



Viking Ashanti Limited

Drilling Commences at Akoase East

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- 10 diamond hole program for 1,500 metres commenced at flagship Akoase East project, to expand existing 500,000 ounce resource
- First assay results expected mid September 2010
- Further 3,000m of diamond and 12,000m RC planned at Akoase and West Star/Blue River, through to May 2011
- Negotiations with drilling contractor Minerex in progress to secure all drilling requirements

Viking Ashanti Limited (ASX: VKA) has commenced drilling at its 500,000 oz Akoase East gold project located 125km north of Accra in southern Ghana (Figures 1 and 2).

Drilling contractors Minerex, one of the larger and well regarded drilling contractors in Ghana, have been engaged for the Akoase East drilling, which initially involves 10 precollared diamond core holes for 1,500 metres (Table 1).

Re-establishment of access to the drill sites has been completed and construction of the new drill pads is well in advance of drilling. The rig is operating on double shift, and at the assumed drill penetration rates and hole depths, the initial 10 hole program is expected to be completed by end of September. Following geological and geotechnical logging and sampling of the drill core, first assay results from this program are expected to be received in mid September.

Figure 1: Location Plan

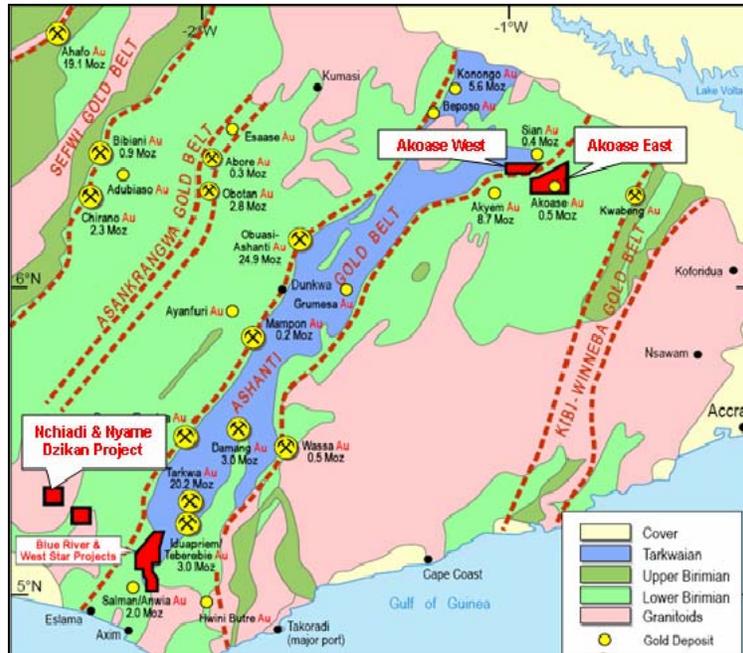


Figure 2: Akoase Project Geology

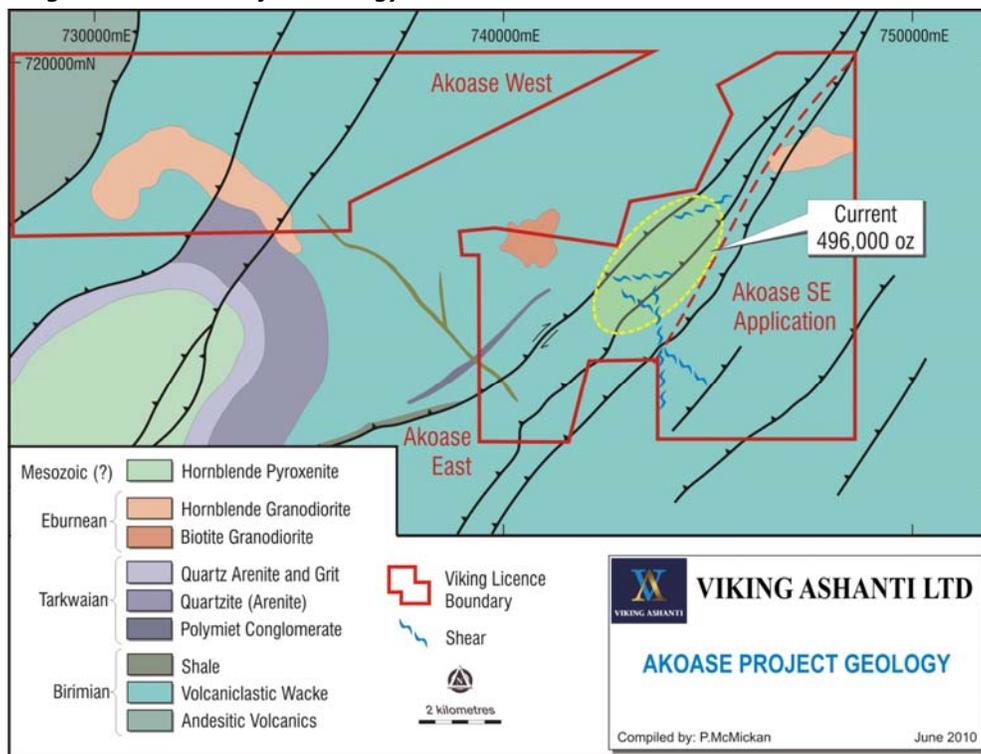


Table 1: Akoase East Planned Drilling

Planned Hole ID	Easting	Northing	Azimuth	Dip	RL	RC Precollar Depth (m)	Total Depth (m)
AKDD002	743845	714620	135	-55	507	80	220
AKDD003	743932	714805	135	-55	517	80	220
AKDD004	744158	714859	135	-50	400	0	80
AKDD005	742504	713505	135	-55	420	0	150
AKDD006	743490	714275	135	-55	465	60	120
AKDD007	744093	714875	135	-55	423	50	180
AKDD008	743870	714545	135	-55	483	80	130
AKDD009	744221	714875	135	-55	384	40	110
AKDD010	743766	714455	135	-55	465	60	160
AKDD011	742409	713076	135	-55	350	0	140
TOTAL						450	1510

The company has initiated discussions with Minerex, to be concluded over the next 2 weeks, with the aim of extending the current contract to include a minimum 12,000m of RC and 3,000m of diamond drilling. This would secure a rig for all of the company's drilling requirements at both Akoase and Westar/Blueriver through to May 2011.

Soil sampling is in progress on the strike extensions of the Akoase mineralized trend, to the north east of the current resource. This extra 1 strike km of sampling will complete the soil sampling coverage to the northern boundary of the Akoase East licence.

Managing Director of VKA Peter McMickan said, "Commencement of drilling at our lead project, Akoase East is a major milestone for the company, as we look to build on the current 500,000 ounce resource as rapidly as possible. The drilling will involve some infill drilling, but mainly extension drilling at depth, to upgrade and expand the existing resource. Extension of the drilling contract with Minerex will allow us to be drilling on a more or less continuous basis on our two main projects for the next seven months."

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Peter McMickan
Managing Director

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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.

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 Nzema gold 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.