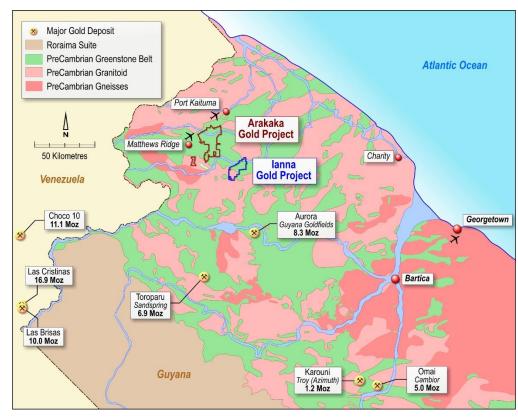


# HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 110% increase in extent of the Ianna Gold Project following acquisition of >60km<sup>2</sup> land holdings contiguous with existing holdings;
- Two additional mineralised corridors added to the Ianna project both hosting favourable lithological and structural settings;
- Reconnaissance surface programmes on newly acquired areas to run concurrently with planned Ianna drilling into the December quarter;
- Drilling contract for Ianna complete and mobilisation of equipment to site initiated for planned completion of 2,500m's of diamond drilling during the December Quarter.

Alicanto Minerals Ltd (ASX: AQI) ("Alicanto" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the completion of several option agreements granting the Company the exclusive right to explore and acquire a 100% beneficial interest ("Agreements") in mining permits totalling approximately 60km<sup>2</sup> that are contiguous with the Company's Ianna gold project. The additional tenure increases Ianna to a 115km<sup>2</sup> project area, covering multiple northwest trending mineralised structures, in the highly prospective Barama-Mazaruni greenstone belt.





#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Shares on Issue	112.2m
Share Price	A\$ 0.14
Market Cap	\$15.7m
ASX Code	AQI
ASX Code Listed Options	<b>AQI</b> 13.4m

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### TWO GOLD PROJECTS IN GUYANA

- Highly prospective Northwest Guiana Shield Greenstone Belt
- Mining friendly jurisdiction

#### ARAKAKA GOLD PROJECT

- +1 million ounce Au historical production in near surface
- Footprint of artisanal workings analogous to Las Cristinas / Las Brisas and Gros Rosebel Mines

#### IANNA GOLD PROJECT

- >7km of mineralisation on 2 corridors with drill ready targets
- Historical production dating back more than 100 years

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PO BOX 1175 West Perth, WA 6872 Australia Alicanto's Managing Director commented, "We are very excited about the prospectivity of the Ianna District, and the recent rights issue has put the Company in a strong position to be aggressive in consolidating a significant land position. With a strategic position in the belt secured, we now look forward to a phase of drill testing on the projects most advanced targets, while concurrently establishing a pipeline of new prospects."

Agreements have been completed with five private owners of various permits and claims for initial option payments totalling US\$108,000 for exclusive rights to acquire and explore the permits with option periods ranging from 2 to 4 years. The various Agreements total US\$111,000 in contingent liabilities over the next 12 months with ongoing payments at Alicanto's election and subject to exploration success.

The various agreements cover multiple targets, including areas referred to as the Eastern extension and the Southwest extension outlined below (Refer to Figure 2).

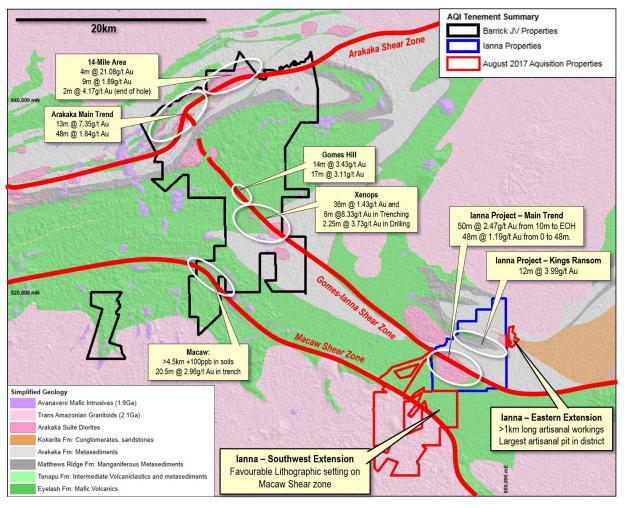


Figure 2 | Alicanto Regional Geology Map with Location of recently acquired tenements in the Ianna area of the Northwest Mining District, Guyana.

# Ianna Project Summary

The Project is located in Guyana Northwest Mining District (Refer to Figure 1), less than 20km southeast from Alicanto's ongoing exploration operations at the Barrick Gold Corp. earn-in funded Arakaka Gold Project (Refer to ASX Release dated 1 March 2016).

Current work and planned drilling is focused on two corridors of mineralisation previously reported on, in the Gomes-Ianna trend and the King's Ransom trend (Refer to Figure 2). Both trends are host to mineralisation identified in existing drilling associated with extensive surface geochemical survey work, including over 12,400m of Reverse Circulation and 926m of diamond in historical drilling.

The historical drilling covers limited strike extent to shallow depth, with  $\sim$ 95% of drilling testing less than 50m below the surface and a significant proportion of holes ending in mineralisation (Refer to announcement dated 26 July for comprehensive summary of results and related JORC Table 1).

Recent work by Alicanto has focused on surface mapping and sampling campaign to verify and expand identified gold mineralisation from historical work. Several drill ready targets have been identified by Alicanto geologists with potential to host large scale gold deposits. The current work program is focussed preparing for the commencement of drilling in the December quarter.

# **Eastern Extension**

Two additional structural corridors of mineralisation have been identified in the eastern portion of the lanna project during this year's mapping and sampling campaign, with surface mineralisation and mining extending off the Eastern margin of the property. The Agreements include consolidating a significant portion of the strike extent of the mineralised zone on the eastern-most of these two mineralised corridors, which includes over 1km extent of artisanal workings, and one of the largest saprolite pits in the district. Continued mapping and sampling of this mineralised corridor into the newly acquired extension is ongoing.

## **Southwest Extension**

The extension of the Ianna project covers the extent of the greenstone belt out to the contact of the granite batholith, covering the interpreted contact within the greenstone belt between the lower mafic volcanic stratigraphy and the metasediments, hosting the main Ianna granodiorite intrusion. This mafic volcanic to intermediate volcaniclastic zone hosts Alicanto's Eyelash and Macaw prospects to the North-West (Refer to Figure 2). Significant stream sediment anomalism is observed in Alicanto's regional surveys with gold anomalism derived from this area which is coincident with a mapped flexure on the mafic volcanic contact. The target that will be further assessed with mapping and geochemistry surveys concurrently with drilling the more advanced Ianna targets with the objective of establishing a pipeline of projects to assess the district scale potential of the Ianna area.

### Ends

For detailed information on all aspects of the company and its project please visit: <u>www.alicantominerals.com.au</u> or contact: Travis Schwertfeger - Managing Director +61 8 6279 9452

### **About Alicanto Minerals**

Alicanto Minerals Limited (ASX: AQI) is an emerging mineral exploration company focused on the exploration and development of the Arakaka and Ianna gold projects in the prospective geological province of Guyana's Northwest Mining District. In addition to the exploration of its current Guyanese projects, the Company is continually evaluating additional projects in Guyana and elsewhere for potential joint venture or acquisition.

### **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Marcus Harden, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Harden is the Chief Geologist for the Company. Mr Harden has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Harden consents to their inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.