

## **VITAL PROCEEDS WITH BOULI GOLD PROJECT EARN-IN**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vital to proceed with earn-in agreement at Bouli to earn a 50% interest in the project
- Exploration at Bella Tondi prospect has identified an emerging high-grade gold zone and visible gold in core samples
- Vital to spend US\$5 million in exploration at Bouli over two years to establish a 50/50 joint venture with private Turkish company SUMMA

Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) is pleased to announce it will proceed with an agreement to earn 50% of the Bouli Gold Project in Niger through an earn-in agreement with private Turkish company SUMMA.

Vital has completed a spend of US\$1 million on exploration at Bouli, completing aeromagnetic surveys and drilling, predominately at the Bella Tondi prospect, as part of an exploration agreement with SUMMA. Vital's exploration at Bella Tondi has identified an emerging high-grade gold zone, with visible core detected in core samples.

In proceeding with the agreement, announced in October 2017, Vital will spend an additional US\$5 million on exploration over two years to earn 50% of the project.

On establishment of a 50/50 joint venture, Vital can acquire SUMMA's stake for a 2.5% gross revenue royalty.

Vital Managing Director Mark Strizek said, "We are really excited by what we've found at Bouli to date, with results of up to 4m at 157g/t gold from our drilling at Bella Tondi and core sample analysis suggesting multiple parallel lodes.

"We are awaiting further results from drilling and we will begin to plan further activities at Bouli in the meantime."

Vital is completing the sale of its Watershed Tungsten Project in Qld for \$15 million cash. Proceeds from the sale will allow Vital to maintain its aggressive exploration program in West Africa, including at the Bouli project.

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Mark Strizek, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Strizek is a full time employee of the Company. Mr Strizek has sufficient 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 as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Strizek consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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