



Viking Ashanti Limited

First Results from Diamond Drilling Program at Akoase East

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Akoase East – Drilling Results

Viking Ashanti Limited (ASX: VKA) has produced positive assay results from the first hole of an initial ten hole diamond drilling program conducted at its 100% owned Akoase East project, located 125km north of Accra in southern Ghana (Figure 1). The drilling is part of a 12 month Viking program to confirm and expand the 500,000 oz resource identified by Resolute Mining Limited.

This first diamond drill hole, AKD002 intersected two mineralized zones, with the main zone returning 4.1m @ 3.80 g/t Au and 4.0m @ 0.89 g/t Au (Table 1). Hole AKD002 was drilled adjacent to existing Resolute hole AKRC042, with the objective of increasing confidence in the Akoase East resource. The results demonstrate strong correlation of the alteration zones and the mineralized envelope, with some short range grade variability (Figures 2, 3).

Managing Director of VKA Peter McMickan said, “Despite some wet weather and sample turnaround delays, drilling is now well underway and we look forward to receiving further results from drilling in the coming months, which will focus on expanding the current resource at depth and along strike. The initial ten hole Akoase East drilling program will now be expanded to continue through the dry season until April 2011, with a total of 2,000m of diamond and 8,000m of RC drilling planned.”

Table 1: Diamond Drilling Akoase East

Drill hole Information						Mineralized Intercepts				
Hole ID	Northing	Easting	RL	dip/azimuth	hole depth (m)	from (m)	to (m)	intersection width (m)	grade (g/t Au)	oxidation
AKD002	714859	744158	398	-50/140	81.0	14.7	18.7	4.0	1.85	oxidized
						33.7	37.8	4.1	3.80	part oxidized
						41.5	45.5	4.0	0.89	fresh

The half HQ and NQ size diamond drill samples from each hole were collected at down hole intervals (typically maximum of 1m) based on geological logging, and submitted to ALS Chemex laboratories in Kumasi, Ghana for gold analysis. The analytical method was by 50g fire assay/AAS finish with a 0.01 g/t Au detection limit. Significant results reported are nominally above 0.5 g/t Au over a minimum down hole interval of 1 metre, with no top cut applied. Assay quality control procedures included insertion of certified reference standards, blanks and duplicates.

Figure 1: Akoase Project Geology

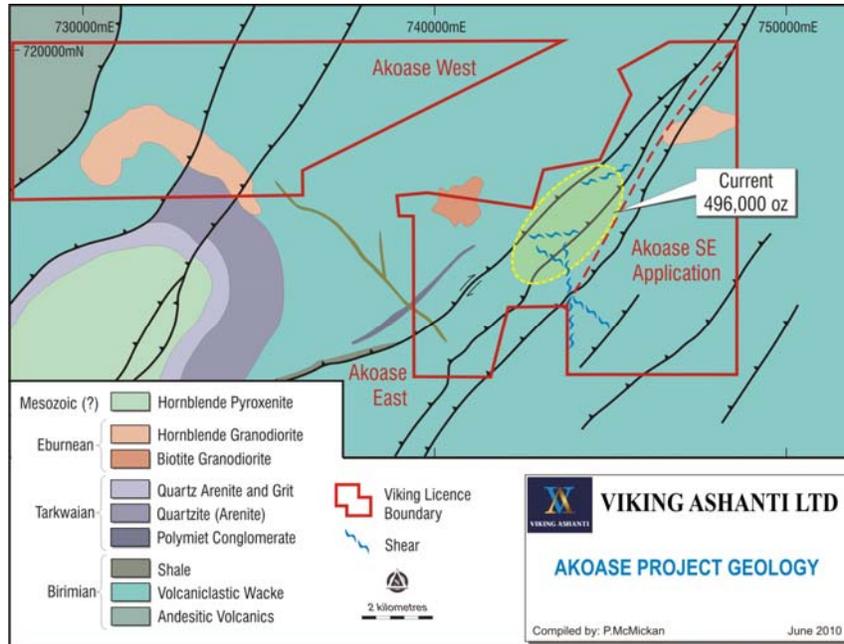


Figure 2: Akoase East Drill Hole Location Plan

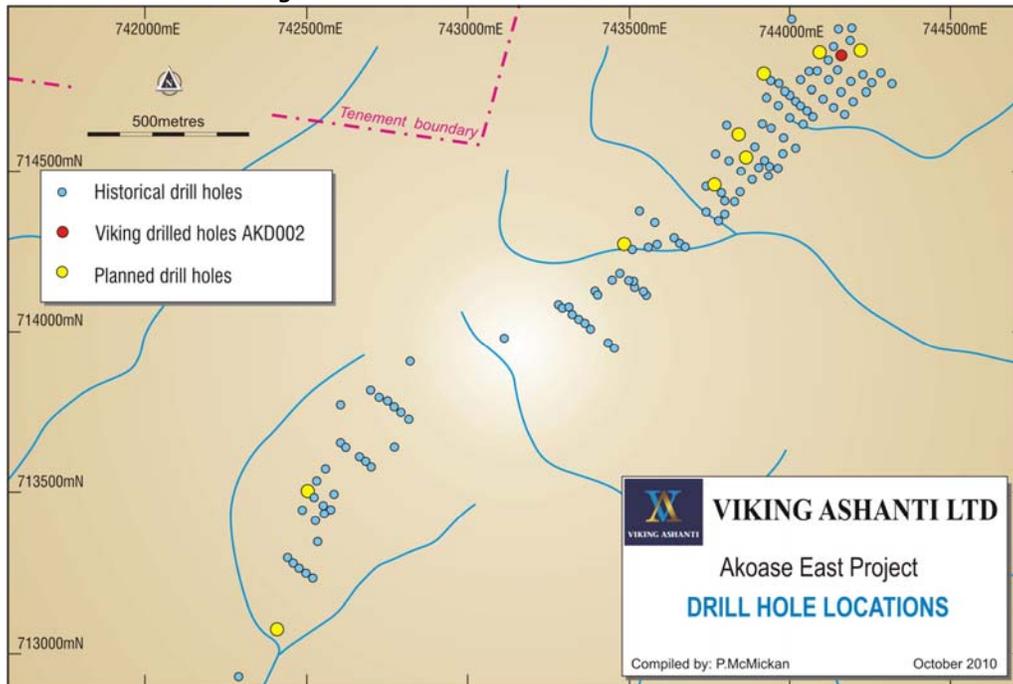
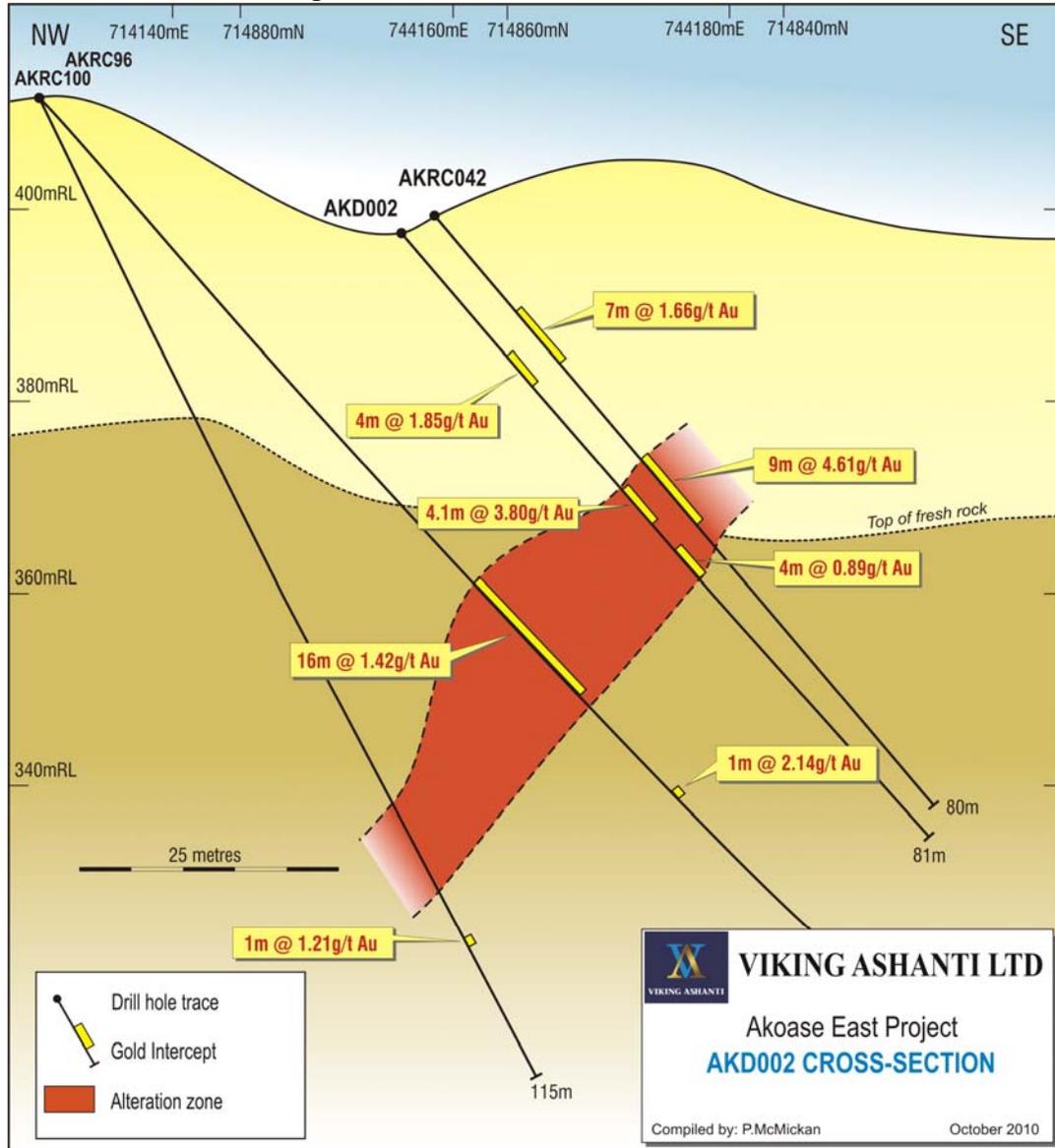


Figure 3: Akoase East Cross Section AKD002



Akoase East - Soil Sampling

A total of 295 soil samples have collected along six of a planned ten soil sampling lines at 400m x 50m spacing, north east and along strike of the Akoase East resource. Previous soil sampling, completed by Resolute on a 400m x 50m pattern, returned a number of anomalous (>200 ppb Au) results. This current program, when combined with the Resolute data will effectively result in a 200m x 50m sample spacing over a strike length of 3.6 km, north east of the current resource, and is expected to provide more clearly defined drilling targets in previously untested areas. This sampling program will be completed over the next three months.

Akoase East - Planned Work

The initial ten hole diamond drilling program at Akoase East which involves some infill drilling, but mainly extension drilling at depth beneath the current resource, will now be expanded into a major program totalling 2,000m of diamond and 8,000m of RC drilling to be conducted through to April 2011, in line with our objective of increasing the existing 500,000 oz resource.

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Peter McMickan
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Viking Ashanti Background

Viking Ashanti's Akoase gold project contains a JORC classified, inferred resource of 500,000 ounces of gold based on 13Mt of ore @ 1.2g/t. Viking Ashanti's primary objective is to expand the resource to at least 1 million ounces of gold. At least 13,000 m of RC drilling is planned along with 2,500 m of diamond drilling at Akoase with a further 14,000m RC and 2,500m diamond drilling at West Star and Blue River through to May 2012.

The Akoase project is just 25km from Newmont Mining's 8.7M oz Akyem gold project while the West Star/Blue River projects are 15 km from the 2M oz Salman/Anwia project, operated by ASX listed Adamus Resources. Ghana also hosts the 60M oz Obuasi deposit (AngloGold Ashanti), 40M oz Tarkwa deposit (GoldFields) and the 17M oz Ahafo deposit (Newmont).

Ghana is socially and politically stable, operates under a well established Westminster legal system, has excellent internal infrastructure with a 25 year history of modern mining and a substantial internal skills base to support mining.

Viking Ashanti is well served by a strong board and management team with extensive West African experience.

The chairman, **Jack Gardner**, was a founding director of Mincor Resources, an ASX 200 company. He was chief technical officer of Kenor Mining Group, a Guinean gold mining company which grew from explorer to have production of over 100,000 oz and was subsequently sold to Crew Gold Corp for US\$350m. Mr Gardner was for 5 years executive chairman of Ghana Manganese Limited, immediately following its divestiture from Government ownership.

Peter McMickan, managing director, is a geologist whose 29 year career includes worldwide experience with Newmont, Pancontinental Mining, BP Minerals, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines and Homestake. Mr McMickan managed the mine geology, exploration and successful resource development of Kenor's Lero gold project in Guinea, West Africa expanding the resource to over 4 million ounces of gold in two years.