
Drilling extends high grade gold zone

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The current stage of drilling on the Reward project at Hill End, New South Wales is completed with eight holes totalling 1743.4 metres of combined reverse circulation and diamond drilling.

The successful drilling program has extended high grade veins in the Central Zone and will result in an initial resource estimate for the Reward Hangingwall Zone in May 2006. Scoping studies for the Reward area are planned for mid-2006.

As shown in the attached figures, the high grade vein sets in the Hangingwall Zone now have a strike extent of over 200 metres and the Central Zone is expected to exceed 300 metres. Repetitions of these high grade zones are interpreted to continue along strike and at depth.

Further drilling at Reward is planned to follow up the exciting intersections in the Central Zone position and to provide additional information for the top of the Footwall zone.

Reward mineralisation drilled to date is within the Hawkins Hill Mine Sequence which hosted the very high grade Hawkins Hill deposit approximately 400 metres to the south. Recent logging and detailed interpretation of the Reward area drill core has correlated high grade vein sets in the Hawkins Hill Mine Sequence with the veins in the Hawkins Hill deposit as Hangingwall Zone (Frenchman's, Stephen's), Central Zone (Paxton's, Mica, Star of Peace) and Footwall Zone (Amalgamated).

Drilling has confirmed and extended the high grade continuity of a number of high grade veins at Reward such as Paxton's at the top of the Central Zone. Previous drilling in NRI005 intersected the Paxton's veins with 0.88 metre at 208.17g/tAu (0.18 metre at 16.7g/tAu and 0.33 metre at 546g/tAu).

Hole HHRCD20 in the recent program intersected the very high grade Paxton's veins 45 metres to the south and 20 metres up dip of NRI005 with 0.90 metre at 10.31g/tAu (0.10 metre at 6.32g/tAu flecked with visible gold and 0.55 metre at 11.7g/tAu). It is expected that these assays of HQ3 half core are conservative. Assays are pending for HHD25 which has also intersected the Paxton's veins approximately 30 metres north of NRI005.

The drilling program included six deep holes to test the Hangingwall and Central Zone (HHRCD19,20,22,23,24,25) and two shallow holes (HHRCD18 and 21) to test below near surface Hangingwall workings. Assay results have now been received for four holes HHRCD18, 19, 20 and 21 and from the re-logging of HHD15 and HHD17.

HHD15 contained a Frenchman's intersection of 0.55 metre at 25.4g/tAu and two other intersections within the Stephen's vein set. The Rowley's vein which is one of the uppermost vein sets in the Hawkins Hill Mine Sequence was intersected in HHD17 with 0.14 metre at 26.4g/tAu. HHRCD19 intersected multiple veins identified as the Stephen's vein set in the Hangingwall Zone over a 14.88 metre downhole interval with several veins containing visible gold. HHRCD20 also intersected the Stephen's main target vein of 0.17 metre at 27.9g/tAu. HHRCD18 and HHRCD21 were drilled to test the Hangingwall Zone close to the surface. The latter returned low grades while the former hit the target zone in old workings and was stopped.

Assay results are pending for HHRCD22,24 and 25 with visible gold logged in numerous quartz veins. All Reward holes in the current drilling program have been logged and samples dispatched to the ALS Chemex laboratory in Orange, NSW.

The drill rig has moved to Red Hill with 428 metres drilled out of a planned 2,670 metre program of combined reverse circulation and diamond drilling. The program is designed to test at depth the high grade mineralisation previously intersected in the Red Hill shaft area and to further delineate and define the Red Hill oxide resource. Drilling productivity has more than doubled over the past few months so the previously announced additional rig for Red Hill is not required at this stage.

High potential for significant deposits exists along strike and at depth along the Hill End Anticline Structural Corridor with further drilling planned in the near future along the Hawkins Hill - Reward – Scandinavian – Germantown line of lode indicated in the attached figure.

The budget for drilling at the Hill End project is approximately 8,000 metres for the 2006 calendar year.

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Attached: Table : Reward Drilling Re-logging results
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Figure : Hill End Hawkins Hill – Reward long section
Figure : Hill End Hawkins Hill – Germantown long section

Reward Project – Stage 3 Drilling Program Significant Assay Results (re-logging)

Hole Number	MGA Easting	MGA Northing	Dip(°)	Azimuth (MGA°)	Hole Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval(m)	Gold Grade (g/t)
HHD15	725407	6341645	-65	270	249.5	133.15	133.70	0.55	25.40*
						148.29	148.45	0.16	0.46
						148.45	148.72	0.27	10.50
						148.90	149.45	0.55	0.44
						150.10	150.60	0.50	5.74
						152.76	153.07	0.31	0.44
						159.10	159.20	0.10	4.52*
						162.50	162.53	0.03	113.50
						162.53	163.00	0.47	3.41*
						168.77	168.82	0.05	0.54
					207.07	207.77	0.70	4.10	
HHD17	725389	6341601	-70	268	249.5	62.50	62.64	0.14	26.40*
						127.31	127.39	0.08	2.96
						143.06	143.55	0.49	18.15
						146.51	146.69	0.18	28.90
						147.89	148.27	0.38	1.01
						149.37	149.74	0.37	1.52
						150.39	150.60	0.21	3.27
						152.35	152.58	0.23	1.60
						152.60	152.99	0.39	1.26
						153.30	153.50	0.20	0.92
						153.59	153.93	0.34	0.90
						155.39	155.69	0.30	6.05
						159.68	159.79	0.11	7.77

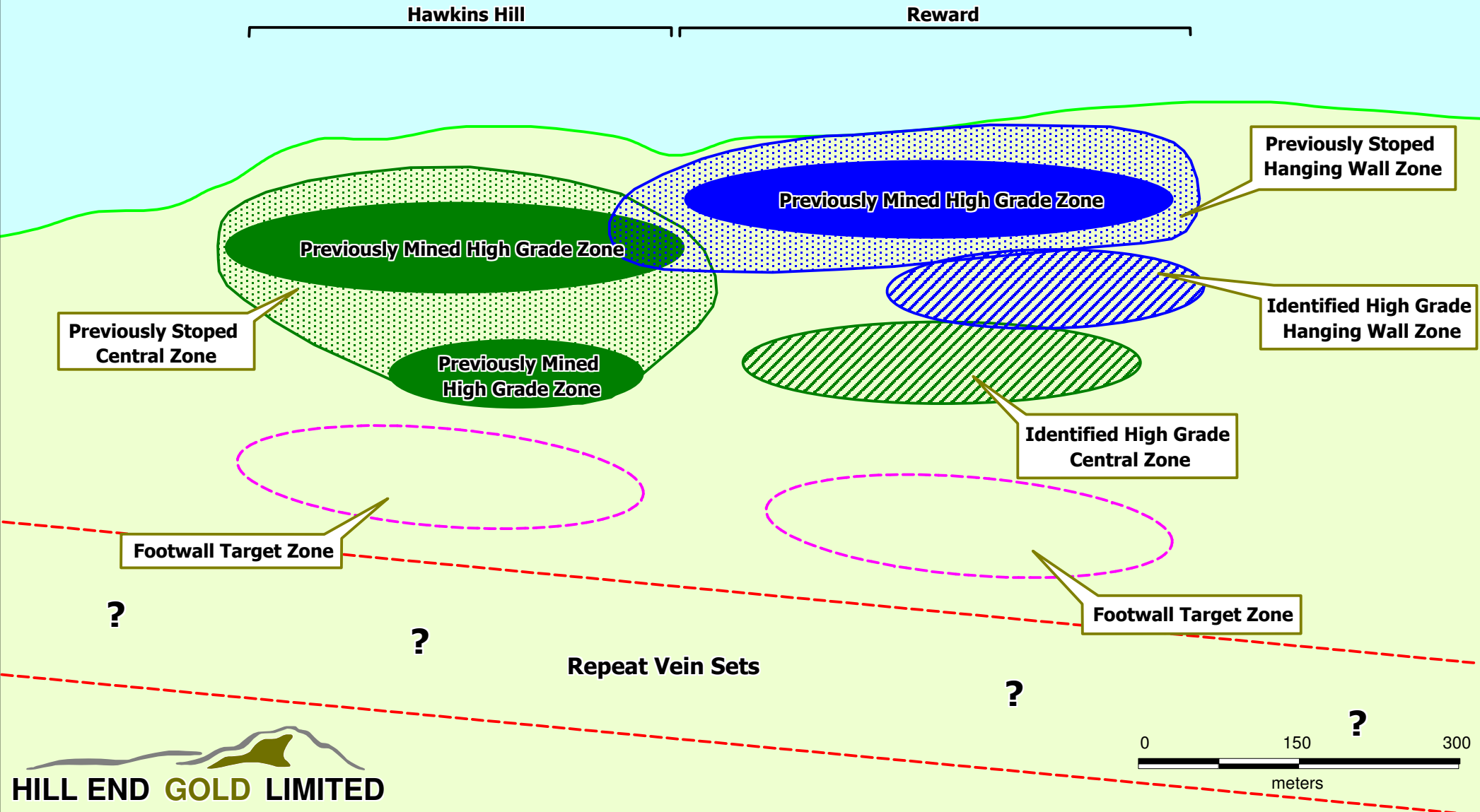
*Assays not previously advised for holes HHRCD15 and 17.
 Gold content by Screen Fire Assay of half HQ3 core.
 True widths are approximately 90% of the measured down hole intervals.

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HHRCD18	725349	6341552	-70	270	63.7	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.24
						32.00	33.00	1.00	0.11
						41.00	42.00	1.00	0.66
						42.00	43.00	1.00	0.14
						43.00	44.00	1.00	0.15
						47.00	48.00	1.00	0.64
						48.20	48.32	0.12	0.54
						63.45	63.55	0.10	0.11
HHRCD19	725407	6341472	-65	270	255.5	77.90	78.58	0.68	2.60
						84.23	84.96	0.73	1.30
						140.40	140.45	0.05	3.92
						156.46	156.65	0.19	10.05
						158.67	158.95	0.28	1.20
						159.15	159.19	0.04	1.69
						159.35	159.44	0.09	6.08
						160.18	160.40	0.22	8.97
						161.28	161.50	0.22	1.13
						161.95	162.13	0.18	1.24
						162.32	162.60	0.28	2.94
						163.00	163.20	0.20	2.34
						166.40	166.53	0.13	1.96
						167.65	167.73	0.08	1.90
						168.32	168.70	0.38	2.81
						168.70	168.90	0.20	6.74
						169.36	169.60	0.24	1.32
170.47	170.75	0.28	3.03						
171.06	171.34	0.28	2.01						
HHRCD20	725425	6341525	-65	270	216.8	154.22	154.30	0.08	1.88
						183.75	183.80	0.05	1.86
						184.30	184.48	0.18	2.19
						186.38	186.55	0.17	27.90
						189.24	189.61	0.37	3.79
						196.55	196.61	0.06	1.09
						203.05	203.15	0.10	6.32
						203.40	203.95	0.55	11.70
						204.80	204.88	0.08	1.12
						205.30	205.42	0.12	1.11
206.60	206.71	0.11	1.20						
HHRCD21	725333	6341516	-70	270	102.8	52.56	52.70	0.14	0.47
						53.47	53.67	0.20	0.29
						80.90	81.05	0.15	0.23

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HAWKINS HILL to REWARD HIGH GRADE TARGET ZONES



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