

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Taruga Minerals Limited ASX: **TAR**, ("Taruga" or "the Company") reports a transformational December 2025 quarter marked by the acquisition of high-impact growth options in Papua New Guinea, strengthened funding, and multiple exploration catalysts across its PNG and Western Australian portfolios.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Portfolio-expanding PNG entry:** Secured a **12-month option to acquire 100%** of two highly prospective Papua New Guinea projects — the **East Normanby Gold Project** and **Kol Mountain Copper-Gold Project** — delivering exposure to advanced gold systems and large-scale copper-gold porphyry potential, while preserving capital discipline through a staged, milestone-based structure.
- **Strong balance sheet to fund growth:** Completed a **\$1.5 million placement** at \$0.01/share, led by Discovery Capital, with directors committing \$600,000 (subject to shareholder approval). Pro-forma cash of approximately \$2.5 million positions Taruga to advance high-impact exploration during the option period.
- **East Normanby (PNG):** advanced gold system with scale: Controls 491 km² across three tenements, hosting the Weioko gold deposit with 67 historical drill holes (5,792 m), including multiple long, high-grade intercepts and evidence of mineralisation remaining open along strike and at depth
- **Gwamogwamo prospect (East Normanby) confirms district-scale potential:** Independent assays validated high-grade gold-copper surface mineralisation over ~1.5 km, supported by historical trenching and drilling, reinforcing priority drill-target status
- **Kol Mountain (PNG):** copper-gold upside: 123 km² granted permit with porphyry, skarn and shear-hosted gold targets, supported by extensive historical drilling and long copper intercepts.
- **WA portfolio delivers new discoveries:** Identification of the Uaroo Ridge gold-copper prospect and refinement of a high-priority Thowagee South polymetallic target, highlighting continued discovery potential in underexplored terrain.
- **Post-quarter catalyst delivered:** January 2026 rock chip results returned gold grades up to 23.2 g/t Au, defining an interpreted ~8 km gold trend at Weioko and strengthening near-term targeting during the option period.

Non-Executive Director Paul Cronin said "The December quarter marked a transformational period for Taruga, with the execution of option agreements over two advanced gold and copper projects in Papua New Guinea. The East Normanby and Kol Mountain projects provide the Company with exposure to high-grade epithermal gold mineralisation and Tier-1 scale porphyry copper-gold potential, supported by extensive historical drilling and strong surface results. With funding in place and experienced in-country expertise engaged, Taruga is well positioned to advance these assets through disciplined exploration and deliver value for shareholders in 2026."

OPERATIONS REVIEW

Papua New Guinea – Growth Platform



Figure 1: Weioko outcrop – Eric de Mori (left), David Chapman, Peter McNeil (Vendor) and Adam Miethke (Discovery Capital). Location of historical channel sample 1m @ 17.3 g/t Au (sample 289112)

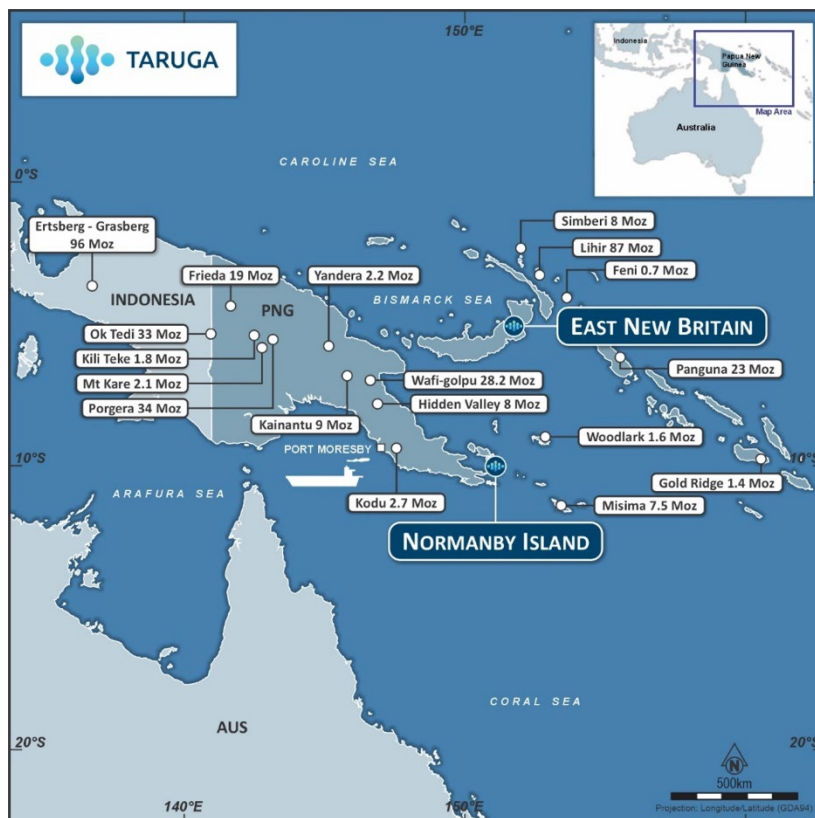


Figure 2: Normanby Island and East New Britain project locations within PNG in relation to other significant deposits.

Strategic Entry into High-Impact PNG Assets

During the quarter, Taruga executed binding documentation for a **12-month option** to acquire 100% of two exploration projects in Papua New Guinea: the **East Normanby Gold Project (Normanby Island)** and the **Kol Mountain Copper-Gold Project (East New Britain Island)**. The transaction provides early exposure to advanced exploration assets with demonstrated scale, while enabling detailed due diligence and early value-adding work prior to any acquisition decision.

East Normanby Gold Project, PNG

The East Normanby Project comprises **three tenements totalling 491km²** (EL2590, ELA2830 and ELA2831) and includes the Weioko gold deposit, one of PNG's more advanced under-explored gold assets. A total of 67 drill holes for 5,792 m have been completed historically.

Historical drilling/trenching highlights include:

- 108 m @ 2.4 g/t Au (with higher-grade internal intervals) (trench)
- 68 m @ 5.9 g/t Au (trench)
- 64.6 m @ 2.2 g/t Au from surface (including 2.9 m @ 33.9 g/t Au) (drilling)
- 36 m @ 2.7 g/t Au from surface (drilling)

Taruga views Weioko as a **large, open gold system** with potential for resource expansion subject to modern validation and follow-up drilling.

Gwamogwamo Gold-Copper Prospect

Independent assays completed during due diligence confirmed robust gold-copper mineralisation over ~1.5 km of strike, reinforcing historical results and elevating the prospect's priority (See ASX Announcement on 18 December 2025).

Rock chip highlights include:

- 12.39 g/t Au & 0.25% Cu (sample 705343)
- 4.75% Cu (sample 705358)
- 3.72 g/t Au (sample 705341)
- 1.44 g/t Au & 1.7% Cu, (sample 705336) and
- 2.00 g/t Au & 0.50% Cu (sample 705364)

These results align with historical trenching (e.g. 155 m @ 0.6 g/t Au & 0.5% Cu) and drilling (e.g. 9 m @ 1.3% Cu & 0.6 g/t Au), supporting the interpretation of a coherent and potentially large mineralised system.

Next steps: modern GPS validation of historical data, geophysical re-interpretation and prioritisation of drill-ready targets.

The Kol Mountain Project, PNG

The Kol Mountain Project covers **123 km²** (granted permit EL2513) and includes the Esis and Bukuam porphyry/skarn targets and the Kapea Shear gold targets, with 37 historic holes for 8,620 m reported across the permit area. The reported drilling outcomes support a multi-commodity exploration rationale spanning copper and gold mineral systems within the broader project area and include:

- 222 m @ 0.38% Cu from 3 m (NBE001)
- 184 m @ 0.30% Cu from 2 m (NBE002)
- 16 m @ 0.57% Cu (DW7)

- 55m @ 3.2g/t Au including 5m @ 13.1g/t Au (Trench-Kapea Shear South)
- 33.6 @ 2.9g/t Au including 8m @ 8.3g/t Au (Trench-Kapea Shear North)

The project provides material copper-gold leverage within a proven PNG metallogenic belt.

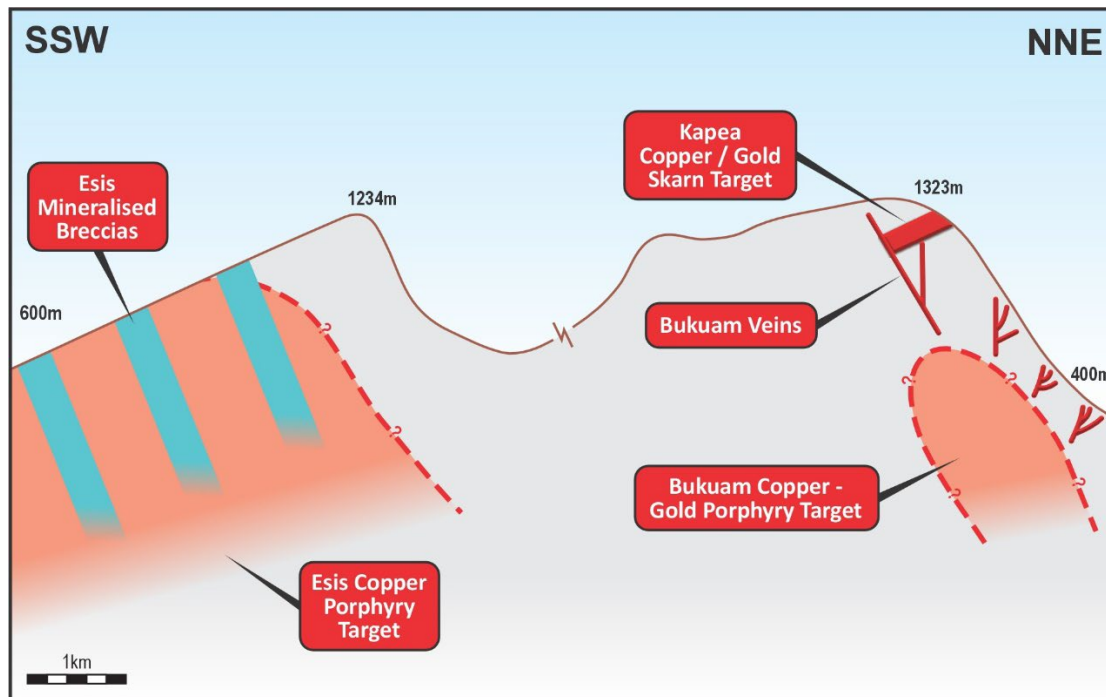


Figure 3: Diagrammatic representation of the Kol Mountain Project Esis, Bukuam and Kapea prospects conceptual geological / mineralisation model.

Funding & Transaction Structure

Taruga also announced a **\$1.5 million placement led by Discovery Capital** (with directors committing \$600,000, subject to shareholder approval), issued at \$0.01 per share, which the Company stated would result in an estimated pro-forma cash position of ~A\$2.5 million.

The \$1.5 million placement strengthens Taruga's balance sheet and underpins near-term exploration across PNG. The 12 month option structure includes:

- Staged performance payments linked to JORC-compliant resource milestones
- 1.5% NSR royalty per project
- Minimum \$150,000 expenditure per project during the option period

This structure is designed to align capital deployment with value creation, while retaining significant upside.

Western Australia – Discovery Pipeline

Uaroo West & Uaroo East Project, WA

During the quarter, Taruga announced the identification of a previously undocumented gold and copper prospect ("Uaroo Ridge") within its recently granted Uaroo East Project (E08/3734) in the Northern Gascoyne Province, Western Australia. The Company advised that it found no prior record of this mineralised prospect in historical WAMEX data, which it interpreted as evidence of limited historical exploration coverage across the broader tenement package.

Initial rock chip sampling from an approximately 1 km-long outcropping quartz ridge returned anomalous gold and copper results (refer to ASX announcement October 9th 2025):

- UARK001 - 0.5 g/t Au and 0.4% Cu
- UARK005 - 0.5 g/t Au and 0.1% Cu
- UARK028 - 0.4 g/t Au and 0.4% Cu
- UARK021 - 0.1 g/t Au and 1.0% Cu
- UARK027 - 0.2 g/t Au and 0.6% Cu
- UARK020 - 0.7% Cu

The discovery highlights the underexplored nature of the Northern Gascoyne tenure and supports further systematic exploration.

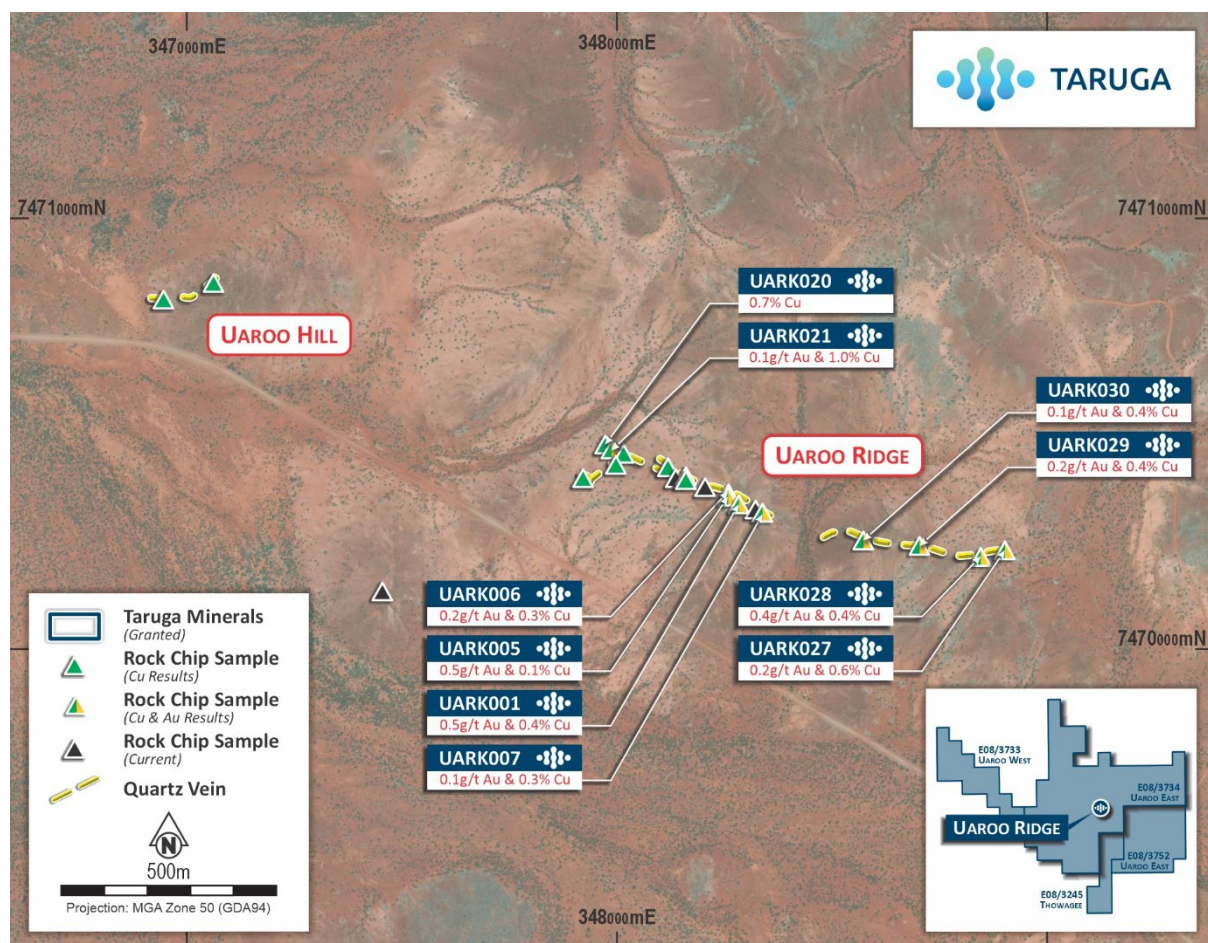


Figure 4: Uaroo Hill and Uaroo Ridge rock sampling locations highlighting anomalous copper and gold results.

Thowagee Project, WA

Ground gravity, magnetics and FLEM surveys refined a priority polymetallic target, defining coincident gravity-magnetic highs associated with a confirmed EM conductor.

Rock chips returned:

- THRK065 - 0.8% Zn
- THRK075 - 1.7% Pb
- THRK080 - 2.4% Pb with 0.5 g/t Au

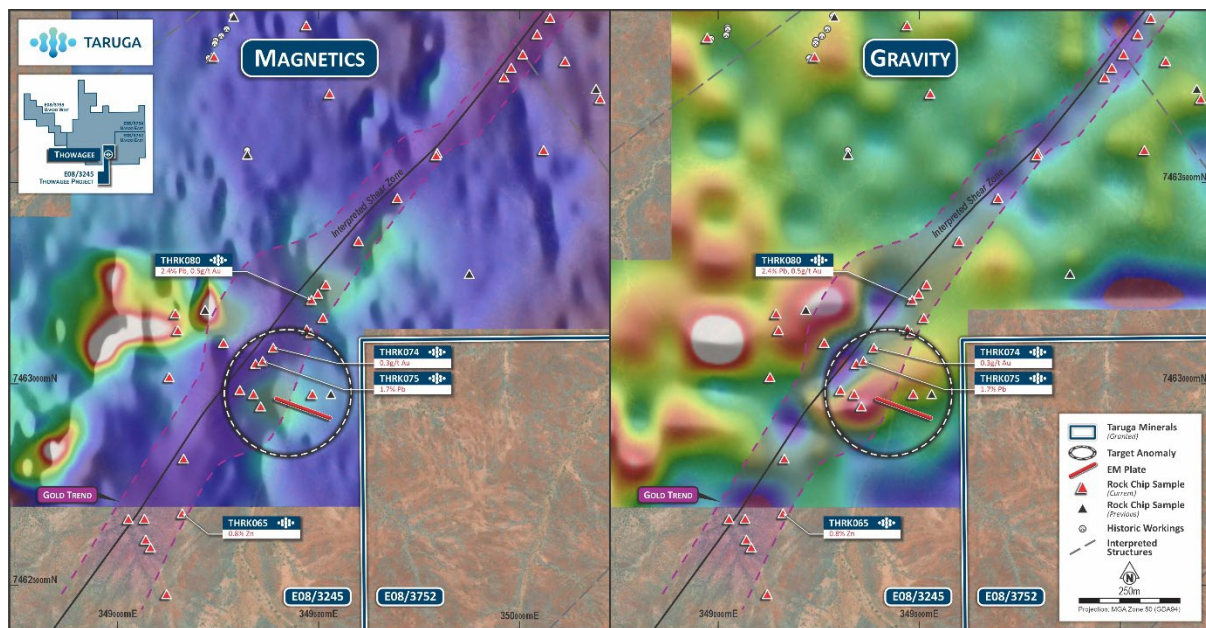


Figure 5: Thowagee South - subtle coincident gravity and magnetic anomaly associated with modelled conductive EM plate, located ~1km south of the Thowagee workings. Anomaly centred 349420mE / 74629470mN (GDA94 zone 50).

Next steps: ongoing 2-D and 3-D modelling and continue detailed structural and lithological interpretation integrating geochemical results, to optimise the design of any future drill testing and prioritise target areas based on the combined datasets.

Mt Craig Project (MCP), South Australia (TAR 100%)

The Mt Craig Copper Project (MCCP) including exploration licences EL 6541, EL 6695 and EL 6829 spans more than 1,712km² centred around a major structure – the Worumba Anticline. The Project is considered prospective for copper and rare earth elements (REE's).

The exploration for copper at Wyacca continues to be evaluated. Investigations into suitable exploration next steps, including geophysical survey techniques such as Audio / Magnetotellurics (AMT/MT) and passive seismic extending from known mineralisation, and related to previously announced rock and soil geochemistry and drill core observations of the mineralised copper vein system are being progressed. No on ground exploration was undertaken during the December Quarter.

Flinders Project, South Australia (TAR 100%)

Exploration licence EL 6362. No field work was completed during the Quarter. Understanding compliance requirements and the Company's ability to advance activities at Flinders is ongoing.

Meekatharra Magmatic Ni-Cu Project, Western Australia (LRM 80% / TAR 20%)

The Meekatharra Project (Exploration licence E51/1832) is located 30km southeast of the regional centre of Meekatharra in the Murchison region of Western Australia. Lion Rock Minerals Ltd (ASX: LRM) holds an 80% interest in E51/1832.

Tenement Schedule

This section is provided in compliance with ASX Listing Rule 5.3. Please refer to Annexure 1 for a listing of tenements.

Changes in Tenements held during the Quarter

Tenement	Interest at quarter start	Change in quarter	Interest at quarter end	Country
EL 2513 (East New Britain)	-	Option over 100%	0%	Papua New Guinea
EL 2590 (Normanby Island)	-	Option over 100%	0%	Papua New Guinea
ELA 2830 (Normanby Island)	-	Option over 100%	0%	Papua New Guinea
ELA 2831 (Normanby Island)	-	Option over 100%	0%	Papua New Guinea

CORPORATE

Annual General Meeting

The Company released its Annual Report and held its Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2025, with all resolutions passed by strong majorities.

Capital Raising

On 15 December 2025, the Company announced a \$1.5m placement, with \$300k subscribed for each by Directors Paul Cronin and Eric De Mori (subject to Shareholder approval) by issuing up to 150,000,000 new shares at an issue price of 1 cent per share (**Placement**) utilising its existing placement capacity in accordance with Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A. The Placement shares to unrelated parties were issued on Monday, 22 December 2025.

Option Conversions

During December 2025, 5,928,465 shares were issued following the conversion of options at \$0.015 each, raising \$88,927.

Cash Position

At December 31st 2025, The Company had approximately \$1.75 million of cash on hand.

Summary of Exploration Expenditure

In accordance with Listing Rule 5.3.1, the Company reports that there was \$439,000 in exploration expenditure incurred during the December quarter.

Note 6 to Appendix 5B

Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates: during the December quarter NIL was paid to Directors as consulting fees.

Investor Engagement

During the quarter, Taruga released a pre-recorded investor webinar featuring Non-Executive Director Eric De Mori in conversation with Tau Media's Jessica Fertig. The webinar outlines the PNG strategy, acquisition structure and exploration roadmap.

View link to webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdebChRjqIM>

To listen to Non-Executive Director David Chapman's interview with Barry Fitzgerald regarding "Taruga's transformative PNG gold and copper pickup" on the Explorers Podcast, see [here](#)

FORWARD LOOK PROGRAM

During the March 2026 Quarter, Taruga plans to:

- Complete remaining PNG due diligence and regulatory processes
- Community engagement at East Normanby and Kol Mountain project
- Progress to granting ELA 2830 & ELA 2831 at East Normanby
- Validate and georeference historical drilling and trenching
- Reprocess historical geophysics to refine targets
- Commence targeted field programs to advance **drill-ready targets at Weioko and Gwamogwamo**

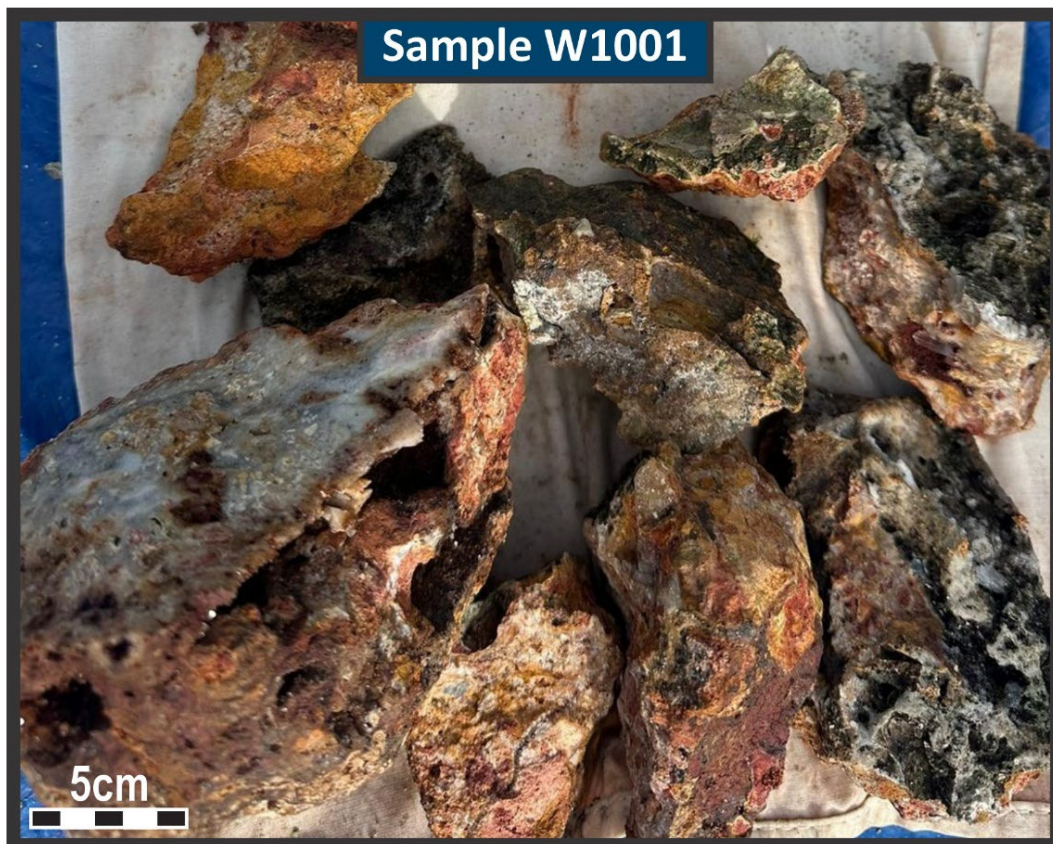


Figure 4: Weioko gold deposit outcrop sample – epithermal quartz vein sample W1001 – **13.1g/t Au**. Location 297709mE / 8895574mN (WGS 84 zone 56).

This announcement was approved by the Board of Taruga Minerals Limited.

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Competent person's statement

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Brent Laws, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Laws is the Exploration Manager of Taruga Minerals Limited. Mr Laws has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves". Mr Laws consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

For further information on previous exploration aspects mentioned in this document refer to previous ASX announcements:

- 18th December 2025 – High-Priority Gold-Copper Gwamogwamo Prospect
- 15th December 2025 – Option to Acquire High-Grade Gold Copper portfolio in PNG
- 28th October 2025 – Gold & Base Metal Target - Thowagee South
- 9th October 2025 – 1km of gold and copper strike identified Uaroo Ridge - Gascoyne Province WA
- 20th August 2025 – Key Exploration Permits Granted, Gascoyne Province WA
- 31st July 2025 – High Priority VTEM conductor identified at Thowagee
- 25th June 2025 – Gascoyne Exploration Update – Thowagee
- 5th June 2025 – Significant geochemical trends identified at Thowagee
- 15th May 2025 – New High Grade rock chips extend strike at Thowagee
- 1st May 2025 – Taruga exercises Option to acquire Thowagee Project
- 28th April 2025 - High Grade Rock Chip Results from Thowagee
- 27th March 2025 – Exploration Commences at Thowagee Gascoyne WA - Update
- 20th November 2024 - Option to acquire strategic tenement – Gascoyne, WA
- 8th October 2024 – Taruga acquires key permits in Gascoyne province, WA
- 24th September 2024 – Copper sulphides observed in shallow drill core at Wyacca
- 11th July 2024 – High Grade copper strike extended at Wyacca
- 5th June 2024 – Wyacca Copper Project Exploration Update
- 8th May 2024 – Exploration commences at Wyacca copper project
- 15th January 2024 – Flinders Project – Determination received
- 3rd May 2021 – High-Grade Copper Discovery at Mt Craig Project South Australia

Forward Looking Statements and Important Notice

This report contains forecasts, projections and forward-looking information. Although the Company believes that its expectations, estimates and forecast outcomes are based on reasonable assumptions it can give no assurance that these will be achieved. Expectations and estimates and projections and information provided by the Company are not a guarantee of future performance and involve unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are out of Taruga's control.

Actual results and developments will almost certainly differ materially from those expressed or implied. Taruga has not audited or investigated the accuracy or completeness of the information, statements and opinions contained in this announcement. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable laws, Taruga makes no representation and can give no assurance, guarantee or warranty, express or implied, as to, and takes no responsibility and assumes no liability for the authenticity, validity, accuracy, suitability or completeness of, or any errors in or omission from, any information, statement or opinion contained in this report and without prejudice, to the generality of the foregoing, the achievement or accuracy of any forecasts, projections or other forward looking information contained or referred to in this report.

Investors should make and rely upon their own enquiries before deciding to acquire or deal in the Company's security.

Annexure 1: Tenement Schedule

Interests in tenements held directly by Taruga Minerals or subsidiary company as at 31 December 2025

Tenements	Held	State
E 08/3245	100%	Western Australia
E 08/3733	100%	Western Australia
E 08/3734	100%	Western Australia
E 08/3752	100%	Western Australia
EL 6362 (Flinders)	100%	South Australia
EL 6541 (MCP)	100%	South Australia
EL 6695 (MCP)	100%	South Australia
EL 6829 (MCP)	100%	South Australia
E 51/1832	20%	Western Australia
EL 2513 (East New Britain)	Option over 100%	Papua New Guinea
EL 2590 (Normanby Island)	Option over 100%	Papua New Guinea
ELA 2830 (Normanby Island)	Option over 100%	Papua New Guinea
ELA 2831 (Normanby Island)	Option over 100%	Papua New Guinea

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

Taruga Minerals Limited

ABN

19 153 868 789

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 December 2025

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	-	-
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(144)	(222)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	12	13
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	3	(12)
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(129)	(221)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(439)	(564)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-

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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other ¹	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(439)	(564)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	900	900
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	88	88
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(68)	(68)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	920	920

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,401	1,618
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(130)	(222)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(439)	(564)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	920	920

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,752	1,752

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	52	47
5.2	Call deposits	1,700	1,354
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	1,752	1,401

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	-
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
<p><i>Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.</i></p> <p>Fees paid to directors and/or director related entities (net of GST).</p>		

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7.	Financing facilities <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		-
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(129)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(439)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(568)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	1,752
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	1,752
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	3.08
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>		
8.8	If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1	Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
	Answer: N/A	
8.8.2	Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
	Answer: N/A	
8.8.3	Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
	Answer: N/A	
<i>Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.</i>		

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 29 January 2026

Authorised by: The board of directors of Taruga Minerals Limited

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.