



**Alba Mineral Resources Plc (“Alba” or “the Company”)
Drilling Results**

Alba Outlines Gold Mineralization at Bohaun.

Alba Mineral Resources plc (AIM: ALBA), the UK based exploration company, reports positive initial exploration results from a rock sampling programme at the Company’s Bohaun licence block in Ireland, in which the Company holds a 100% interest. The results confirm Bohaun as a prospective gold target with high grade potential.

Highlights

- Results from a reconnaissance rock sampling survey have outlined a large and coherent zone of gold bearing, silicified outcrops and boulders, measuring 1.25 kilometres in length and 125 metres wide.
- The programme has confirmed previously known mineralization and revealed new gold bearing outcrops.
- Sampling to date has returned a number of high-grade gold results including 587.1, 51.1 and 19.9 grams per tonne gold (“g/t Au”), with associated silver values of 186.2, 10.9 and 1.4g/t respectively.

Lance O’Neill, Chairman, Alba Mineral Resources commented; “The initial results from Bohaun verify high grade gold mineralization, widespread anomalous gold values and confirm the potential of the licence area. The Company will conduct detailed infill sampling, soil sampling and prospecting to further assess this exciting prospect.”

Rock Sampling

Reconnaissance rock sampling was conducted across a north-north-east trending silicified zone, containing variably developed quartz stockworks with minor disseminated sulphides. The siliceous breccia body is hosted within a package of meta-sedimentary country rock.

To date the known extent of the silicification and associated alteration is traceable in outcrop over 1.6 kilometres and is up to 160 metres in width, dipping steeply to the west. Chip sampling was conducted (perpendicular to the dominant structural trend) across outcrops and a summary of the results from the sampling programme are as follows:

Total samples: **66**
Highest gold values: **587.1** (boulder), **51.1**, **19.9** and **2.3 g/t Au**
Samples over 5 g/t Au: **3 (5%)**
Samples between 1 and 5 g/t Au: **5 (8%)**
Samples between 0.1 and 1 g/t Au: **17 (26%)**.

The results from the sampling have outlined a large, coherent zone of gold bearing outcrops along a strike length of 1.25 kilometres, confirming previously known mineralization and revealing new zones gold mineralization.

Background

The Bohaun gold project comprises a block of eight contiguous exploration licences with a total area of 177 square kilometres. The licences were granted to Alba's wholly owned subsidiary Aurum Mineral Resources on 30th June 2004. Alba is targeting low-sulphidation epithermal gold mineralization throughout the Bohaun licence block similar to that recorded by a previous operator in the centre of the block, where a north-south striking auriferous zone of silicification was discovered during exploration activity in the early 1990's. Low-sulphidation epithermal mineralization often contains cross-cutting high-grade "bonanza" veins.

Regionally the area offers much potential with a number of gold occurrences, gold-bearing outcrop and float identified within the prospect. Other geochemical anomalies have been identified associated with favourable structures which have yet to be followed up by more detailed exploration;

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