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ACCESS TO LANA DRILL SITES COMPLETED MAIDEN PERU DRILL PROGRAM READY TO COMMENCE

Drilling of first large-scale porphyry copper-gold target to begin in December

AusQuest Limited (ASX: AQD) is pleased to advise that access preparations for diamond drilling under its Lana Joint Venture Agreement with Southern Peru Copper Corporation Sucurs del Peru (“Southern”) have been completed, and a diamond drill rig is expected to arrive on site within days.

Drilling at the Lana prospect, which represents the first of five large porphyry copper-gold prospects in the south of Peru which are scheduled to be drill tested by the end of 2016, is now expected to commence in the second half of December 2015 and continue through the Christmas period.

Under the Lana Joint Venture Agreement, Southern is required to complete a minimum 5000m of diamond drilling or spend not less than US\$1.0 million before the first anniversary of the registration date of the agreement (April 9th 2016) to fulfil its obligations.

In order to earn a 70% interest in the Project, Southern must then complete a further 15,000m of drilling and make staged cash payments to AusQuest totalling a further US\$2.925 million over the following 3 year period.

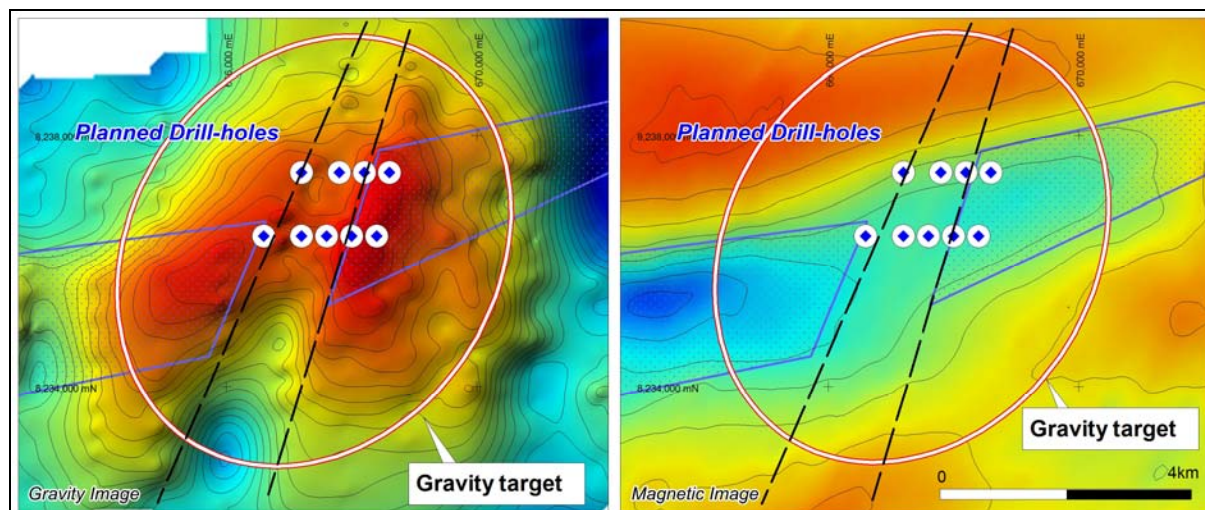


Figure 1: Lana Prospect: Gravity Target showing planned drill-holes

The **Lana Prospect** is located approximately 30km from the coastal town of Atico in the south of Peru and covers a large (~20km²) discrete gravity anomaly (~8 milligals), located close to intersections of major structures interpreted from the Company’s aeromagnetic data.

The gravity target is offset from a deeper (~400m) magnetic response, indicating potential for the prospect to host possible buried iron-oxide copper-gold (IOCG) and/or porphyry copper-style mineralisation beneath the sediment cover (*Figure 1*).

The Company is very pleased that its maiden drilling program in Peru is now ready to commence, and looks forward to also commencing drilling operations over the four remaining porphyry copper targets during 2016.



Graeme Drew
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Lana Prospect: Access preparations for diamond drilling program

COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT

The details contained in this report that pertain to exploration results are based upon information compiled by Mr Graeme Drew, a full-time employee of AusQuest Limited. Mr Drew is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM) and has sufficient experience in the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the December 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code). Mr Drew consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based upon his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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