

PRELIMINARY METALLURGICAL TEST WORK YIELDS 3.75% Li₂O IN LEPIDOLITE CONCENTRATE

Highlights

- Flotation test on a high-grade sample achieved a 80.5% lithia recovery to a lepidolite concentrate grading 3.75% Li₂O.
- The concentrates produced contained very low levels of iron contaminants at 0.07% Fe₂O₃.

Eastern Resources Limited (“Eastern Resources” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce results from the metallurgical test work on samples from the Lepidolite Hill Project (“Project”) performed by leading independent metallurgical laboratory Nagrom.

Excellent metallurgical results were achieved in the preliminary test work, which demonstrated that recoveries range between 80% to 82% producing a 3.7% Lithia in lepidolite concentrate could be achieved using a combination of magnetic separation and conventional flotation.

Results Summary

A summary of recoveries and grades for lithium (Li₂O) and iron (Fe₂O₃) are presented in Table 1

Table 1: Flotation Results

Fraction	Mass	Grade	Recovery	Grade	Recovery
		Li ₂ O	Li ₂ O	Fe ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃
Re-cleaner conc	44.1%	3.75%	80.53%	0.07%	9.82%
Cleaner tails.	5.9%	1.38%	3.86%	0.07%	1.16%
Scavenger tails	39.2%	0.28%	5.34 %	0.01%	1.17%
Magnetics	1.4%	1.53%	1.07%	12.43%	53.08%
Slimes	9.4%	2.01%	9.20%	1.24%	34.78%
Feed	100.0%	2.07	100.00%	0.05	100.00%

Metallurgical Test Work Overview

The first batch of 27 kg composite samples selected from the Project was delivered to Nagrom metallurgical and analytical laboratory in Perth, to conduct metallurgical test work. The metallurgical test program was designed to test the ability to produce a commercial lithium concentrate by conventional multi-stage flotation technology.

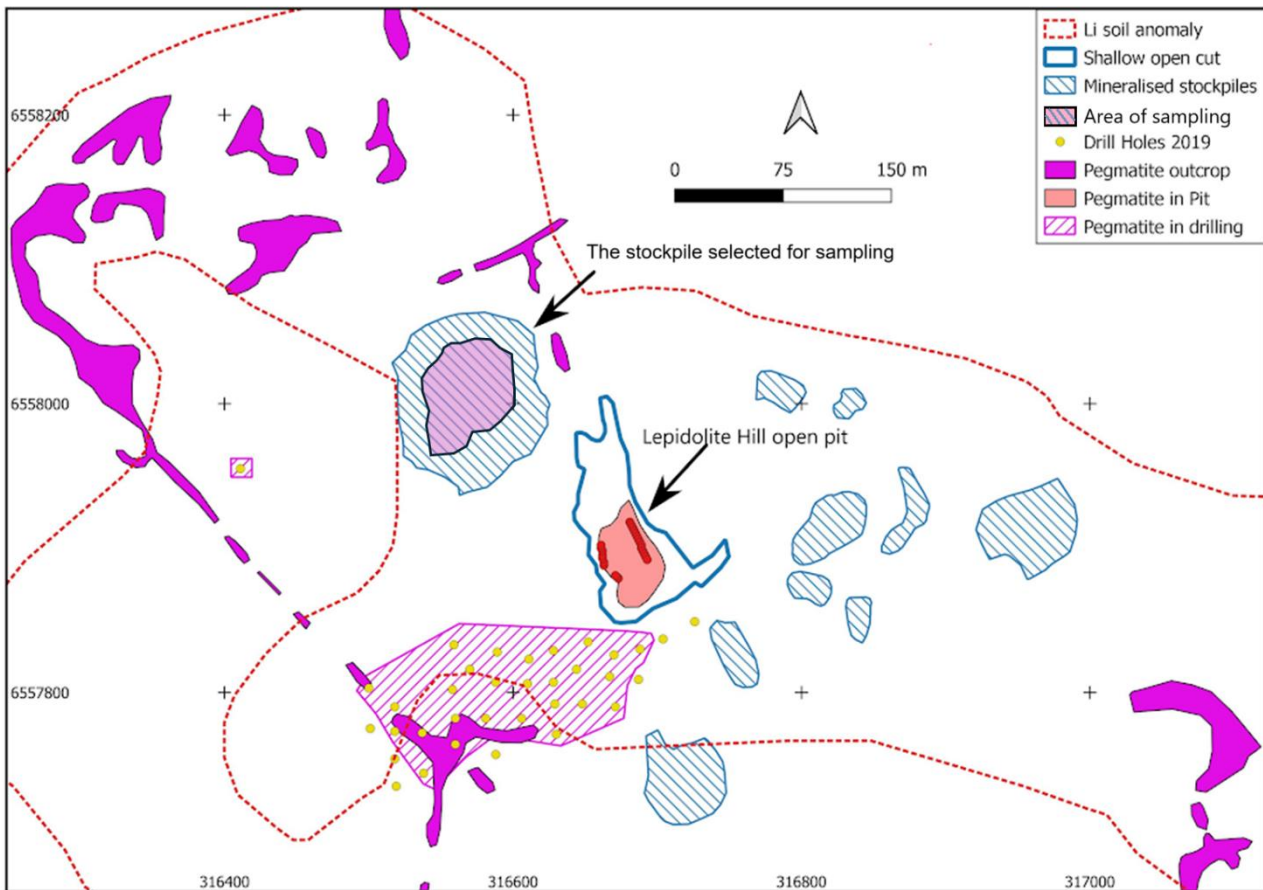


Figure 1: Location of stockpile for the first batch of samples

Flotation

Flotation is the most widely used technique for the beneficiation of lithium-bearing minerals and is more suited to the processing of fine particle size feed. The processing route selected was as follows:

- Stage Crush (~20kg) to P100 =3.35mm
- Grind (17x 1kg) to P80= 0.106mm
- Cyclone Deslime (17kg) to produce one (1) Overflow and one (1) Underflow fraction, with target Cut-Point @D50 =10-20µm
- WHGMS145 (~15kg) to produce one (1) Overflow and one (1) Underflow fraction, at 3000 Gauss
- Sighter Multi-Stage Flotation (1kg) to produce up to ten (10) fractions
- All tests were done in Perth tap water

All samples were analysed via ICP/XRF for Li_2O , Fe_2O_3 , CaO , K_2O , MgO , Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , Na_2O , Ta_2O_5 , Nb_2O_5 and LOI1000.

LEPIDOLITE HILL LITHIUM PROJECT

The Lepidolite Hill Lithium Project is strategically located in the Southern Yilgarn lithium belt. The Project is located approximately 18 km south-southwest of Coolgardie WA, and 32 km west of the Mt Marion Lithium mine.

The Project was a historical old lepidolite and petalite mine in the early 1970's. Lithium-rich pegmatites are common in the Lepidolite Hill project area.

An exploration drilling program conducted by the Company in February 2024 discovered further lithium mineralisation at the Project. Pegmatite horizons were encountered in 6 out of 37 drill holes, with an outstanding result of lithium bearing pegmatite grading 13m @ 1.47% Li_2O from 19m within drill hole EFLHRC011. Mine stockpiles and limited drilling have confirmed high grade lithium, tantalum and rubidium.

The Project has significant potential for further discoveries of lepidolite, petalite and spodumene. The Company's partner Yongxing Special Materials has strong demand for lepidolite and notes the promising test work completed by Lithium Australia which indicates potential for high recovery of lithium.

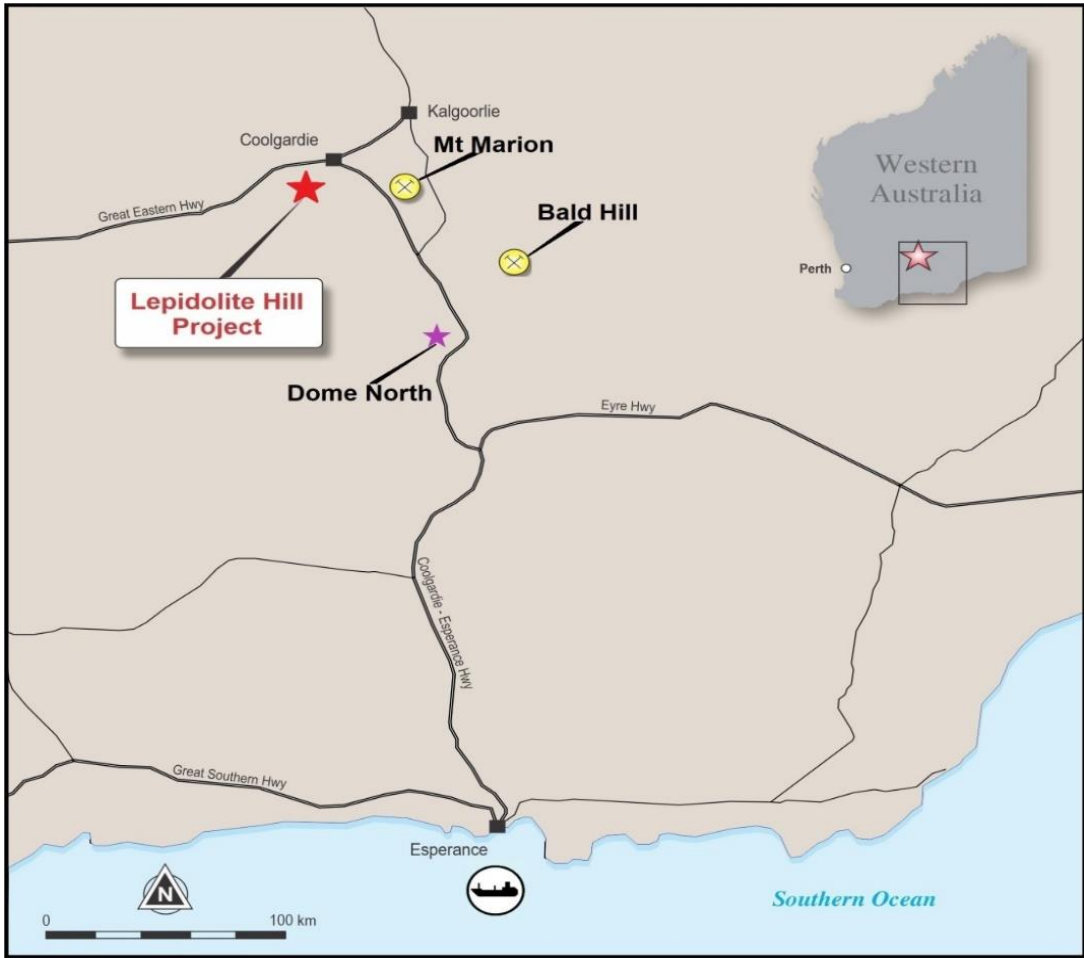


Figure 2: Location of Lepidolite Hill Project



ABOUT EASTERN RESOURCES LIMITED

Eastern Resources Limited (ASX: EFE) is an Australia based ASX-listed, emerging lithium focused exploration and development company.

The Company holds four lithium assets in WA as follows:

- 100% interest in the Trigg Hill Lithium-Tantalum project which is strategically located in the historical lithium-tin-tantalum district in the Pilbara,
- 70% interest in the Lepidolite Hill Lithium project located in Southern Yilgarn Lithium Belt (30% interest held by Lithium Australia),
- 100% interest in the Lake Johnston project located in the Southern Yilgarn Lithium Belt,
- 100% interest in the Yalgoo West Lithium project located in Yalgoo lithium province.

The Company is also developing the Nowa Nowa Iron project in East Gippsland, VIC.

The Company has formed a strategic partnership with Ya Hua International Investment and Development Co. Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Yahua Group which is one of the largest Chinese lithium converters, to acquire and develop spodumene projects. The Company also has executed a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Yongxing Special Materials Technology Co. Ltd. ("Yongxing") to acquire and develop lepidolite projects. Yongxing is one of the major Chinese lithium converters using lepidolite concentrates as feed to produce battery grade lithium carbonate. These two strategic relationships provide Eastern Resources with excellent coverage over the primary lithium sources.

INVESTOR INFORMATION

Further information, previous Company announcements and exploration updates are available at the Investors tab on the Company's website – www.easternresources.com.au

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Results is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documents compiled by Mr Glenn Coianiz, consultant to the Company. Mr. Coianiz is a Registered Professional Geoscientist and Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Coianiz has sufficient relevant experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person within the definition of the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (“JORC Code). Mr Coianiz consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this release that relates to Metallurgical Results is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared and reviewed by Mr Noel O’Brien, FAusIMM, MBA, B. Met Eng. Mr. O’Brien is a consultant of the company and is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience with the style of processing response and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2012 edition of the “Australian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves” (JORC Code). Mr O’Brien consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement includes certain “forward-looking statements”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurances that such statements will prove accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Such information contained herein represents management’s best judgement as of the date hereof based on information currently available. The Company does not assume any obligation to update forward looking statements. Any forward-looking statements in this announcement speak only at the date of issue of this announcement. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law and the ASX Listing Rules, the Company, its directors, officers, employees and agents do not give any assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events referred to in this announcement will occur as contemplated.

Appendix A JORC Code Table 1: Exploration Results

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<p>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. 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.</p> <p>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representativity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</p> <p>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. '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 (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</p>	<p>Samples were taken as grab samples selected from a single stockpile, comprising historical mineralised waste, immediately adjacent to the Lepidolite Hill open pit.</p> <p>The stockpile was selected for sampling as it is the largest stockpile on site, containing the greatest size range of mineralised material.</p> <p>Mineralised material was selected (by a suitably qualified and experienced geologist) to include approximately 60% lepidolite (by visual estimate), with mineralised material taken as a representative sample across the surface of the entire stockpile. 60% Lepidolite was nominated to approximate expected ore mineralogy and allows sufficient waste mineralogy to facilitate concentration by flotation.</p> <p>Rocks ranging from 7 – 15cm were taken, to allow better estimation of lepidolite percentage, and to provide a better representation of in-situ mineralised materials.</p> <p>27 kg of sample was collected on site to allow for the overall material to be reviewed visually for suitability prior to submission.</p>
Drilling techniques	<p>Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g. 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.).</p>	<p>No drilling was done for sample collection.</p>
Drill sample recovery	<p>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</p> <p>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>No drilling was done for sample collection.</p>

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Logging	<p>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.</p> <p>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography</p> <p>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</p>	<p>Detailed logging of individual samples was not undertaken; however, the stockpile material consists of a mixture of unmineralised and lepidolite-mineralised pegmatite.</p> <p>The extent of the sampling was recorded by handheld GPS.</p>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<p>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</p> <p>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.</p> <p>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</p> <p>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The composite sample was submitted to Nagrom Laboratory in Perth and was dried and crushed to a top size of 3.35mm. The crushed sample was pulverised to 80% passing 106 microns prior to analysis.</p> <p>The preparation methods are appropriate for the sampling method.</p>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<p>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</p>	<p>At Nagrom, prepared samples were fused with sodium peroxide and digested in dilute hydrochloric acid. The resultant solution was analysed by ICP (lab code ICP004_MS) for Be, Cs, Li, K, Nb, Rb, Sn, Ta, Y, U, Fe, Mg.</p> <p>The sodium peroxide fusion – hydrochloric digest method offers total dissolution of the sample and is useful for LCT mineral matrices that may resist acid digestions</p> <p>Industry, normal practice, QAQC procedures were followed by Nagrom.</p>

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Verification of sampling and assaying	<p>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</p> <p>The use of twinned holes.</p> <p>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</p> <p>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</p>	<p>Not applicable for the early-stage exploratory programs undertaken.</p> <p>No adjustments to applied to data apart from reporting values as common oxides.</p>
Location of data points	<p>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.</p> <p>Specification of the grid system used.</p> <p>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</p>	<p>All locations have been presented in zone 50 GDA 1994 MGA.</p>
Data spacing and distribution	<p>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</p>	<p>The current sample is a composite of material that was collected across an area exceeding 5,000m², representing approximately 50% of the stockpile surface area.</p> <p>A total of 27kg of material was selected on site.</p>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<p>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The samples were recovered from a stockpile and the orientation of the geological structure was not part of this exercise.</p> <p>For the purposes of the current study, the sample is suitably representative of a stockpile of previously mined mineralisation from the Lepidolite Hill ore body.</p>
Sample security	<p>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</p>	<p>Samples were collected by the site geologist, stored in secure premises pending review, and delivered by the site geologist to the Nagrom laboratory.</p>
Audits or reviews	<p>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</p>	<p>No audits or reviews of sampling techniques has been undertaken.</p>

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<p>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Prospecting licences P15/5739, P15/5574 and P15/5575 subject to the application for Mining Lease 15/1874 are located 19km WS of Coolgardie in the Eastern Goldfields and held in the name of Lithium Australia Ltd.</p> <p>The Company has 70% legal and beneficial ownership of the tenement and Lithium Australia Ltd has 30% legal and beneficial ownership of the tenement.</p> <p>The Licences are subject to a registered native titled claim in the name of Marlinyu Ghoorlie.</p>
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	<p>This report refers to prior exploration results previously announced on ASX on:</p> <p>8 May 2023 'Eastern Resources Acquires Lepidolite Hill Lithium Project'</p>
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	<p>The local geology consists of a folded sequence of metamorphosed komatiite and basalt of the Hampton Hill Formation and the greenstones of the Eastern Goldfields Superterrane. Granitic rocks of the Yilgarn Craton granites outcrop within 1km.</p> <p>Two bodies of pegmatites outcrop at Lepidolite Hill within the greenstone. The first strikes northeast, dipping northwest, with variable widths to 90m. The second is a south pointing "L" shaped pegmatite with dips to the northeast and northwest.</p> <p>The pegmatites are of the LCT (Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum) type containing the lithium-bearing minerals, lepidolite, petalite and zinnwaldite. It is also the first documented occurrence of pollucite, a caesium-bearing zeolite.</p>
Drill hole Information	<p>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easting and northing of the drill hole collar • elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar • dip and azimuth of the hole • down hole length and interception depth • hole length. 	No drilling was done in this programme

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	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.	
Data aggregation methods	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. Where aggregate 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. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	No top cuts were applied. No metal equivalent values used.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported 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').	No drilling was done in this programme.
Diagrams	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 plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	No drilling was done in this programme. A schematic of the stockpile has been included showing positioning of the sample sites.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	No drilling was done in this programme.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics;	All relevant and material exploration data for the target areas discussed, has been reported.

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	potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	
Further work	<p>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</p> <p>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</p>	Eastern Resources Limited is planning to undertake further drilling, mapping and sampling within the area.

