

MINOTAUR EXPLORATION AND GATEWAY SIGN SURPRISE JOINT VENTURE

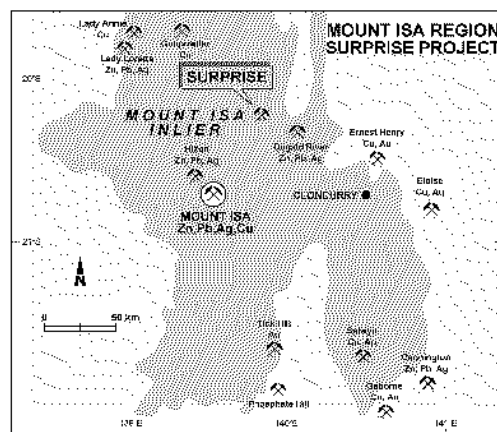
Gateway Mining (ASX: GML) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a Joint Venture with Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Minotaur Exploration Limited (ASX: MEP) to advance its 100% owned Surprise Project in the Mount Isa region North Queensland.

Surprise is located some 90 km north west of Cloncurry and approximately 20 km north-west of the recently announced Universal Resources high grade copper-gold discovery at Cabbage Tree Creek.

Key terms of the JV agreement are:

- Minotaur must spend a total of \$1.0 million over 54 months to earn 75% of the Project which consists of two EPM's and four mining leases.
- Minotaur must spend \$150,000 before it can exit.
- Minotaur is required to spend a total of \$0.5 million to gain 51% of the Project over 30 months from the date of commencement.
- Minotaur can spend another \$0.5 million to earn the 75% over the next 24 months.

Gateway has completed initial exploration comprising stream and soil geochemistry, limited geophysics and shallow drilling on the Surprise project (EPM 9053, EPM 13677, ML 2483, ML 2509, ML 2686 and ML 90102). Results of the surface and near surface work are very encouraging and Minotaur will test for deeper targets guided by both structural controls and geophysics. Minotaur brings proven geophysical expertise as one of Australia's most successful explorers in detecting deeper drill targets.



Future Exploration

The company has been advised that Minotaur intends to conduct a geophysical program involving gravity as soon as possible. Results of the gravity survey, surface geochemistry and earlier IP surveys will aid in delineating advanced drilling targets.

About Surprise

Regionally the project is located within the Kalkadoon-Leichhardt Belt of the Mt Isa Inlier. Locally the project is located at the northern end of the Wonga sub province and covers prospective rocks of Proterozoic age, including the Corella and Argylla Formations.

The project includes the historic Surprise Mine; its northern and southern strike extensions and numerous prospector pits and historical settings throughout the area. Historical known production from the Surprise mine between 1907 and 1976 was 4987 tonnes with grades from 9.8% to 16% copper and some gold at 2-4g/t. From 1992 to 1994, H Mostler produced some 805 tonnes of ore averaging 10.45% copper and 2.15g/t gold.

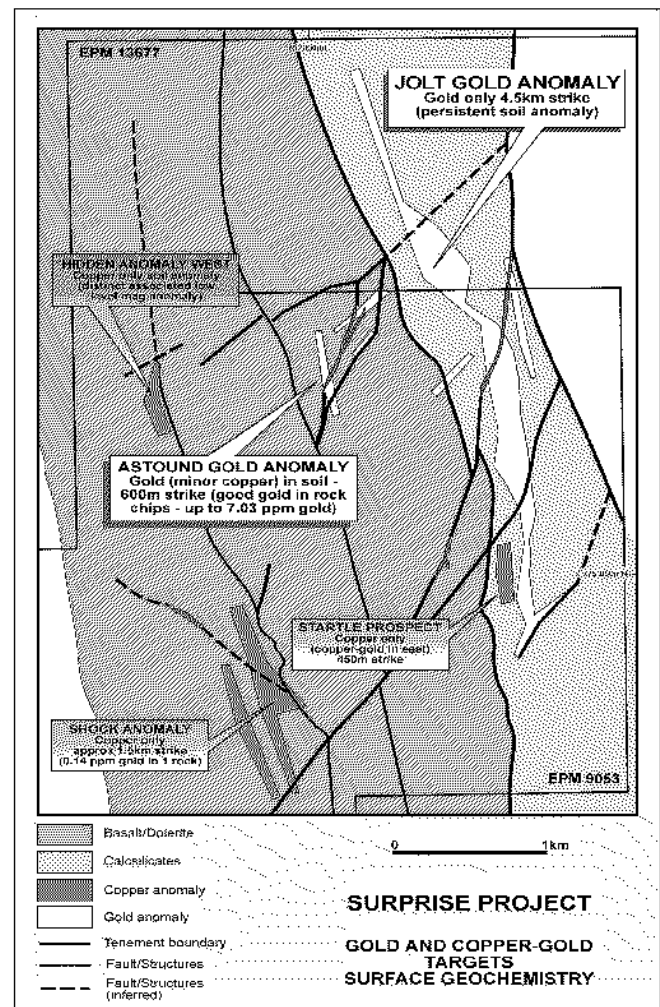
Target zones identified by Gateway

At the **Surprise Mine** limited shallow drilling (seven reverse circulation drill holes) intersected significant mineralisation including 8 metres @1.81g/t gold and 1.16% copper. The Surprise mineralised structure remains open to the north and at depth and needs further drill testing. At **Surprise Extended** positive stream and soil sampling results in the north western zone indicate potential for the extension of the Surprise shear which has been confirmed by geological mapping. One line of soil sampling returned a spot high of 157 ppb gold. The anomaly remains untested.

At **Startle** reverse circulation drilling tested a copper-gold soil anomaly over 700 metres long and 250 metres wide. Holes on three sections 200 metres apart (400-metre strike length) intersected altered meta-sandstone, minor quartz veining and oxide copper. Drilling only tested the zone to a vertical depth of 30 metres; results included 7 metres @ 1.21% and 11 metres @ 0.42% copper.

At the **Shock** prospect soil geochemistry results delineated the Shock anomaly in the centre of EPM9053. The anomaly is coincident with a mineralised shear and numerous historical workings identified in geological mapping, and extends over 2 kilometres in strike and is up to 400 metres wide. Dump sample assay results included 5.92% copper and 0.14g/t gold from a working located at the centre of the anomaly.

Results of gradient array IP at the **Hidden** prospect confirm an anomaly in a previous Dipole-Dipole IP survey. The gradient array survey data delineated several linear chargeable zones that cross cut the mapped geology.



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