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## INITIAL DRILLING SET TO COMMENCE AT PARCOY COPPER PROSPECT, PERU

### Key Points:

- ~3000m/8-hole RC drilling program planned
- Two new copper-gold target areas to be tested
- Estimated completion date: mid-June
- Program funded under the Strategic Alliance

AusQuest Limited (ASX: AQD) is pleased to advise that its maiden drilling program at the Parcoy Copper Project in southern Peru is scheduled to commence before the end of April under the Company's Strategic Alliance Agreement (SAA) with a wholly-owned subsidiary of South32 Limited.

Access preparations are currently nearing completion, with the program expected to comprise eight drill-holes for a total of approximately 3,000m of Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling.

The drilling is designed to test two priority target areas that have been identified by the Company's rock-chip and soil sampling programs completed during 2019 and 2020 (see *Figure 1*).

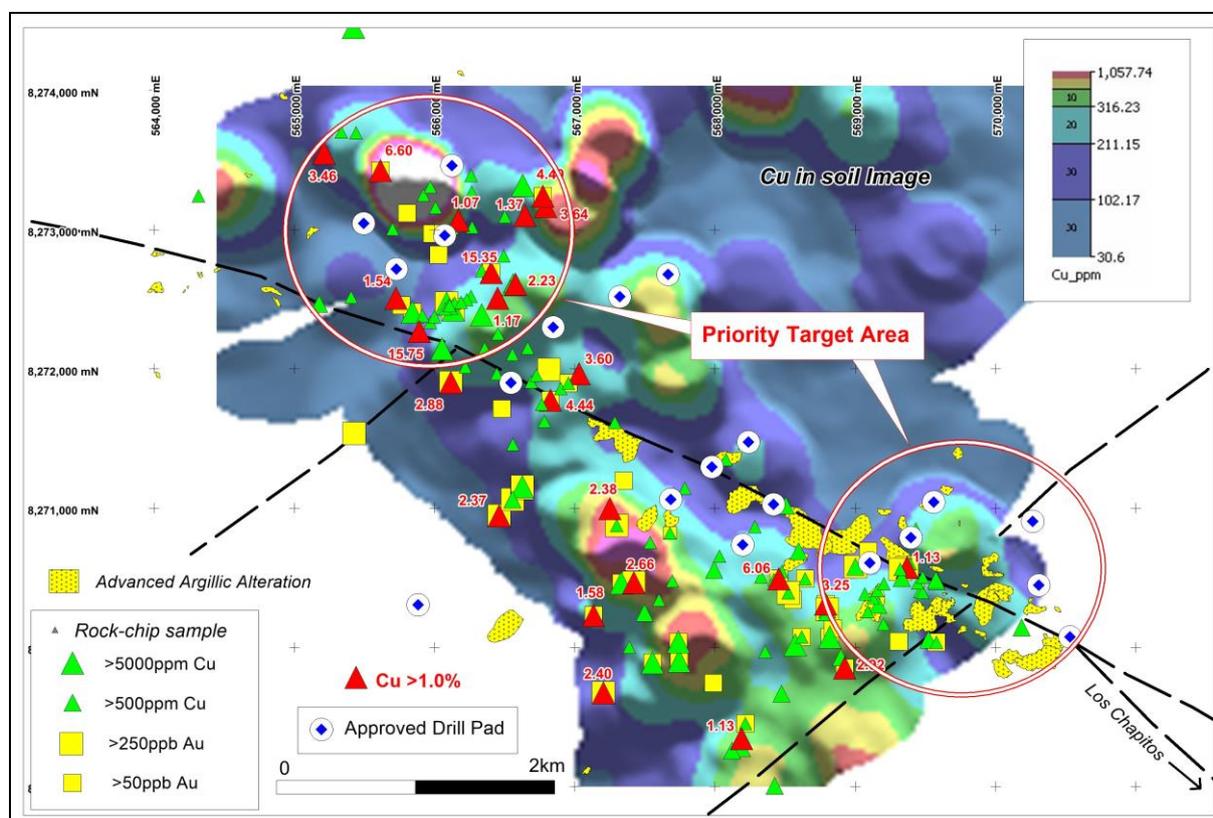


Figure 1: Parcoy copper distribution showing priority drill-hole locations

Copper (+/-gold) anomalies and associated indicator elements (Mo, Bi, Au, Te, Zn, Sb) within the andesitic volcanics have defined targets for the initial 'Proof-of-Concept' drilling which is designed to determine the Project's potential for large-scale, structurally related replacement-style copper (+/-gold) mineralisation.

A drill contract has been finalised with drilling operations expected to commence towards the end of April and take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

The Parcoy Project is located approximately 50km north-west of the Company's Cerro de Fierro project and approximately 100km south-east of the Mina Justa Deposit (~475Mt @ 0.68% Cu), which is currently being developed by the Marcobre Joint Venture.

AusQuest Managing Director Graeme Drew said the Company was looking forward to the imminent start of drilling at the Parcoy Copper Project following the receipt of drill permits in January.

"We are excited to be drill testing these new copper targets, which are some of the stronger copper responses that we have found so far in southern Peru," he said. "Their association with typical indicator elements and proximity to regional structures and prospective volcanic host rocks gives us cause for optimism."

"While COVID-19 remains an issue in Peru, we have developed approved protocols to minimise the risks at our operations," Mr Drew said. "We continue to monitor advice from the Government and health authorities to ensure the health and well-being of our employees and contractors."



Graeme Drew  
**Managing Director**

#### **COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT**

*The details contained in this report that pertain to exploration results are based upon information compiled by Mr Graeme Drew, a full-time employee of AusQuest Limited. Mr Drew is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM) and has sufficient experience in the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the December 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code). Mr Drew consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based upon his information in the form and context in which it appears.*

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