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Drake granted key Tasiast South permits

Drake Resources (ASX code: DRK) has been granted two permits covering interpreted southern extensions of the Tasiast greenstone belt (Tasiast gold mine 14 Moz). These permits are in the highly prospective Mauritanian sector of the West African gold province.

Interpretation of Mauritanian government airborne magnetics strongly suggests that the greenstone belt that hosts the Tasiast mine extends into Drake's permit (Fig. 2). Drake understands that there has been no historical gold exploration within this permit.

In addition Drake has been awarded a permit that adjoins Gryphon Minerals Limited's Tijirit Project. The Tijirit Project has received limited drilling, but intersections to date include **6m @ 17.63g/t Au, 6m @ 10.47g/t Au, and 2m @ 24.90g/t Au**. Drake's permit commences 20 kilometres south of drilled mineralisation. Again there is no reported gold exploration in the Drake permit.

The two permits total 1900 square kilometers in area, which gives Drake a substantial landholding in this prospective district. Extensive areas of greenstone are interpreted to occur within the permits.

Drake has commenced exploration operations at Tasiast South. The programme includes mapping, sampling, ultra-detailed airborne magnetics and drilling.

Drake Resources' project team includes local and expatriate professionals with strong local knowledge and operational experience in Mauritania and West Africa.

Mauritania has a long history of mining, a favourable and well administered Mining Act, and a government supportive of foreign investment. Until recently, Mauritania has seen little systematic gold exploration compared to other countries in the region.

Drake Resources' management team has an exceptional track record of gold exploration success, and includes key members of the team that built the AcaciaResources/AngloGold portfolio in Australia.

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Corporate Information

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Issued Capital

As at the date of this report the issued capital of the Company is comprised of:

52,729,231 fully paid ordinary shares

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Dr Robert Beeson. Dr Robert Beeson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking. This qualifies Dr Beeson as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Dr Robert Beeson consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Dr Beeson is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists.

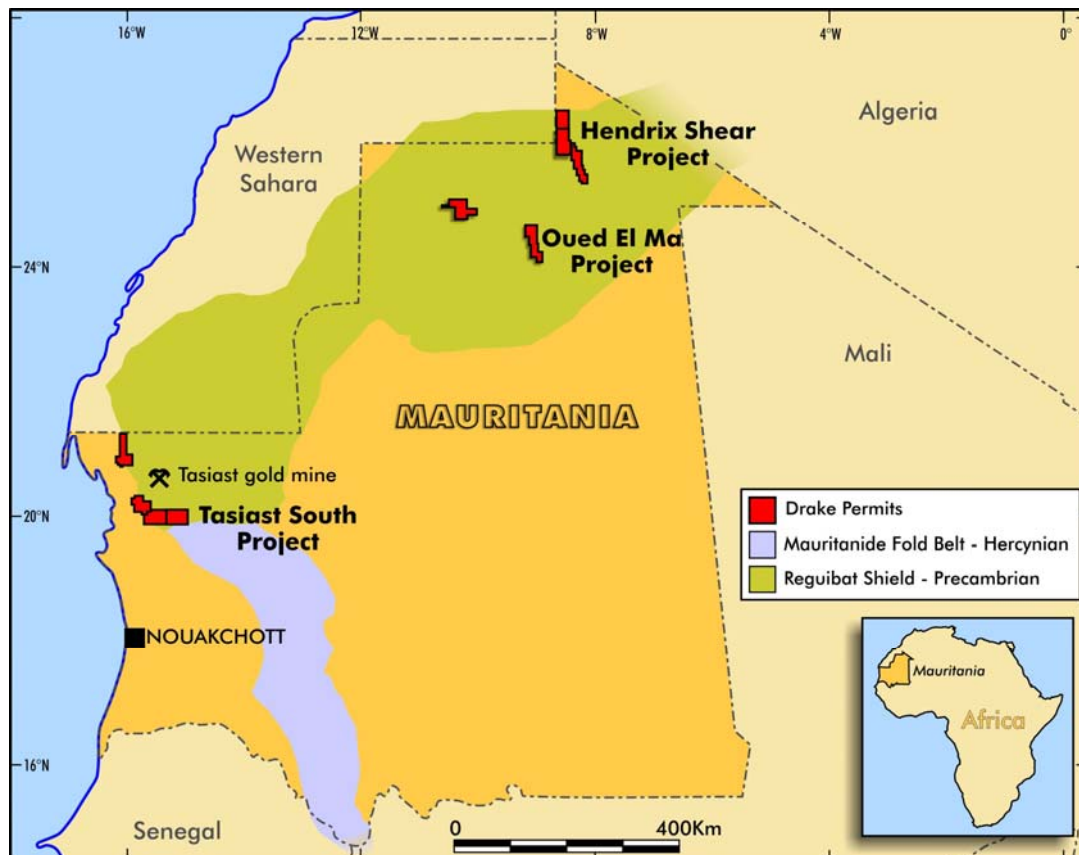


Fig. 1: Location of Drake Resources' gold projects in Mauritania

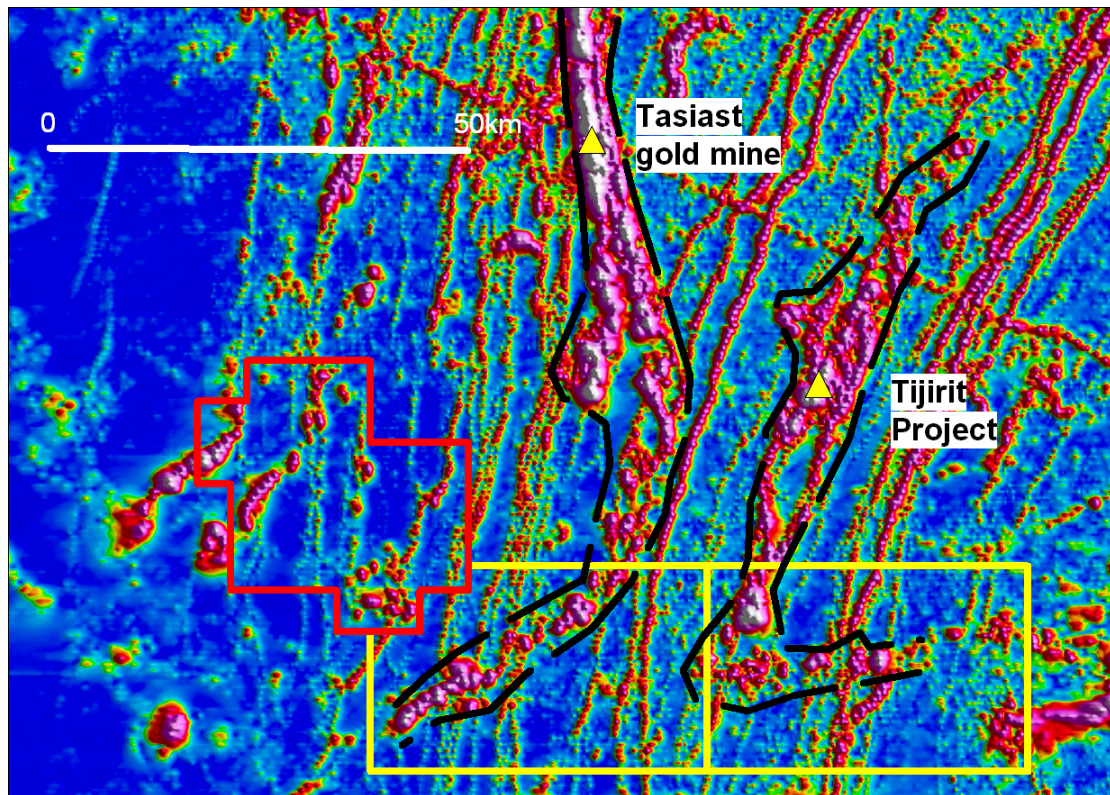


Fig. 2: Magnetics image showing Tasiast South permits (yellow), application (red), plus interpreted Tasiast and Tijirit greenstone belt extensions (black dashed lines)