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NDONGO EAST PROSPECT – DRILLING UPDATE

KEY POINTS

- **Initial RC drilling program for the Ndongo East Zone completed**
- **Diamond drilling will be incorporated to test at depth**
- **Historic mines located along the same structure discovered economic mineralisation beyond 150m depth**

Cardinal Resources Limited (ASX: CDV) (“Cardinal” or “the Company”) is pleased to provide an update on its drilling program for the Ndongo East Zone at its Bolgatanga Project in Ghana.

The Company is re-evaluating its current reconnaissance reverse circulation (RC) drilling program and is now looking to include diamond drilling to test the Ndongo East Zone at depth (see Figure 1).

The Company has been conducting a 20 hole RC drilling program testing a ~1.3 km anomalous section along the major regional shear structure that passes through the Ndongo Prospect where Cardinal’s soil geochemical and rock chip sampling delineated anomalous gold values averaging 128ppb gold (see Figure 2).

Artisanal mining activity along this major regional shear structure within the Ndongo East Zone had exposed fractured smokey quartz rock which is an indicator of gold mineralisation. Cardinal’s rock chip and soil geochemical samples also indicated the presence of gold within this major regional shear structure.

The Company wishes to advise that it has only partially completed 6 drill holes of the planned 20 hole RC drill program as the assays did not return any significant results.

The RC drilling program was at a shallow depth with an average of ~50m vertical depth for the 6 holes drilled.

Cardinal is now in the process of re-evaluating the drill program to incorporate diamond drilling to test this area of the Ndongo East Zone at deeper depths.

Cardinal Exploration Manager Paul Abbott said that he was encouraged with the geology and logging of the RC drill chips which tie in with the fact that both the historic Nangodi Mine and the producing Shaanxi Mine, which are also located along the same major regional shear structure, discovered economic mineralisation beyond depths of 150 metres.

“The average depth of the 6 reconnaissance holes drilled at Ndongo East was ~50 meters vertical. Cardinal remains optimistic that by testing this area at deeper depths with diamond drilling there is the possibility of discovering economic gold mineralisation,” he said.

Cardinal will provide an update to the market shortly regarding the proposed diamond drilling campaign at the Ndongo East Zone as an RC drilling program is currently underway at the Namdini Mining License.

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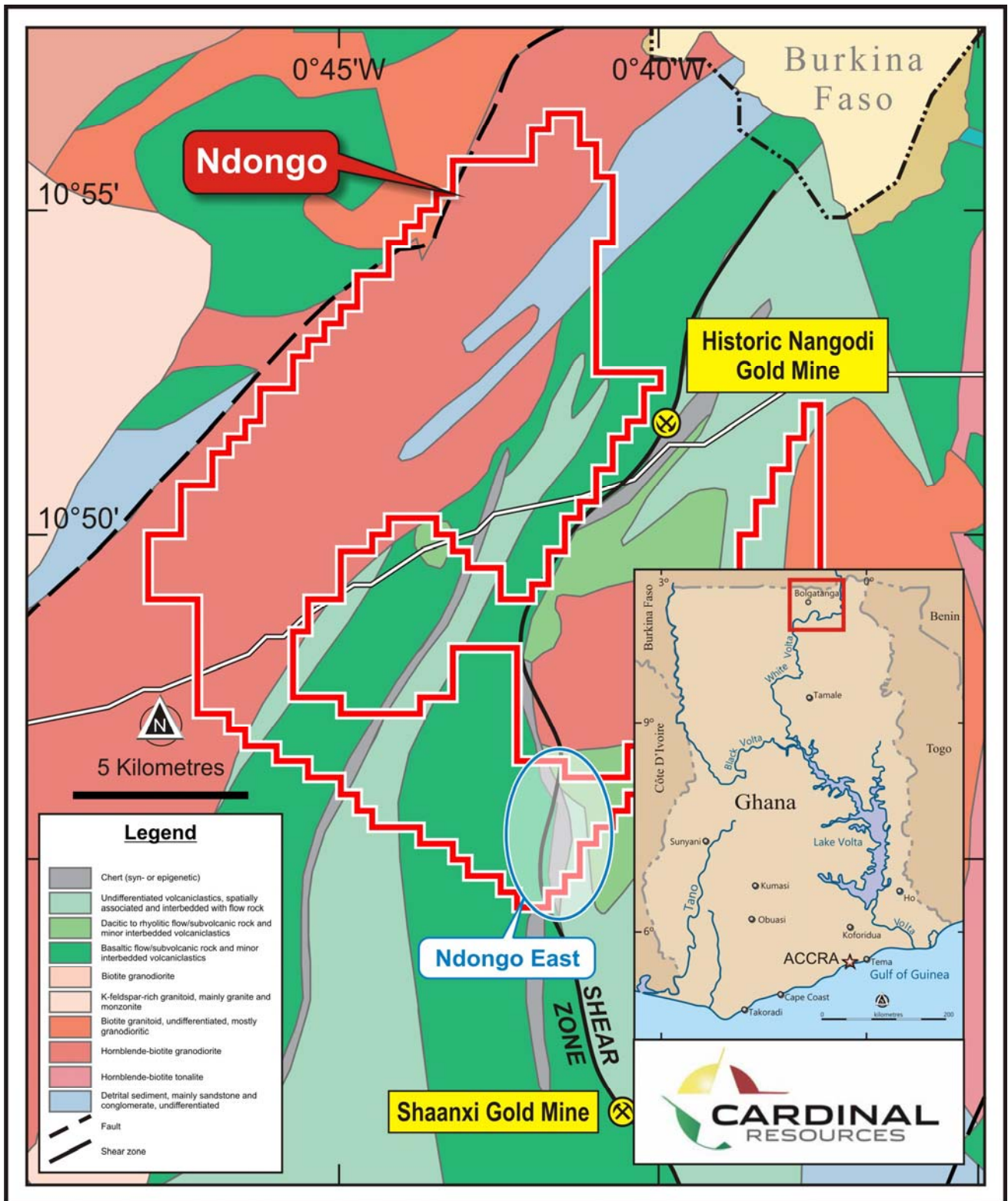


Figure 1: Ndongo East Zone locality with regional shear structure

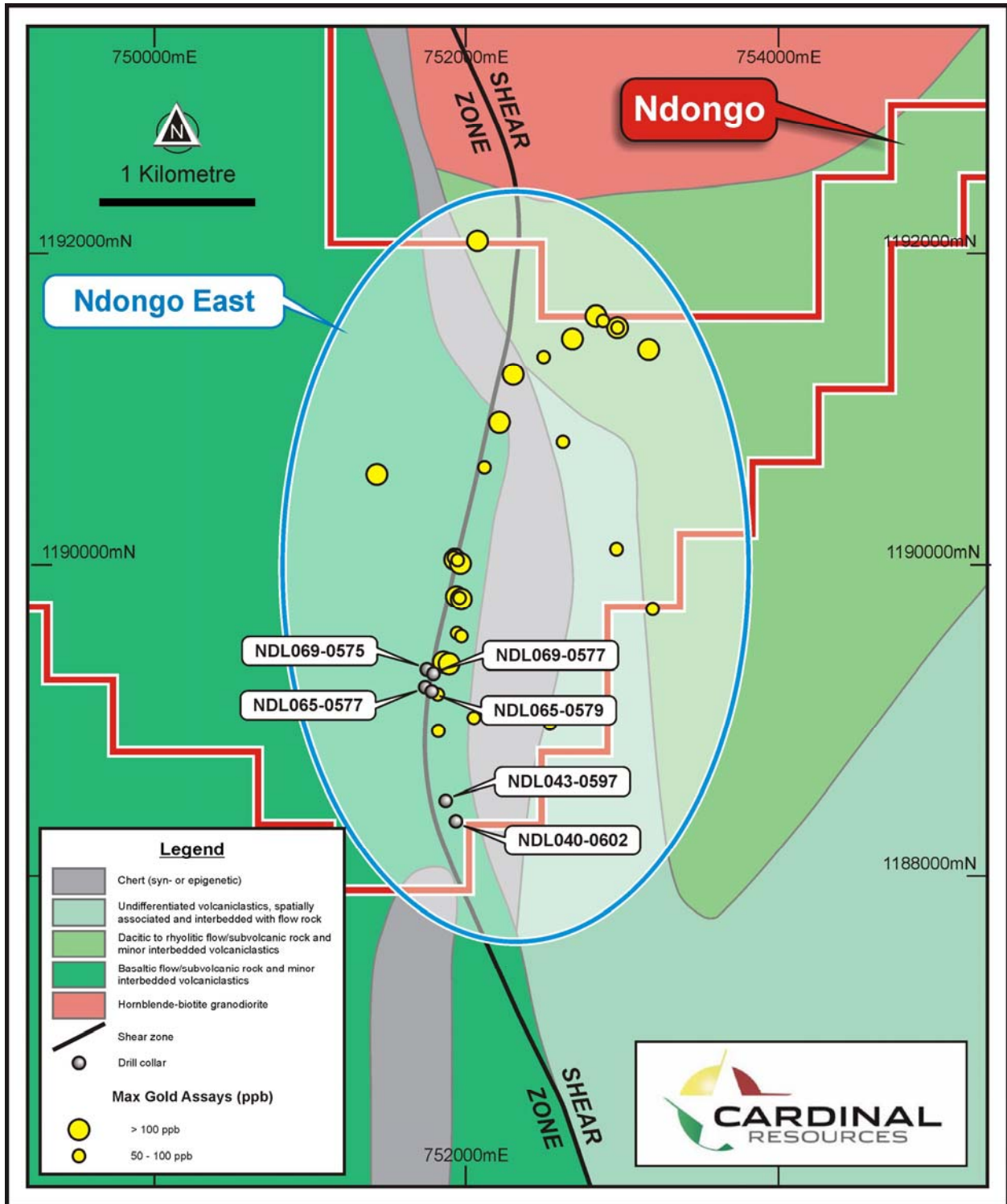


Figure 2: Ndongo East Prospect RC Drill Collars with rock chip & gold-in-soil anomalies

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Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<i>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</i>	<i>Nature and quality of sampling is carried out under QAQC procedures as per industry standards, with duplicates taken every 22nd sample, while standards and blanks are inserted in the ratio of 1:44</i>
	<i>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</i>	<i>Sample representivity is ensured through a 3 tier riffle splitter, as it provides an unbiased sample.</i>
	<i>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</i>	<i>The determination of mineralisation is not yet known</i>
	<i>In cases where ‘industry standard’ work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg ‘reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay’). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</i>	<i>Industry standard reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 50 g charge for fire assay.</i>

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Drilling techniques	<i>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</i>	<i>Reverse Circulation drilling with a standard tube, Remet 5 ½ inch Hard Face (face-sampling) button drilling bit</i>
Drill sample recovery	<i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i>	<i>Method of recording and assessing chip samples was on a hand held Motion F5te Tablet PC using a set of standard templates supplied by Maxwell Geoservices, Perth (Maxwell).</i>
	<i>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</i>	<i>The measures taken to maximize sample recovery are through a cyclone and a 3 tier riffle splitter. This method ensures maximum sample recovery and an unbiased representative sample to be assayed</i>
	<i>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</i>	<i>No relationship is known to exist between sample recovery and grade, and no sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of any fine/coarse material</i>
Logging	<i>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</i>	<i>Chip samples have been geologically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate future Mineral Resource estimations.</i>
	<i>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</i>	<i>Logging is quantitative. Chip samples are photographed in dry form</i>
	<i>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</i>	<i>All holes are logged in full</i>

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Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i>	<i>No core has been drilled</i>
	<i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</i>	<i>The sub-sampling technique is with a 3 tier riffle splitter, and sampled dry</i>
	<i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i>	<i>Sample preparation is completed at SGS Laboratories, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. All preparation equipment is flushed with barren material prior to the commencement of sample preparation. The entire sample is dried, crushed to a nominal 2mm using a Jaw Crusher, and pulverised (85-90% passing 75 micron size fraction) using LM5 grinding mills. A 250 gram split is retained for fire assay with AAS finish to 10 ppb detection limit. The remainder is returned and stored at Cardinal's Bolgatanga premises</i>
	<i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</i>	<i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximize representivity of samples uses commercial certified reference material (CRM) for standards</i>
	<i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i>	<i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected are to insert duplicates at every 22nd sample. Approximately 3kg samples from the splitter are retained from each sample and stored on the company's premises for possible re-assay</i>
<i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i>	<i>The sample sizes are considered appropriate to give an accurate indication of gold mineralisation</i>	

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Quality of Assay data and laboratory tests	<i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i>	<p><i>The pulverized rock sample is weighed and mixed with flux and fused using lead oxide at 1100°C, followed by cupellation of the resulting lead button (Dore bead). The bead is digested using 1:1 HNO₃ and HCl and the resulting solution is submitted for analysis.</i></p> <p><i>The digested sample solution is aspirated into the Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometer (AAS), aerosolised, and mixed with the combustible gas, acetylene and air. The mixture is ignited in a flame whose temperature ranges from 2,100 to 2,800°C. During combustion, atoms of the gold in the sample are reduced to free, unexcited ground state atoms, which absorb light. Light of the appropriate wavelength is supplied and the amount of light absorbed can be measured against a standard curve.</i></p> <p><i>Results have a lower gold detection limit of 10 ppb. The AAS equipment is calibrated with each job.</i></p> <p><i>The analytical technique is industry standard fire assay which is considered to be a total digest of gold.</i></p>
	<i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i>	<i>No hand held geophysical tools were used</i>

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	<i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i>	<p><i>Sample preparation checks for fineness are carried out by the laboratory as part of their internal procedures to ensure the grind size of 85-90% passing 75 micron is being attained. Each batch of 100 samples has 5 checks (20%), with the grind size varying between 87-99% passing 75 micron, which is acceptable. Laboratory QAQC involves the use of internal lab standards using certified reference material and blanks</i></p> <p><i>Certified reference materials, having a range of values, and in-house blanks are inserted in the ratio of 1:44. Duplicate samples are taken every 22nd sample.</i></p> <p><i>External laboratory checks are done on a three monthly basis through Laboratories Quality Services International (LQSI). Recent LQSI checks of Fire Assay analyses on Low Grade Oxide Material produced acceptable levels of accuracy and precision</i></p>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i>	<i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel has not occurred</i>
	<i>The use of twinned holes.</i>	<i>There has been no use of twinned holes</i>
	<i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i>	<i>Primary data was collected on a hand held Motion F5te Tablet PC using a set of standard templates supplied by Maxwell Geoservices, Perth (Maxwell). Daily data was synchronised and digitally captured by Maxwell for validation and compilation into Excel and Access spreadsheets and stored on the Cardinal servers located in Bolgatanga, Ghana, West Africa</i>
	<i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i>	<i>Assay data returned No Significant Results</i>

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Location of data points	<i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i>	<i>Accuracy of drill hole collar surveys is +/- 3m using a hand held Garmin GPSmap 62s GPS. No down hole surveys were performed</i>
	<i>Specification of the grid system used.</i>	<i>WGS84 Sector 30N, with local grid baseline at 302° True North and lines at 25m intervals and stations at 25m along lines.</i>
	<i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i>	<i>The quality and adequacy of topographic control is +/- 3m using a hand held Garmin GPSmap 62s GPS</i>
Data spacing and distribution	<i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	<i>Data spacing is 25m (northing) and 25m (easting)</i>
	<i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i>	<i>The data spacing and distribution is considered to be sufficient to establish a degree of geological continuity for this reverse circulation drilling program</i>
	<i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i>	<i>No sample compositing has been applied</i>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i>	<i>The orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures as drilling is orientated normal to the dip and foliation of the deposit</i>
	<i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i>	<i>No orientation based sampling bias has been identified in the data to date</i>

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Sample security	<i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i>	<i>The measures taken to ensure sample security are through an independent Ghanaian security contractor. Samples are stored at Cardinal's base camp located at Bolgatanga, Ghana, West Africa under security until collected by SGS Laboratories and transported to their Ouagadougou laboratory in Burkina Faso</i>
Audits or reviews	<i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i>	<i>Sampling techniques are of industry standards. Data is audited by Maxwell Geoservices (Perth), who have not made any other recommendations</i>

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in section 1 will also apply to this section where relevant)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral Tenement and Land Status	<i>Type, name/reference number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties including joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i>	<i>The Ndongo East Prospect, within the Bolgatanga Project, is located in NE Ghana. The granted Prospecting Licence is held by Cardinal Resources Ghana Limited (Cardinal Ghana), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cardinal Resources Limited (Cardinal) (ASX: CDV).</i>
	<i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i>	<i>There are no known impediments to operate within the Ndongo East Prospect granted licence area.</i>

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Exploration Done by Other Parties	<i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i>	<i>No previous systematic exploration has been undertaken.</i>
Geology	<i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation</i>	<i>The geological setting is a Paleoproterozoic Greenstone Belt comprising Birimian metavolcanics, volcanoclastics & metasediments located in close proximity to a major 30 km ~N-S regional shear zone with splays.</i>
Drill hole information	<i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i> • <i>Elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in meters) of the drill hole collar</i> • <i>Dip and azimuth of the hole</i> • <i>Down hole length and interception depth</i> • <i>Hole length</i> 	<i>Assay data returned No Significant Results</i>
	<i>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</i>	<i>There has been no exclusion of information</i>
Data aggregation methods	<i>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</i>	<i>No weighting averaging techniques nor cutting of high grades have yet been undertaken</i>
	<i>Where aggregated intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</i>	<i>Aggregated intercepts incorporating short lengths of high grade will be calculated and will include no more than intervals of 2m below cut-off grades of 0.5 g/t Au.</i>

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	<i>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</i>	<i>No metal equivalent values were used for this report</i>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<i>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of exploration results.</i>	<i>The relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths is not yet known</i>
	<i>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</i>	<i>The geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is not yet known</i>
	<i>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</i>	<i>Only down hole lengths are reported and true widths of mineralisation are not yet known</i>
Diagrams	<i>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plane view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</i>	<i>Appropriate maps and sections are included in this announcement</i>
Balanced Reporting	<i>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practical, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	<i>Assay data returned No Significant Results</i>
Other substantive exploration data	<i>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observation; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</i>	<i>Geophysical results are included as images (Figures 1-2). The interpretation shown is subject to possible change as new information is gathered. Interpretation of geophysical data is by its nature, subject to ambiguity. Geochemical surveys and rock chip sampling were undertaken (see Figure 2).</i>

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Further Work	<i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large – scale step – out drilling).</i>	<i>A combination of reverse circulation and diamond drilling is planned, followed by possible additional ground geophysical surveys depending on the results of the drilling.</i>
	<i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i>	<i>The image included (Figure 2) shows the geophysical interpretation of the major ~30 km N-S shear zone and previous assay results. Future drilling is planned adjacent to this major shear zone.</i>

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