

Mining Briefs: Auroch, Gold Road and more

AUROCH acquires new project; AVL produces high-grade vanadium; and exploration results from Gold Road, Cygnus, Musgrave and Ausgold.

Auroch Minerals has signed a binding agreement with **Minotaur Exploration** to acquire the **Saints and Leinster nickel projects** in Western Australia for **A\$1.5 million**. **Saints** has a resource of **29,500 tonnes of nickel at 2%**, while **Leinster** has resource of **8300t at 1.39% nickel**. **Auroch** said both projects remained open down-plunge and along strike and featured drill-ready targets.

Gold Road Resources says its first drilling for 2019 has given the company a better understanding on the geological controls to economic gold mineralisation at its **Gilmour and Morellp prospects** in the **Yamarna belt**.

Resource drilling at **Gilmour** returned **2.06m at 12.4 grams per tonne gold** from **357.2m and 4m at 4.96gpt gold** from **199m**, while initial metallurgical testwork indicated recoveries of **89-99%**.

Results from **Morello** included **7m at 3.59gpt gold** from **167m** and **3m at 6.8gpt gold** from **123m**.

In WA's **Wheatbelt**, **Cygnus Gold** reported high-grade gold from its **Kepler prospect** at the **Stanley project**.

The **Kepler zone** has been extended by about **220m along strike** with new results of **2m at 5.49gpt gold** within **6m at 1.95gpt gold**.

Follow-up drilling is scheduled for the second half of the year.

Scout drilling at **Musgrave Minerals'** **Lake Austin North A-Zone target** has extended the target to a strike length of more than **3km**.

The latest results include the thickest regolith gold intercept to date of **50m at 1.1gpt gold** from **114m**.

Additional strong regolith gold halos have been identified for multiple new lake targets over more than **8km of strike**.

Australian Vanadium has produced high-purity **99.4% vanadium pentoxide** in pre-pilot testwork.

The testwork will be completed in **July**, with concentrate samples to be sent for pilot-scale **roast-leach and hydrometallurgical refining testwork**.

Finally, **Ausgold** has received positive results, including 3m at 6.55gpt gold from 13m, including 2m at 9.63gpt, from its latest reverse circulation program at the Katanning gold project.

The drilling identified multiple new targets for follow-up exploration.