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MANAS TO ACQUIRE HIGHLY PROSPECTIVE GOLD PROJECTS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE, WEST AFRICA

SUMMARY

- ◆ Earn-in and joint venture agreements executed on the Gonsan and Bouaké Nord Gold Projects in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa
- ◆ Both Project areas, presently under application by local partners, are early-stage, strategically-located holdings over highly prospective greenstone belts that host +1 million ounce gold deposits and operating mines
- ◆ Initial exploration work scheduled to commence on granting of permits
- ◆ Review of other mineral opportunities ongoing
- ◆ Manas remains fully funded with unencumbered cash reserves of circa A\$9.7 million

Project Information

Manas Resources Limited (**ASX: MSR**) ("Manas" or "Company") is pleased to announce that it has entered into agreements to acquire the rights to earn an up to 85% interest in the Gonsan Project and an up to 80% interest in the Bouaké Nord Project located in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

The Gonsan Project comprises 3 exploration permit applications by local partner, Gonsan Resources Sarl ("Gonsan") covering a combined area of approximately 1,000 km². The Bouaké Nord Project comprises a single exploration permit application by local partner, Eburnea Gold Resources Sarl ("Eburnea") covering an area of approximately 300 km².

Relatively small amounts of cash compensation will be payable to the local partners on an annual basis to retain project interests, whilst expenditure will be directed on focused exploration programs.



Figure 1. Location of the Gonsan and Bouaké Nord Projects

Côte d'Ivoire Background

Côte d'Ivoire is host to several prolific Birimian greenstone belts extending from neighbouring West African countries that host multi-million ounce gold deposits. Major gold discoveries in Côte d'Ivoire include Randgold Resources' 3Moz Tongon deposit and Endeavour Mining's Ity and Agbaou Au deposits (2.9Moz and 1Moz respectively). The country has recently been recognised as a stable region for foreign investment and remains a vastly underexplored jurisdiction with significant potential for further major gold discoveries. There are currently three operating gold mines in Cote D'Ivoire; Ity, Tongon, and Bonikro (Newcrest Mining), with Sissingué (Perseus Mining) currently in commissioning.

Gonsan Project Background

The Gonsan Project is located approximately 700km west-northwest of Côte d'Ivoire's economic capital city of Abidjan near the border with Liberia, and surrounds Endeavour Mining's established Ity gold mining operation.

The Project area is prospective for the discovery of further gold mineralisation associated with skarn development in the volcano-sedimentary contact zones around diorite and granodiorite intrusives and mineralisation associated with shear zones in the northeast-trending Birimian greenstone belt.

The Gonsan Project area is adjacent to the 2.9Moz Ity gold mine. The Ity Gold project has been classified as several orogenic gold deposits of skarn (Au-Cu-Mo-Ag-W) and shear zone hosted (Au-As-(Sb)) styles of mineralisation.

Broadly speaking, the skarn mineralisation is associated with discontinuous subparallel lenses of sulphur rich skarn (pyrite-pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite) at the contact margins with granodiorite, while the shear style mineralisation occurs along secondary shears off the major regional shear. Economic grade mineralisation has been shown to be hosted within shear zones between any form of contrasting lithological units of the localised sediment, carbonate or igneous rocks.

The surrounding corresponding geology and adjacent location of the Gonsan and Ity projects suggests there is strong potential for additional subparallel lenses of sulphur rich skarn hosted gold discoveries to be made within the Gonsan project area immediately along strike to the northeast of the Ity gold project. Several secondary shear zones off the major regional northeast trending shear and juxtaposed lithological units have also been identified throughout the Gonsan area that have the potential to host economic grade shear hosted mineralisation, warranting additional exploration activity.

The initial focus of exploration will be on the northern portion of the Project area, as well as along interpreted northeast-trending structural zones and secondary shears.

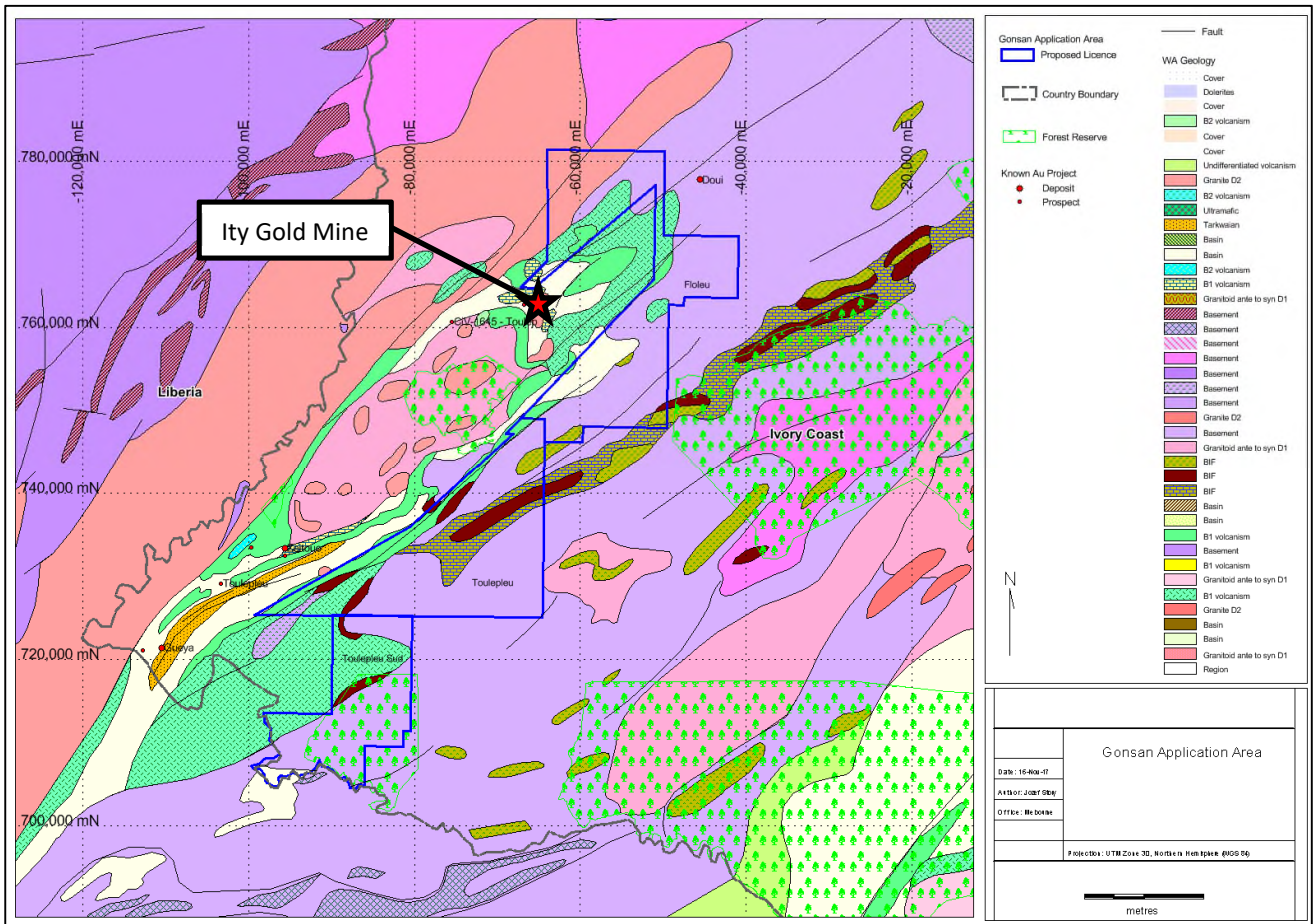


Figure 2. Gonsan Application and Project Geology

Bouake Project Background

The Bouaké Nord Project is located in central-northeast Côte d'Ivoire, 30km northwest of the city of Bouake and approximately 290km north of Abidjan.

The Project area lies along the southern extension of the Houde greenstone belt, which is host to several major gold deposits in neighbouring Burkina Faso. The northeast-trending greenstone belt is dominated by volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks, generally of basaltic-andesitic composition, intruded by granitic plutons of variable composition.

There are currently no identified gold deposits or any documented previous exploration within the Bouake Project, however several artisanal prospects have been identified. Surface geochemistry and follow-up aircore drilling to the immediate north and south of the project area has highlighted extensive gold anomalism and zones of significant bedrock mineralisation.

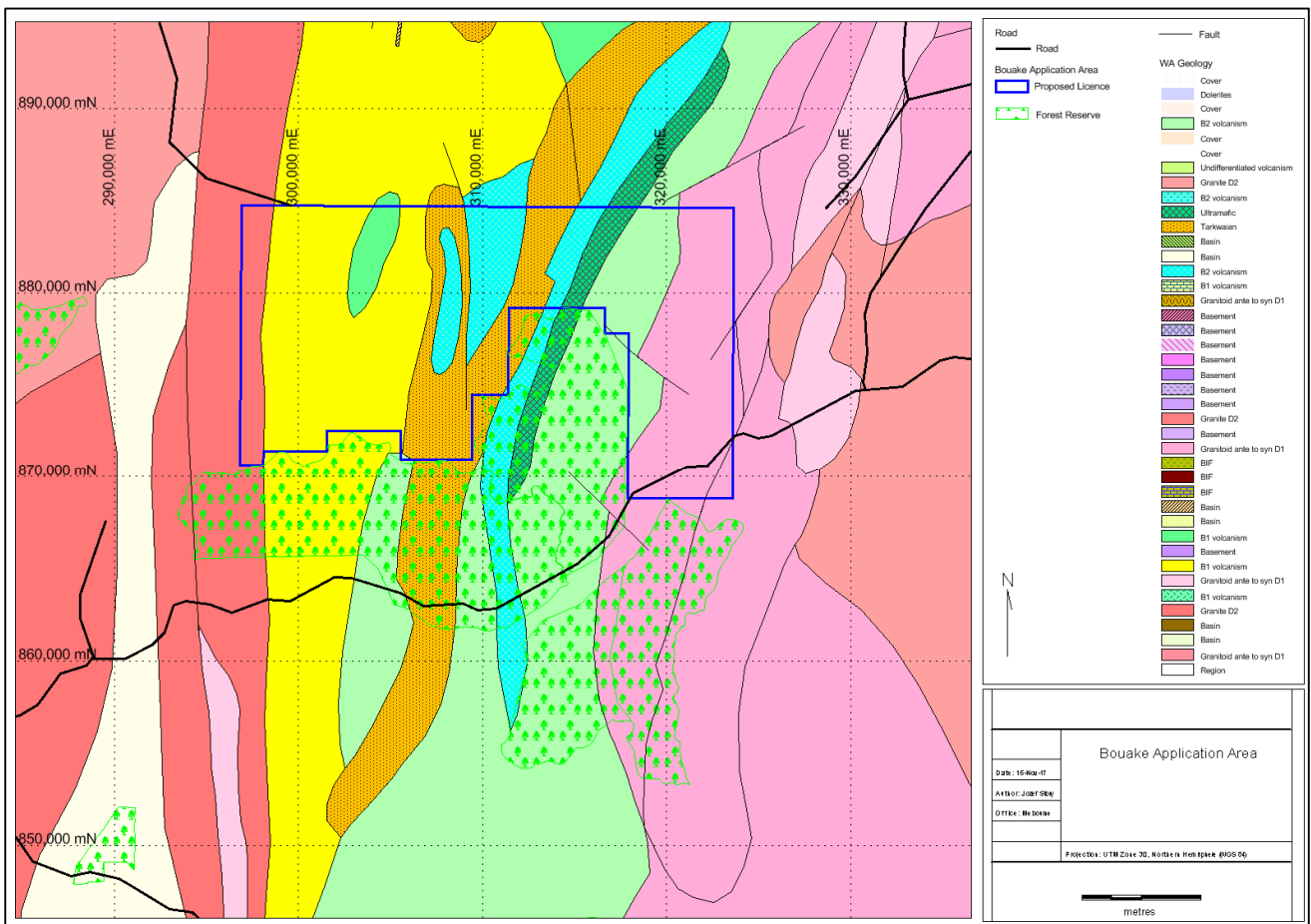


Figure 3. Bouaké Nord Application and Project Geology

Exploration Planning

All four permits, the subject of the agreements, are currently in the application stage. Manas understands that processing of the permit applications is well advanced and anticipates granting early in 2018. Manas will be the manager of both projects and has commenced discussions with local service providers regarding the provision of exploration services to allow the immediate commencement of field work upon grant of the permits.

The initial exploration phase of the Gonsan Project area will include permit-wide stream sediment geochemical sampling and targeted soil geochemical traverses in areas of interest developed from interpreted structures and projections from the neighbouring Ity mining lease. Geological mapping and identification of artisanal mining sites will be undertaken in conjunction with the geochemical sampling program.

At the Bouaké Nord Project area, the focus will be on geological mapping, locating artisanal mining sites, targeted soil geochemistry and low-cost ground magnetic surveys (on the same grid pattern) to define potential drill targets.

Commercial Terms

Gonsan Project:

Within 30 days of grant of each Gonsan permit application, Manas is required to make payments of 6,000,000 FCFA (approximately AUD\$14,000) to Gonsan and further annual payments of 6,000,000 FCFA on the anniversary of each retained permit for up to 4 years.

Under the terms of its agreement with Gonsan, Manas is also required to sole fund minimum exploration expenditure on each of the 3 Gonsan permits as follows:

- Before the end of Year 1 (from granting of permit): FCFA 64,000,000;
- Before the end of Year 2: FCFA 160,000,000;
- Before the end of Year 3: FCFA 320,000,000; and
- Before the end of Year 4: FCFA 640,000,000.

Manas's project expenditure will be classified as a loan to Gonsan and will be repayable from surplus cash from production in priority to profit distributions to the project partners. At any time after a mining lease has been applied for in relation to a deposit on the permit area, Manas has the right to acquire half of Gonsan's 15% interest in the Joint Venture in exchange for the grant of a 0.5% royalty. On grant of a mining lease, the Cote D'Ivoire Government's statutory interest (presently 10%) will adjusted against each joint venture partner's interest in proportionate terms.

As an incentive to the Gonsan shareholders to enter into the agreement, Manas will issue 15 million options to the Gonsan shareholders on grant of the permits. The key terms of the options include a three year term to subscribe for Manas shares at a subscription price of \$0.006 per share.

Bouaké Nord

Within 30 days of grant of the Bouaké Nord permit application, Manas is required to make payment of US\$25,000 to Eburnea and further annual payments of US\$25,000 on the anniversary of the permit for years 1 to 3 and US\$75,000 for year 4.

Under the terms of its agreement with Eburnea, Manas is also required to sole fund minimum exploration expenditure on the permit as follows:

- Before the end of Year 1: FCFA 62,000,000;
- Before the end of Year 2: FCFA 155,000,000;
- Before the end of Year 3: FCFA 309,000,000; and
- Before the end of Year 4: FCFA 615,000,000.

Manas's project expenditure will be classified as a loan to Eburnea and will be repayable from surplus cash from production in priority to profit distributions to the project partners. At any time after a mining lease has been applied for in relation to a deposit on the permit area, Manas has the right to acquire half of Eburnea's 20% interest in the Joint Venture for US\$1M cash consideration. On grant of a mining lease, the Cote D'Ivoire Government's statutory interest (presently 10%) will adjusted against each joint venture partner's interest in proportionate terms.

Expenditure commitments noted above for both the Gonsan and Bouaké Nord Projects are on a cumulative basis. 1M FCFA is equivalent to approximately AUD\$2,300

Project Introduction Fees and Option to contribute

Manas has been introduced to the Gonsan and Bouaké Nord projects by Ivorian company Perex sarl (the Referrer), which entity has been granted an option (exercisable for nil consideration) by Manas.

The option, if exercised, gives the Referrer the right to receive one half of Manas's participating interest in each project area; ie 42.5% in each of the Gonsan Project permits and 40% in Bouaké Nord. The Referrer has the right to exercise its option within 30 days after the later of Manas meeting its first year expenditure commitment or the first anniversary date of the grant of the relevant permit. Should the Referrer exercise its option, Manas and the Referrer would then jointly contribute to project expenditure with Gonsan and Eburnea remaining free carried.

Under the terms of its option and joint venture agreements with the Referrer, Manas is obliged to contribute to exploration expenditure up to the end of year 2 with respect to each permit area (assuming the Referrer exercises its options) but Manas may withdraw anytime thereafter. Industry standard dilution of participating interests applies where either joint venture partner does not contribute to its share of expenditure.

Victoria Gold Project Update

Manas continues to closely monitor the situation in Tanzania. While there have been some positive signs in the Tanzanian Government's desire to encourage investors to restart activities following the recent legislative amendments with respect to the legal and fiscal framework governing the natural resources sector, Manas is assessing the impact of recently issued regulations relating to the new mining legislation before recommencing field activities.

Manas' CEO, Phil Reese, commented; *"The acquisition of a number of highly prospective permits in Cote d'Ivoire is a very exciting opportunity for Manas and provides a base for us to leverage off our strong balance sheet while waiting for the situation in Tanzania to resolve. We are continuing to seek further quality exploration investments that can be rapidly advanced in parallel to create additional shareholder value."*

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Forward Looking Statements: Statements regarding Manas's plans with respect to its mineral properties are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that Manas's plans for the exploration or development of its mineral properties will proceed as currently expected. There can also be no assurance that Manas will be able to confirm the presence of additional mineral deposits, that any mineralisation will prove to be economic or that a mine will successfully be developed on any of Manas's mineral properties.

Manas Resources Limited - Company Overview

Manas Resources Limited is a well-funded, Australian-listed gold company that is in the process of completing the acquisition of the Victoria Gold Project ("VGP") in Tanzania following the successful divestment of its Kyrgyzstan gold assets for US\$10 million. The VGP comprises an extensive holding with identified areas of gold mineralisation and excellent exploration upside, strategically located near several established mining operations in the multi-million ounce Lake Victoria Gold Field of northern Tanzania.

Competent Person's Statement

The scientific and technical information contained within this ASX Release is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Jozef Story, a Competent Person who is a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM).

Mr Story is a consultant geologist engaged by Manas Resources Limited and 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 Resource and Ore Reserves". Mr Story consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.