COMET VALE DRILLING RESULTS

The Company informs the market that it has successfully completed a second phase of diamond core drilling at the Sand George prospect and additional infill RC drilling at the Sand Queen South Extension within its Comet Vale project.

At the **Sand George prospect**, a four-hole diamond drilling (DDH) program has indicated that the mineralised lode or lodes can be traced over a strike length of at least 150 m at a depth of about 120-180 metres below surface (equivalent to 3 - 5 Level in the Sand Queen mine).

Results (gold assays in excess of 1 g/t only) from DDHs RD005 – RD008 at the Sand George prospect are listed below (results from RD001-RD004 have been reported in previous ASX announcements):

Hole ID (DDH)	Collar Northing[1]	Collar Easting[1]	From m	To m	Intersection m	Grade[2] g/t Au
RD005	13074	7740	154.8	155.8	1.0	4.55
			182.4	184.3	1.9	11.60
		including	182.9	183.4	0.5	30.97
RD006[3]	13074	7706	180.9	181.3	0.4	3.82
RD007	13075	7645	302.0	305.1	3.1	13.34
		including	302.0	303.2	1.2	19.36
		including	304.2	305.1	0.9	31.50
RD008	13174	7643	298.0	301.0	3.0	2.63
		including	300.0	301.0	1.0	6.46

1. Collar coordinates are for a local grid. All holes collared at 70° to the east.
2. All samples analysed by Fire assay with an AAS finish (FA50/AAS) and calculated as a weighted average.
3. DDH RD006 appears to have been stopped prematurely, due to difficult drilling conditions.

The current diamond drilling exploration program has effectively tested the Comet Vale lode structure at the Sand George prospect below that previously tested by RC drilling campaigns Continuity of the Sand George lode structure over the interval between about 140 metres and 200 metres below surface has been confirmed.

Drill holes RD007 and RD008 each intersected about 3 metres of mineralised lode in a structural position that is consistent with a continuation of the main Sand George lode to a vertical depth of about 280-300 metres below surface. This is about 50 metres below the equivalent position of No. 6 Level in the Sand Queen mine to the north.

Drill hole RD006 encountered difficult drilling conditions and the end of this drill hole appears to be just short of the projected position of the mineralised lode intersected in RD005 and RD007, all on the same section.

At the **Sand Queen South Extension**, infill drilling along strike from the southern edge of the Sand Queen workings about 50-100 m south of the Main Shaft, has confirmed an extension of the Sand Queen lode south of the known workings with best results of **3 m @ 46.5 g/t Au** (DRC136) and **5 m @ 92.4 g/t Au** (DRC138). This is additional to previously reported best results of 4 m @ 21.6 g/t Au (DRC073) and 2 m @ 18.4 g/t Au (DRC108).

Results from the latest RC drilling of the Sand Queen South Extension are summarised below:

Drill Hole	Collar Northing (m)	Collar Easting (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval depth (m)	Grade (g/t Au)
DRC131	13499	7777	12	17	5	2.92
		including	13	14	1	9.50
			44	46	2	1.48
			62	63	1	5.33
DRC132	13499	7740	58	59	1	1.87
			79	81	2	1.72
DRC133	13470	7777	18	21	3	2.00
DRC134	13474	7760	37	41	4	4.07
DRC135	13474	7731	82	85	3	7.13
		including	82	83	1	16.97
			88	90	2	5.13
			92	96	4	3.60
		including	95	96	1	9.97
DRC136	13500	7764	66	67	1	9.15
			73	76	3	46.54
		including	75	76	1	136.93
			99	100	1	3.29
DRC137	13450	7780	21	23	2	3.55
DRC138	13450	7745	64	69	5	92.42
		including	67	68	1	33.18
		including	69	70	1	424.14

Note: Collar coordinates are for a local grid. All holes drilled with a dip of -60° towards 085 AMG. Samples are 1 m drill intervals and analysed by Fire Assay with an AAS finish.

Testing of a soil geochemical anomaly located about 150 metres west of Sand George has revealed an additional lode at this position, possibly parallel with the Sand George lodes. Results of RC drilling at the Sand George West position are summarised below:

Drill Hole	Collar Northing (m)	Collar Easting (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval depth (m)	Grade (g/t Au)
DRC139	13200	7650	34	39	5	5.47
		including	35	36	1	12.90

Sand George Resource

The Company's consultants have completed a re-evaluation of the Mineral Resource at the Sand George prospect to include the results from the diamond drilling program.

This has substantially increased the potential resource at Sand George with an additional 125,472 tonnes containing an estimated 39,874 ounces of gold indicated in the Sand George 'Deeps' area.

The updated Mineral Resource estimate for the Sand George deposit is:

Category*	Lode (No. samples)	Tonnes	Grade g/t Au	Contained gold ounces
Indicated	C1 (59)	84,585	11.67	31,734
Inferred	C1Deeps (14)	33,984	12.05	13,167
Inferred	C2 (12)	32,790	6.17	6,509
Inferred	B (22)	33,274	3.58	3,835
Inferred	D1 (11)	15,419	1.75	866
	Sub-total Inferred	115,468	6.57	24,377
Unclassified		149,035	9.90	47,421
TOTAL		349,088	9.22	103,532

* Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources listed above are in accordance with the JORC Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

The total Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources in the main C1, C1Deeps and C2 lodes is 151,360 tonnes at an average grade of 10.6 g/t Au (51,410 ounces gold).

The 'Unclassified' resource includes 91,488 tonnes at a grade of 9.08 g/t Au (26,707 ounces gold) contained within the Sand George 'Deeps' area.

The 'C1Deeps', 'D1Deeps', 'C2Deeps' and 'C3Deep's are the interpreted depth extensions of the C1, D1, C2 and C3 lodes, respectively.

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Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources detailed in this statement are in accordance with the JORC 1999 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and have been compiled by Lenore Jepson (Maxwell Geoservices) and Isobel Algar (Maxwell Geoservices) who have relevant experience with the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration to qualify as Competent Persons under the Code.

Technical aspects of this report have been compiled by Dr P Collins (BSc(Hons), PhD, MAIG), an employee of Curtin Consultancy Services Ltd. Dr Collins has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being reported on to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Dr Collins consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters in the form and context in which it appears.