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More Strong Trenching Results from Outcropping Porphyry Gold-Copper System at Bramaderos Main

HIGHLIGHTS

- The latest results extend the strike length of mineralisation at Bramaderos Main in trenches to at least 300m, and remains open
- Preparation of drill access tracks and drill pads is underway
- Trench BM02 has been extended and now delivers an extra 65m of mineralised rock;
 - 140.6m at 0.57g/t gold and 0.15% copper, including;
 - 68.2m at 0.80g/t gold and 0.18% copper
- Trench BM07, located 200m to the northwest, delivered;
 - 112.6m at 0.58g/t gold, including;
 - 68.0m at 0.65g/t gold and 0.10% copper
- Historical drill hole CURI-13 which drilled under trench BM07 intersected;
 - 404.30m @ 0.41 g/t gold, 0.10% copper (from 3.66m depth), including
 - 187m @ 0.50 g/t Au, 0.10% Cu (from 131m depth)
- Trenching is ongoing to define further strike extensions to mineralisation
- All documents for the issuance of the drill permit are with the Department of Environment

Sunstone Metals Limited (ASX:STM) is pleased to announce more very strong gold and copper results from additional trenching recently completed at the Bramaderos Main gold-copper porphyry target within the Bramaderos Project in Ecuador (Figure 3).

Based on the strength of early trenching results, the trenching programme was expanded, and has now been successful in extending the strike extent of mineralisation at the Bramaderos Main target to over 300m, and this remains open.

The trenching phase remains ongoing with additional results from trench BM02, new results from trench BM07, and sampling of an historical adit which intersected 40m @ 0.38 g/t Au, 0.06% Cu (Figure 2).

Trench BM02 was extended based on strong assays from the phase 1 program and has now delivered 140.6m at 0.57g/t gold and 0.15% copper, including **68.2m at 0.80g/t gold and 0.18% copper – adding 65m to the lateral extent of mineralisation previously reported**.



Trench BM07, located over the top of historical hole CURI-13, has delivered 112.6m at 0.58g/t gold, including 68.0m at 0.65g/t gold and 0.10% copper. This provides further support for the interpretation of the cross-section geometry that was first reported in ASX announcement dated 19th December 2017, from trench BM02 and drill hole CURI-03, located 200m to the south-east.

Sunstone Managing Director Malcolm Norris said:

"These latest results continue to strengthen our confidence in the potential to discover porphyry gold-copper at Bramaderos Main. We have built a solid picture of mineralisation which we will test with diamond drilling once the permits are received. We are preparing access for drilling in the lead-up to permits being issued.

"Through the combination of our trenching, and two historical drill holes at Bramaderos Main, we are building a 3-D picture of mineralisation, over area of 300m x 200m. This area is expanding with each phase of trenching which is continuing, with further assays expected in mid-late February."

Trench BM07 was positioned over the top of the historical diamond drill hole CURI-13, and is parallel and 200m away from, trench BM02 sited over the top of hole CURI-03. A series of cross sections can now be constructed (Figure 1) to start to develop a better understanding of the three-dimensional geometry of mineralisation at Bramaderos Main.

CURI-13 was drilled in 2001 by Ecuanor S.A. and intersected 404.30m @ 0.41 g/t gold, 0.10% copper (from 3.66m depth), including 187m @ 0.50 g/t Au, 0.10% Cu (from 131m depth). This drill hole further reinforces the potential for significant vertical extent to the mineralised zones intersected by trenching at surface, adds significant strike extent, and demonstrates excellent lateral continuity in grade.

All documentation required for the granting of the drill permit has now been provided to the Department of Environment. In anticipation of receipt of this drill permit in the near term, the Company has commenced preparation of drill access and establishment of drill pads.

Further details on the Company's drill programme will be advised once the permit has been formally approved.



Table 1: Trenches at Bramaderos Main gold-copper porphyry target, Ecuador

Trench Number	Interval (m)	Gold Grade (g/t Au)	Copper Grade (% Cu)	Comments
Tr BM01	105.7	0.32	0.09	Existing Intersection: 120m south of trench BM02.
includes	59.6	0.43	0.11	Existing Intersection.
Tr BM02	140.6	0.57	0.15	New extended: Intersection extended to the west.
includes	68.2	0.80	0.18	New extended: Intersection extended.
and	29.2	0.23	0.06	New: Open to west.
Tr BM03	118.1	0.12	0.08	New extended: Open to west.
Tr BM04	9.4			New: No significant intersection.
Tr BM05	6.1	0.22	0.04	New: Open to Southwest.
Tr BM06	50.7	0.18	0.05	New: <i>Open on all sides</i> . 50.7m sampled over 169.1m interval.
Tr BM07	112.6	0.58	0.09	New: Open on all sides.
includes	68.0	0.65	0.10	New: Open to Northwest and Southeast.
Tr BM08	8.3	0.33	0.05	New: Initial assays (Open on all sides).

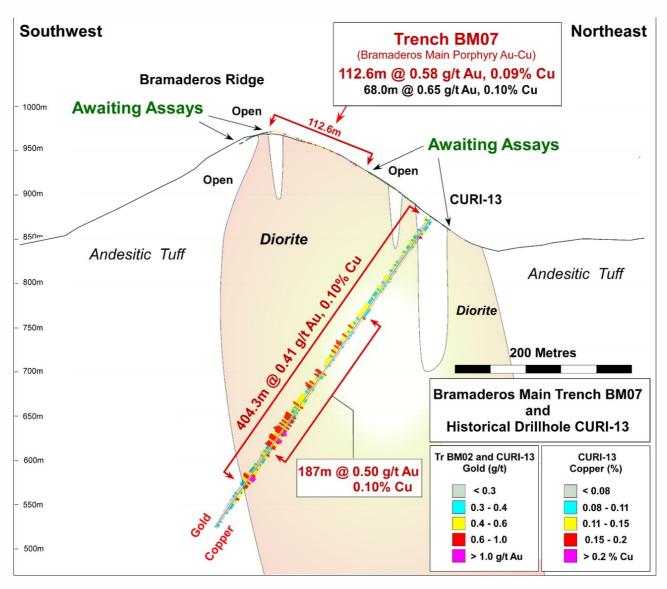


Figure 1: Cross section on Trench BM07 and historical drill hole CURI-13



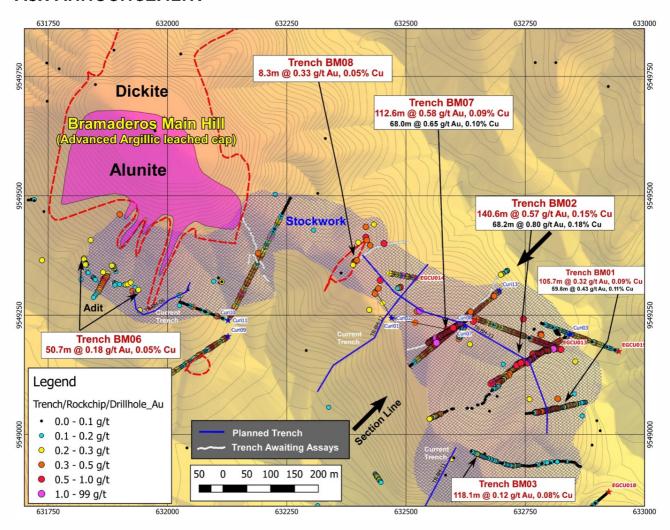


Figure 2: Plan showing locations of trenching and surface rock chip samples. The blue lines are trenches that are to be sampled and assayed. The transparent blue cross hatch is the area of mapped quartz stockwork veining.



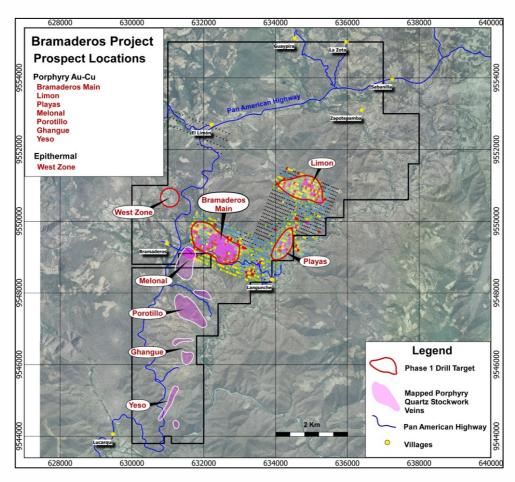


Figure 3: Bramaderos project showing location of the Bramaderos Main, Limon and Playas gold-copper porphyry systems and the West Zone epithermal gold system. Other mapped areas of stockwork veins are yet to be assessed by Sunstone. Grid points are soil gold results from Sunstone sampling.

Table 2: Details of historical drill holes shown in Figures 1 and 2

Drill Hole Number	Easting	Northing	ЕОН	Azimuth	Dip	Comments
CURI-01	632470	9549244	196.89	101.5	-47	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-02	632470	9549244	104.54	329.5	-48	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-03	632844	9549210	257.24	238	-40	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-07	632623	9549228	90.22	204	-70	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-08	632623	9549228	39.62	204	-45	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-09	632127	9549206	451.99	237	-59	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-10	632127	9549239	194.15	291	-56	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-11	632127	9549239	458.29	27	-51	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
CURI-13	632696	9549301	428.00	230	-55	Drilled by Ecuanor S.A. in 2001
EGCU-13	632822	9549179	371.85	290	-60	Drilled by Ecuador Gold S.A. in 2007
EGCU-14	632520	9549328	112.77	280	-60	Drilled by Ecuador Gold S.A. in 2007
EGCU-18	632925	9548880	362.71	230	-80	Drilled by Ecuador Gold S.A. in 2007
EGCU-19	632946	9549174	347.47	290	-60	Drilled by Ecuador Gold S.A. in 2007



About Sunstone Metals

Sunstone has an advanced portfolio of exploration and development projects in Scandinavia and Ecuador. The portfolio comprises:

- 1. The Bramaderos Gold-Copper Project where Sunstone has signed an earn-in agreement with TSXV listed Cornerstone Capital Resources (see ASX announcement dated 10th April 2017). The Bramaderos gold-copper project is located in Loja province, southern Ecuador, and is considered to be highly prospective for the discovery of large gold-copper systems. Historical results from drilling at Bramaderos include wide intervals such as 260m at 0.6g/t Au and 0.14% Cu. Trenching results at the West Zone breccia include intersections at surface of up to 42m at 3.7g/t Au. These results, together with the distribution of alteration, and large coincident gold-copper-molybdenum surface anomalies indicate multiple fertile mineralised systems with significant discovery potential.
- 2. **The Viscaria Copper Project** in northern Sweden has a completed Scoping Study (see ASX announcements dated 16th December 2015 and 5th April 2016) and is moving towards PFS and permitting to allow for mine development. Considerable exploration upside exists and low technical risk drill targets continue to be tested.
- 3. The Southern Finland Gold Project, includes the Satulinmäki gold prospect. Shallow diamond drilling was completed by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) during the period 2000-2005 and this was followed by a 7-hole diamond drilling program by Sunstone Metals in 2016. Intersections from GTK include 18m @ 4.1g/t Au from 50m downhole, including 3m @ 9.3g/t Au, and 4m @ 10.3g/t Au in drill hole R391. Intersections by Sunstone include 23.5m at 3.3g/t in SMDD007 and 2m at 10.5g/t in SMDD005. The Satulinmäki gold prospect is part of an earn-in JV with Canadian company Nortec Minerals, where Sunstone can earn up to an 80% interest (see ASX announcement dated 19th May 2016). Sunstone has already earned a 51% interest, and has also acquired a significant land position, in its own right, in the district.
- 4. The Scandinavian Lithium Project, includes the Kietyönmäki lithium prospect. Drilling by Sunstone has delivered 24.2m at 1.4% Li₂O in a spodumene bearing pegmatite. Additional earlier stage lithium opportunities are held in Sweden and Finland.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based upon information reviewed by Dr Bruce Rohrlach who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr Rohrlach is a full-time employee of Sunstone Metals Ltd and 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 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Dr Rohrlach consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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APPENDIX 1

The following Table and Sections are provided to ensure compliance with the JORC Code (2012 Edition)

TABLE 1 – Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	• Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as downhole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.	The results announced here are from trench rock chip samples. The sampling was carried out using saw-cut continuous channel samples from bedrock exposed in trenches.
	• Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.	• Samples were taken as saw-cut channel samples along trenches to get a representative sample.
	• Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	• Continuous rock channel sampling along trenches. Samples were collected along intervals ranging from 0.83m to 2.50m, and sample weights ranging from 1 to 8kg.
Drilling techniques	Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone- Cornerstone JV. Historical diamond drilling has been completed by previous explorers.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone-Cornerstone JV. The Sunstone-Cornerstone JV does have complete assay data from historical holes. Details of this drilling has been reported in publicly available NI 43-101 technical reports.
	Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone-Cornerstone JV. Channel samples were cut continuously along the trench walls or floor and so represent 100% recovery.
	Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone- Cornerstone JV.
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.	 Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone-Cornerstone JV. Trench-derived rock chip samples were logged into an Excel database that recorded lithology, alteration and mineralisation style and sampling details.
	Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography. The total length and parameters of the relevant.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone- Cornerstone JV.
	• The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone- Cornerstone JV. All channel samples were logged.
Sub-sampling techniques and	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone-Cornerstone JV. Details of historical drilling data has been taken from assay databases and from NI 43-101 technical reports.



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sample preparation	If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.	Trench derived rock chip samples collected (dry) and weighed between 1kg and 8kg. These were then sent to the sample preparation laboratory for processing as described below.
	For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.	 Samples were sent to the LAC y Asociados Cia. Ltda. Sample Preparation Facility in Cuenca, Ecuador for sample preparation. The standard sample preparation for rock chip samples (Code PRP-910) is: Drying the sample, crushing to size fraction 70% <2mm and splitting the sample to a 250g portion by riffle or Boyd rotary splitter. The 250g sample is then pulverised to >85% passing 75 microns and then split into two 50g pulp samples. Then one of the pulp samples was sent to the MS Analytical Laboratory in Vancouver (Unit 1, 20120 102nd Avenue, Langley, BC V1M 4B4, Canada) for gold and base metal analysis. The sample preparation is carried out according to industry standard practices using highly appropriate sample preparation techniques.
	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub- sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.	 Sunstone used an industry standard QAQC programme involving Certified Reference Materials "standards" and blank samples, which were introduced in the assay batches. Standards (Certified Reference Materials) and analytical blanks were submitted at a rate of 1 in 16 samples. Duplicate samples were also submitted in the main analytical batch. In addition, analytical duplicate (or check) assays were conducted on 1 in 12 samples.
	Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.	 The check or duplicate assay results are reported along with the sample assay values in the final analysis report. Samples were collected in a manner that provided representative samples from each trench, and zones of different rock types or alteration within those trenches. Once assay results are received the results from duplicate samples are compared with the corresponding routine sample to ascertain whether the sampling is representative.
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	Sample sizes are considered to be appropriate for the style of sampling undertaken and the grainsize of the material, and correctly represent the style and type of mineralisation at the exploration stage.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.	 Sunstone used assay method FAS-111 for gold and IMS-136-15g for a suite of 37 elements (including gold). FAS-111 involves Au by Fire Assay on a 30-gram aliquot, fusion and atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) at trace levels. IMS-136-15g involves Aqua regia digestion of a 15g aliquot followed by multi-element analysis by ICP-AES/MS at ultra-trace levels. This analysis technique is considered suitable for this style of mineralisation.
	• For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.	No other measurement tools/instruments were used.



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	Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.	grade and are consider performance of values in grade of the deposit. The check sampling	dards range from low to high ered appropriate to monitor lear cut-off and near the mean results are monitored and ommunicated to the laboratory
Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.		e been completed by the exploration results for this
y	The use of twinned holes.	 Drilling has not yet been Cornerstone JV. 	undertaken by the Sunstone-
	Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.	Sunstone sampling data using Excel.	were imported and validated
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	Assay data were not adjust	sted.
Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.	Sample co-ordinates are along the length of the tre	located by GPS and measured ench.
	Specification of the grid system used.	Southern Ecuador projec	tion parameters:
		Parameter	Value
		Reference Ellipsoid	International 1924
		Semi Major Axis	
		Inverse Flattening (1/f)	
		Type of Projection	UTM Zone -17S (Datum PSAD56)
		Central Meridian:	-81.0000
		Latitude of Origin	0.0000
		Scale on Central Meridian	0.9996
		False Northing	10000000
		False Easting	500000
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	The topographic cont	rol was compared against ellite imagery and found to be
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.		ted over various intervals and 0.83 to 2.5m along a trench.
	Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.	The data from these samples does not contribute to any resource estimate nor implies any grade continuity.	
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	No sample compositing w	vas done.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.		by get a representative sample of but not sampled in any way to sed of structures.
	If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.	Drilling has not yet been Cornerstone JV.	undertaken by the Sunstone-
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Sunstone sampling pro- samples were given due a	ocedures indicate individual attention.



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		 Sample security was managed through sealed individual samples and sealed bags of multiple samples for secure delivery to the laboratory by permanent staff of the joint-venture. MS Analytical is an internationally accredited laboratory that has all its internal procedures heavily scrutinised in order to maintain their accreditation. MS Analytical is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 2005 Accredited Methods.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	 Sunstone's and Cornerstone's sampling techniques and data have been audited multiple times by independent mining consultants during various project assessments. These audits have concluded that the sampling techniques and data management are to industry standards. All historical data has been validated to the best degree possible and migrated into a database.

TABLE 1 – Section 2: Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.	The Bramaderos Exploration Concession is located in the Loja Province of southern Ecuador. The concession was granted to La Plata Minerales S.A. ("PLAMIN") in January 2017. PLAMIN is a subsidiary of Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc ("Cornerstone"). The concession is subject to a Joint Venture between Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc. and Sunstone Metals Ltd. There are no wilderness areas or national parks or areas of environmental significance within or adjoining the concession area. There are no native title interests.
	• The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	The Bramaderos Exploration Concession was granted to La Plata Minerales S.A. ("PLAMIN") in January 2017. PLAMIN is a subsidiary of Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc ("Cornerstone"). The Bramaderos Concession is subject to a Joint Venture between Sunstone Metals and Cornerstone.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	• The historic exploration was completed by various groups over the period 1970-1984, 2001-2002 and 2004-2007. Most of the readily available historic data has been acquired and compiled into databases and a GIS project. Exploration by other parties has included stream sediment surveys, geological mapping, rock chip sampling (888 samples) and grid-based soil sampling (1324 samples), trenching and channel sampling (17 trenches), ground magnetic surveys (31 line kilometres), electrical IP surveys and diamond drilling (10426m).
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The deposit style being explored for includes intrusion- related and stockwork hosted porphyry Au-Cu systems plus low sulphidation epithermal veins and bulk- tonnage breccia-hosted epithermal gold mineralisation. The setting is a volcanic arc setting of Cretaceous age overprinted by Miocene age intrusions.



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Drill hole Information	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: a. easting and northing of the drill hole collar b. elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar c. dip and azimuth of the hole d. down hole length and interception depth e. hole length.	 Details of the samples discussed in this announcement are in the body of the text. Details of historical drill holes are included here and are taken from publicly available NI 43-101 technical reports.
	• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	Information included in announcement.
Data aggregation methods	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.	 No weighting averaging techniques were used. Intervals were calculated based on interval length multiplied by the grade, and then composited over appropriate intervals. No grade cut-offs were applied.
	Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.	Intervals were calculated based on interval length multiplied by the gold grade, and then composited over appropriate intervals and averaged over the length.
	The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	Metal equivalents have not been applied.
Relationship between mineralisation	If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill-hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone-Cornerstone JV
widths and intercept lengths	• If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').	Drilling has not yet been undertaken by the Sunstone- Cornerstone JV
Diagrams	• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	See Figures for maps showing distribution of samples.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	Figures 1 & 2 above show individual rock chip and trench channel results and the composited intervals, and the location of trenching results relative to historical drill holes.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported) including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	Figures 1 & 2 above show individual rock chip channel results and the composited intervals.
Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large- scale step-out drilling).	The planned exploration program is outlined in the announcement.



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	See Figure 3 which shows areas for further exploration.