre growth and discovery drilling program at its 100% owned Spur gold project. The program comes on the back of continued exploration success and recognition of a significant gold system at Spur.
- **Targeting and Scope:** 80,000m drill program is designed to expand the known gold mineralisation with multiple rigs targeting both shallower, near-surface mineralisation, and deeper large-scale high-grade targets.
- **New Shallow High-Grade Discoveries:** Surface mapping continues to refine understanding of mineral system and controls on high-grade around the Cargo Intrusive Complex and has generated multiple promising new targets, with numerous high-priority drill targets identified.
- **Regional Exploration:** Regional soil sampling and a Sub-Audio Magnetotellurics (SAM) geophysics survey targeting untapped areas are underway, aiming to identify additional new drill targets to unlock Spur's multi-million-ounce gold potential.

Waratah Minerals Limited (ASX: WTM) (“Waratah” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that an 80,000-metre growth and discovery drilling program is well-underway at the 100%-owned Spur Gold Project (EL5238) in New South Wales, Australia (Figure 1). A key objective of the drilling program is targeting rapid resource growth and new high-grade discoveries outside areas of known mineralisation.

Waratah Chairman, Andrew Stewart, said: “We are excited to begin this transformational growth and discovery drill program at Spur. Our exploration team is well positioned to commence this systematic exploration program that underpins our focused and aggressive growth strategy. The program will go a long way to realising the growth potential at Spur beyond the existing footprint.

Exploration drilling over the last 18 months at Spur, continues to show the potential to host a globally significant gold deposit. Recent drilling has returned some of the best intercepts to date with intervals of 200m or greater grading over 1g/t Au and importantly comprise multiple high-grade zones, which compares favourably to other recent significant gold discoveries in the Lachlan Fold Belt.

The increase in drilling operations with additional rigs will enable both a continued focus on extending the known mineralisation and a ramp up of evaluating the newly developed high-priority targets.

Our exploration is driven by a robust geological model of the Spur gold system and has entered an exciting period of discovery and growth. This drill program is anticipated to deliver a strong pipeline of news flow as we report results, with the aim of unlocking the full potential at Spur and creating further value for shareholders.”

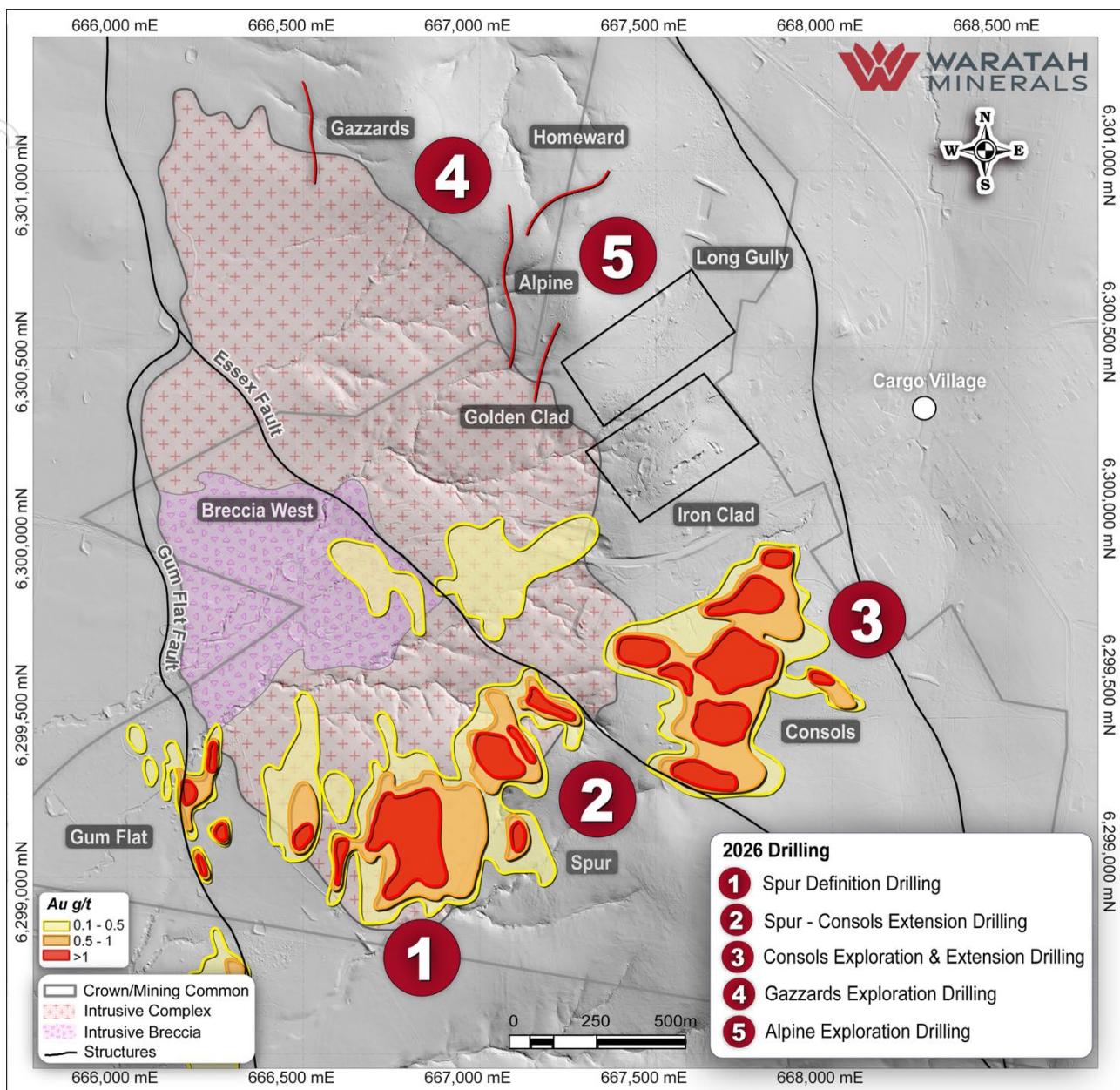


Figure 1: Spur Gold Project, showing drilling and exploration priorities. Gold mineralisation contours projected to surface.

GROWTH AND EXTENSION DRILLING PROGRAM

Seven diamond drill rigs are now in operation across the Spur Gold Project with a primary strategy to define and expand shallow mineralisation at Spur and aggressively grow Consols by tracking the high-grade mineralisation intersected in SPRCD062 to surface.

Consols Zone

Drilling is expanding at the recently discovered **Consols Zone** with four drill rigs currently operating, systematically drilling 100m to 150m step out holes from the wide and multiple high-grade zones recently identified in drill hole SPRCD062 (**208.7m @ 1.17 g/t Au** from 514m; ASX WTM 4 August 2025).

The initial phase of drilling will focus on extending and understanding the Consols Zone, where approximately 40,000m has been planned to target a series of high-grade gold lenses associated with sheeted east-west striking quartz-sulphide vein sets associated with strong potassic alteration. This area holds the potential for further significant high-grade discoveries, with the opportunity to rapidly add ounces and unlock substantial resource growth (Figure 1).

Spur Zone

A total of approximately 40,000 metres of definition drilling is planned to be completed at the **Spur Zone**. Systematic drilling is planned to test mineralisation to depths of 400m to define existing and significantly increase the current size of the Spur Zone, where the interaction between two gold bearing sets of veins has created a shallowly plunging (north) intersection where high-grade gold is concentrated. These high-grade plunging shoots are being targeted by close spaced definition drilling to ensure they are fully captured in any future resource estimate. These shoots are also informing drill designs for extensional drilling at Spur.

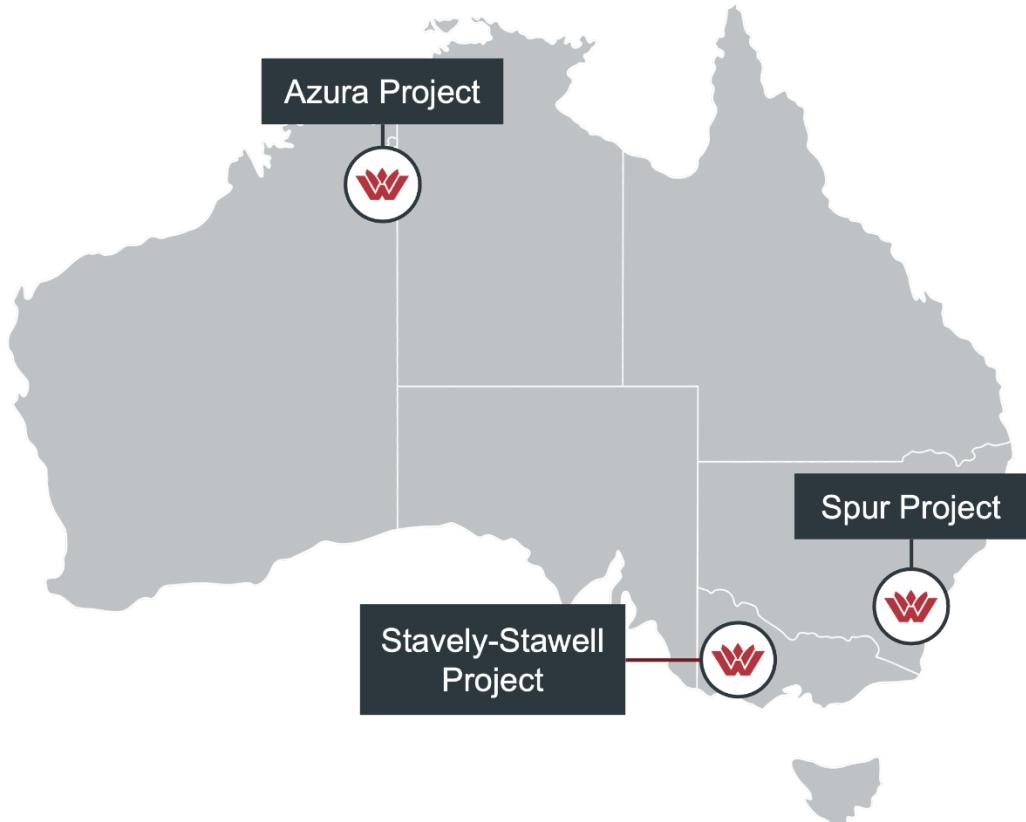
REGIONAL EXPLORATION

Surface structural mapping continues to deliver promising new targets, which are being incorporated into the ongoing exploration pipeline. Additionally, a regional soil sampling campaign targeting new areas is underway, aiming to unlock the district's multi-million-ounce potential. Reverse Circulation drilling is scheduled to commence at high-priority targets at Alpine and Gazzard's (Figure 1).

ABOUT WARATAH MINERALS (ASX:WTM)

Waratah Minerals is focused on its flagship Spur Gold and Copper Project in the East Lachlan region of New South Wales, Australia. The project is considered highly prospective for epithermal-porphyry gold and copper mineralisation and is located in Australia's premier gold-copper porphyry district.

The Company holds tenure in western Victoria (Stavely-Stawell Gold Project) and in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia (Azura Copper Project), the combined tenure represents a highly prospective target portfolio.



This release has been approved by the Board.

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