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GRID POWER PROJECT CONTRACTS AWARDED; DRILLING UPDATE

KIHABE ZINC, LEAD, SILVER PROJECT – BOTSWANA

- Botswana Government awards contracts to construct grid power line passing 100km from project area
- Drilling program at Kihabe and Nxuu Zn, Pb, Ag deposits on schedule
- First tranche of samples sent for assay

The Company is pleased to announce that it has been informed by the Chamber of Mines Botswana that contracts were signed on the 10th November 2017, for the construction of Botswana's North West Transmission Grid (NWTG).

Three international contractors have been appointed to undertake the construction of the NWTG, one of which is an Australian company.

The NWTG will provide grid power to the North Western Districts of Botswana. Construction of Phase 1 of the NWTG will commence in January 2018 and run through to December 2019. This will involve the construction of a 400,000 V transmission line from the Morupule B power stations in Eastern Botswana, through to Maun in the Central North West of Botswana. A 132,000 V transmission line will be constructed to run from Maun, through Toteng, to Ghanzi in the South West of Botswana. From Toteng a further 132,000 V transmission line will be constructed to run to Shakawe in North Western Botswana.

The Company's Kihabe project is 100km to the West of the proposed Toteng/Shakawe transmission line.

The Company is currently conducting an HQ diamond core drilling programme on its Kihabe and Nxuu deposits. The first consignment of core involving three drill holes from the Kihabe deposit has now been delivered to Maun for transport to South Africa where the core will be pulped and freighted to Western Australia for assaying. Drilling at the Kihabe deposit is being conducted to determine the extent of a relatively high grade, near surface, zinc oxide zone intersected in previous drilling (see announcement 3/10/17 for details).

HQ diamond core drilling has been selected in order to provide accurate assay results. Previous RC drilling assay results have on average shown a potential under-call of assay grades in the regions of typically 40% to 60%, when twinned by diamond core drilling.

The diamond core rig is currently drilling at the Nxuu deposit where to date 19 holes have now been completed in this shallow, basin shaped deposit, with a maximum depth of 60m. Oxide mineralisation occurs in a quartz wacke overlying a barren dolostone.

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