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ASX Release



BACK-TO-BACK DRILLING ACROSS AUSTRALIA & PERU

- *Multiple copper-nickel-gold targets to be tested*
- *Back-to-back drilling programs scheduled over the next 6-9 months*
- *All projects funded under the Strategic Alliance Agreement with South32*

AusQuest Limited (ASX: AQD) is pleased to advise that it has embarked on an intensive period of exploration activity under its Strategic Alliance Agreement (SAA) with a wholly-owned subsidiary of South32 Limited, with multiple large-scale exploration targets to be drill tested over the next 6-9 months.

With a 1,400m diamond drilling program set to commence at the **Balladonia Copper-Nickel Project** in the Fraser Range of WA in the coming days (see ASX announcement, 10 March 2022), the Company anticipates back-to-back drilling programs over the months to follow in both Australia and Peru, with the planned timetable provided below.

In Australia, this will include further target drilling (~1,850m) at the **Hamilton Copper Project** in NW Queensland starting in early April 2022, and initial drilling of nickel-copper targets at the Company's **Morrisey Project** within the Narryer Terrane of WA, which is planned to commence in the May-June period.

In southern Peru, programs of follow-up Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling at the **Parcoy Copper-Gold Project** (~3,500m) and target RC drilling at the **Cerro de Fierro (Pirata) Copper-Gold Project** (~6,000m) are expected to start around the middle of the year, subject to receipt of the required permits. A total of six porphyry copper and/or manto copper targets will be tested by this program.

An estimated timetable for the upcoming drill programs is set out below:

Projects	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Hamilton (SAA) Cu-Au – QLD	Drill Prep ✓		Diamond Drill ✓ DHEM			Assess results ✓		
Balladonia (SAA) Ni-Cu-Pb-Zn-Ag – WA	Drill Prep ✓	Diamond Drill ✓ DHEM			Assess results ✓			
Morrisey (SAA) Ni-Cu-PGE – WA	Optimise Targets for drilling + Prep ✓			RC Drilling ✓			Assess results ✓	
Cerro de Fierro (SAA) Cu-Au – Peru		Permit & Access for Drilling ✓				RC Drilling ✓		
Parcoy (SAA) Cu-Au - Peru		Permit & Access for Drilling ✓			RC Drilling ✓		Assess results ✓	
Los Otros (SAA) Cu-Mo – Peru	RC Drilling ✓		Assess results ✓					

AusQuest Managing Director Graeme Drew said the imminent start of drilling at Balladonia marks the beginning of an intensive phase of exploration activity across a number of our projects, setting the scene for a period of intensive news-flow over the coming months.

“We have compelling base metal targets at our three Australian Projects that are under the Alliance with South32, and high-priority targets in Peru, where we have been systematically working towards a large-scale copper discovery for some time now,” he said.

“Any one of these projects has the potential to deliver a game-changing result for the Company and our shareholders.”



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.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

This report contains forward looking statements concerning the projects owned by AusQuest Limited. Statements concerning mining reserves and resources may also be deemed to be forward looking statements in that they involve estimates based on specific assumptions. 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 based on management's beliefs, opinions and estimates 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.