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## NEW ROUND OF DRILLING SET TO COMMENCE AT THE HAMILTON COPPER PROJECT – NW QLD

- **Three diamond holes (~1,850 metres) planned to test priority gravity targets**
- **Program funded under the Strategic Alliance Agreement with South32**
- **Assay results expected in late May 2022**

AusQuest Limited (ASX: AQD) is pleased to advise that it is gearing up to commence a new program of diamond drilling at its **Hamilton Copper Project** in North West Queensland under the Strategic Alliance Agreement (SAA) with a wholly-owned subsidiary of South32.

A total of three diamond drill holes for ~1,850m is planned to test two distinct gravity targets that are closely associated with mineralised banded iron formation (BIF) sequences and iron-calcium alteration (skarns) that were intersected by earlier drilling programs (see ASX releases October 12 and December 21, 2021).

The areas of semi-coincident gravity and magnetic responses are considered high-priority targets in light of results from the earlier drilling and are believed to have significantly upgraded the prospects for copper at Hamilton.

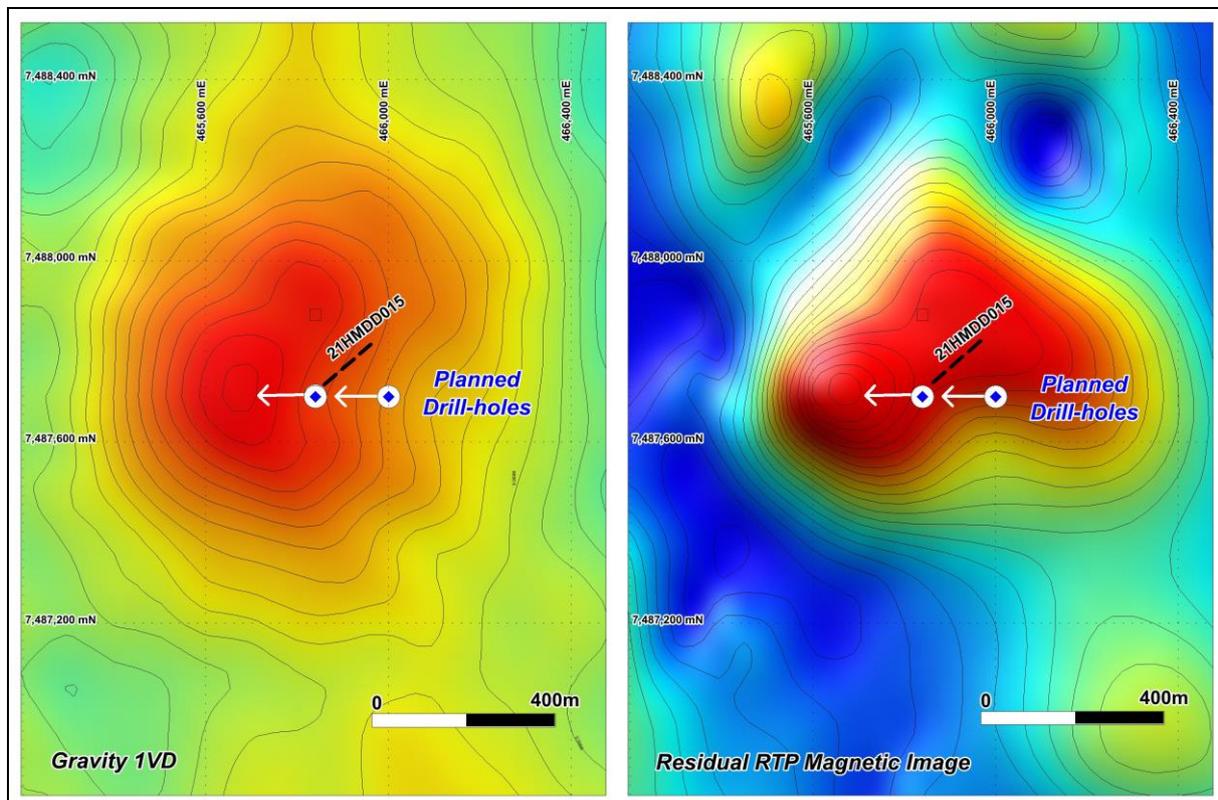


Figure 1: Hamilton North showing gravity-magnetic target and location of drill-holes (mineralised BIF and skarn were intersected at depth in HMDD015).

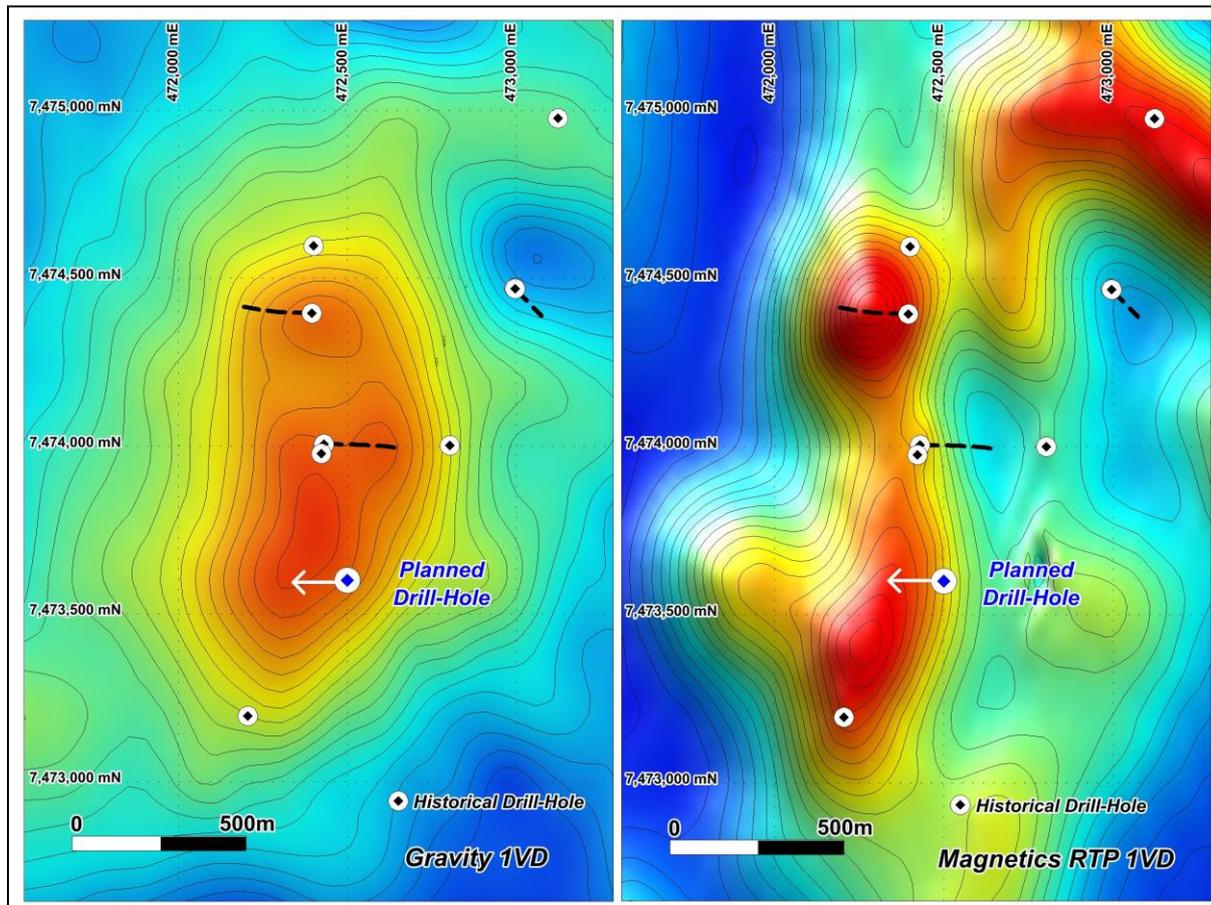


Figure 2: Hamilton South showing gravity-magnetic target and location of the drill-hole.

The drilling program should take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete with samples to be sent on an ongoing basis to the Intertek Genalysis Laboratory in Townsville for analysis. Final assay results should be available 4-6 weeks after the completion of drilling.

The mineralised BIF at Hamilton appears similar in nature to that hosting the Osborne copper-gold deposit (global resource ~36Mt @ 2% Cu and 1g/t Au), located approximately 70km to the north, which also has an associated gravity response.

The Project covers a belt of magnetic rocks extending over a strike length of approximately 30km under Eromanga Basin cover, which is approximately 200m thick. Numerous magnetic targets within this belt have never been tested by drilling.

AusQuest's Managing Director, Graeme Drew, said the highly encouraging recent gravity results had significantly upgraded the potential for a copper-gold discovery at Hamilton, paving the way for the upcoming drilling program.

"We are excited about the potential for a significant discovery at Hamilton and the prospectivity of the greater region, and look forward to drilling commencing very shortly" he said.



Graeme Drew  
Managing Director

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