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### ROX BEGINS DIAMOND BULK SAMPLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

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**Rox Resources (ASX: RXL)** is pleased to announce that a bulk sampling program has commenced on two diamond bearing kimberlite pipes near Kimberley in South Africa.

In September 2005, Rox announced it had assembled a quality portfolio of kimberlite projects and would pursue a strategy of quickly achieving diamond production in South Africa.

The first to be sampled will be the Cyrus deposit which is part of a kimberlite cluster 14 km east of the Frank Smith and Leicester diamond mines, located 60 km north of Kimberley.

"Cyrus is a known diamond-bearing kimberlite, so we're excited to see what the sampling returns," said Mr Mulholland. "We've also forged a BEE agreement with Lute Mining and Diamonds and Tsweleng Ptd Ltd who already have a significant base in the country and kimberlite mining experience," he said.

Kimberlite mines in the area have produced grades between 15 and 25 carats per hundred tonnes, and historic diamond values from US\$100 to US\$230 per carat. Diamond prices have increased significantly from these levels over the past few years.

The second deposit, Smithsdale, is located about halfway between Kimberley and Cyrus. Indicator mineral sampling has returned highly encouraging results.

Two bulk samples will be collected, a 3,000 tonne sample from the Cyrus kimberlite and a 1,000 tonne sample from the Smithsdale kimberlite. Treatment will be onsite using a local contractor's rotary pan, grease table and flow-sort X-ray machine. Results are expected within 3-4 weeks, and will establish a preliminary grade, diamond size distribution and value of the diamonds from these kimberlites.

The bulk samples are the first step on the path to establishing the primary economic parameters of the kimberlites before a more detailed program of drilling is undertaken to determine kimberlite size, morphology, geology and grade distribution.

"We're aiming to complete a scoping study and pre-feasibility study in early to mid 2006. These are only two of nine known kimberlites on our ground holdings, and we have a number of other established exploration targets," said Mr Mulholland.

"Rox has two main areas of focus – lead-zinc in Laos and diamonds in South Africa," said Mr Mulholland. "While we're hunting for elephants in Laos, South Africa is our best strategy for near-term cash flows," he said.

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**About Cyrus**

Rox has an option to earn up to a 60% equity in the Cyrus project by completing a feasibility study.

Indicator mineral sampling by Rox (and previously by Scientific Services) has shown a high proportion of G10 and eclogitic garnets. Chromite (chrome spinel) analyses also plot strongly in the diamond associated field.

The size of the Cyrus kimberlite has not been fully established. It is currently being mined to a depth of 5 metres on a small scale by Rox's BEE partner Tswelelang (Pty) Ltd. Over the last 3 months Tswelelang have recovered approximately 1,300 carats of diamonds.

Two other kimberlites occur nearby, and neither has been systematically tested or evaluated. There are a number of other targets within the prospecting permit, which also hosts surficial rookoppie gravel and remnant alluvial deposits associated with the proto Vaal River.

**About Smithsdale**

Rox has an option to purchase 100% of the Smithsdale kimberlite cluster.

The one hectare kimberlite pipe to be sampled is in proximity to the Pole diamond mine as well as several other diamond bearing pipes, dykes and fissures. Other than an eight metre deep prospecting pit dating back several decades the Smithsdale pipe has not had any systematic exploration.

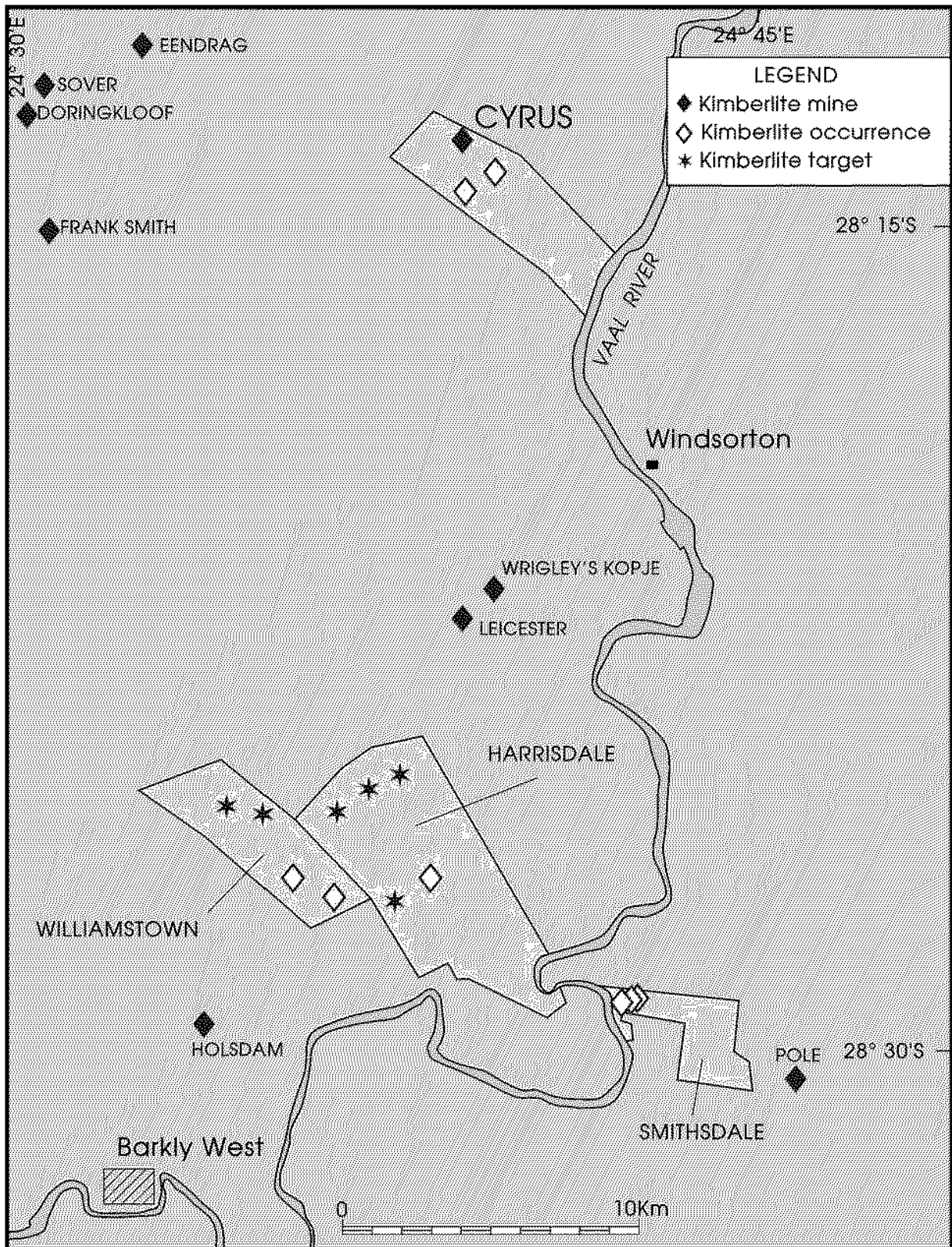
Indicator mineral sampling showed very similar results to the diamondiferous Cyrus kimberlite, with a high percentage of G10 and eclogitic garnets, and chromites plotting strongly in the diamond associated field. The grade forecasts from indicator mineral sampling and the possibility of above average diamond value justifies mini bulk sampling as a prelude to resource evaluation.

**ABOUT ROX**

Rox is a Perth-based exploration company with a portfolio of projects in Laos, South Africa and Australia.

In Laos, Rox is exploring the Pha Luang lead-zinc project where high grade drill intercepts of lead and zinc have been made, and has first right of refusal over a number of other prospective resource projects there. In South Africa, Rox has a number of alluvial and kimberlite diamond projects with bulk sampling now underway. Current resources at the historic million ounce Menzies gold project in Western Australia total 170,900 ounces grading 2.5 g/t gold.

*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Ian Mulholland B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc., F.Aus.I.M.M., F.A.I.G., F.S.E.G., who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Mulholland has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Mulholland is a full time employee of the Company and consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*



Kimberlite Projects Location Map