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## NEW ASSAYS CONFIRM THE POTENTIAL OF DRAKE'S BÄSINGE COPPER-COBALT PROJECT, SWEDEN

Drake Resources (ASX: DRK, "Drake") is pleased to announce that field reconnaissance has upgraded the potential of its 100%-owned Bäsinge Copper-Cobalt Project in Sweden. The Bäsinge Project is located 60 kilometres southeast of Drake's Falun copper-gold project, and 125 kilometres northwest of Stockholm.

The Project is within one of the major massive sulphide belts of Sweden, and is 20 kilometres southeast of Boliden's Garpenberg base metal mine. Garpenberg is one of the major base metal mines of the world, and has been mined since 1300AD. The mine has past production plus reserves of 70Mt at 5% zinc, 2% lead and 100g/t silver.

Historical reports suggest that mining was carried out at Bäsinge in 1580 until 1760 with a total production 200 tonnes of Cu, plus cobalt. The ore grades were reportedly 3-5% Cu, and 0.5-1.0% Co, which gives equivalent copper grades of approximately 10% eCu. The main shaft was to 60 metres depth.

A small drilling programme was completed in the mid-1950s. Doubts remain concerning the effectiveness of this drilling as geophysics suggests that the holes were drilled subparallel to strike. However, good intersections were reported both in the historical assays and Drake's check assays.

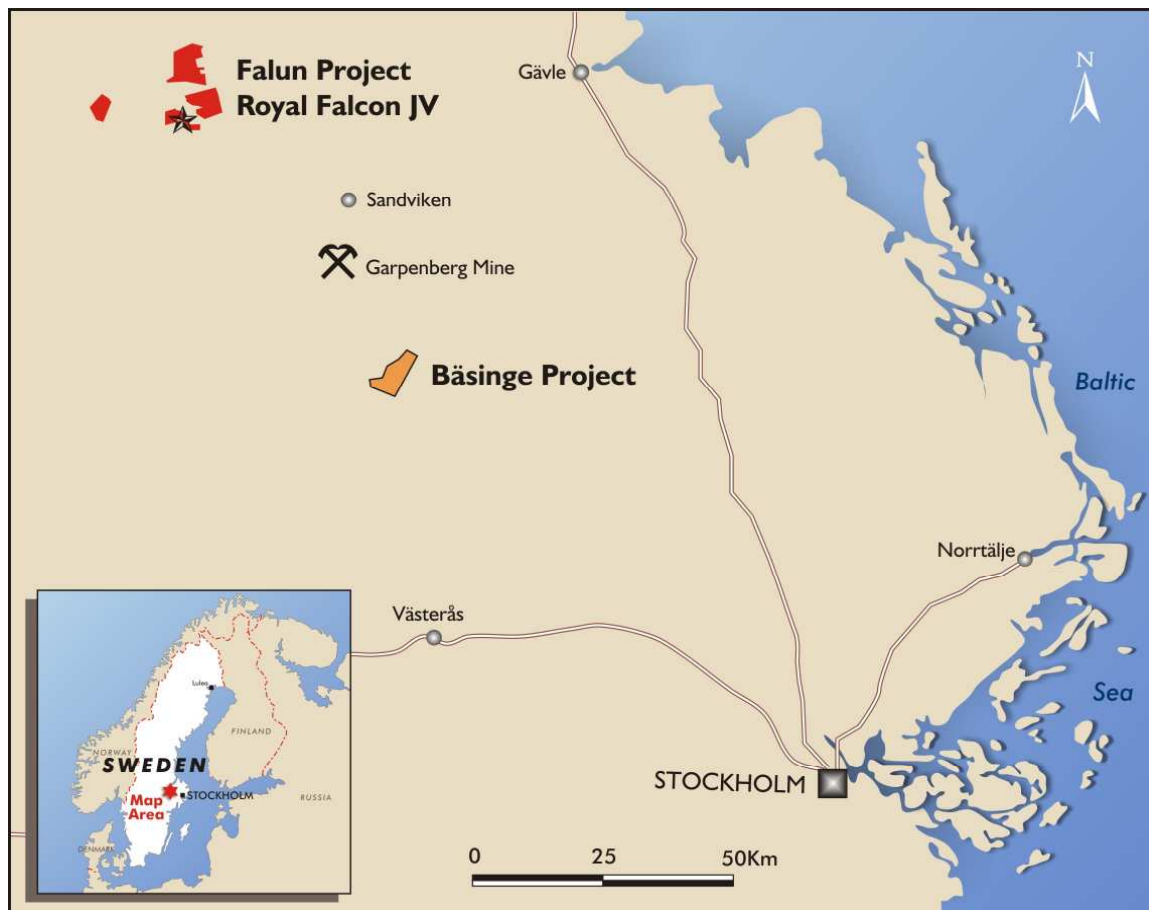
Hole A (west of the old workings):	4.5 metres at 3.25% Cu (no Co assays)
Hole B (under the old workings):	1.0 metres at 4.49% Cu, 0.46% Co
Hole D (under and east of workings):	7.1 metres at 2.0% Cu, 0.39% Co

This drilling clearly indicates that high grade Cu-Co mineralisation extends beyond the old workings. There appears to have been no significant exploration in the area since the mid-1950s.

Drake's initial reconnaissance found grades of 0.2-1.0% copper equivalent in samples from old workings over a strike of 250 metres. The magnetic feature associated with the mineralisation extends for at least 600 metres of strike, and that there may be multiple horizons.

Drake plans to complete further reconnaissance, including till sampling to identify and rank other mineralised trends, prior to year's end. Subsequent exploration will include an airborne electromagnetic survey to detect sulphide bodies, and drill testing of the Bäsinge copper-cobalt deposit.

The Bäsinge Project is not in the Royal Falcon Joint venture.



**Bäsinge Location Map**

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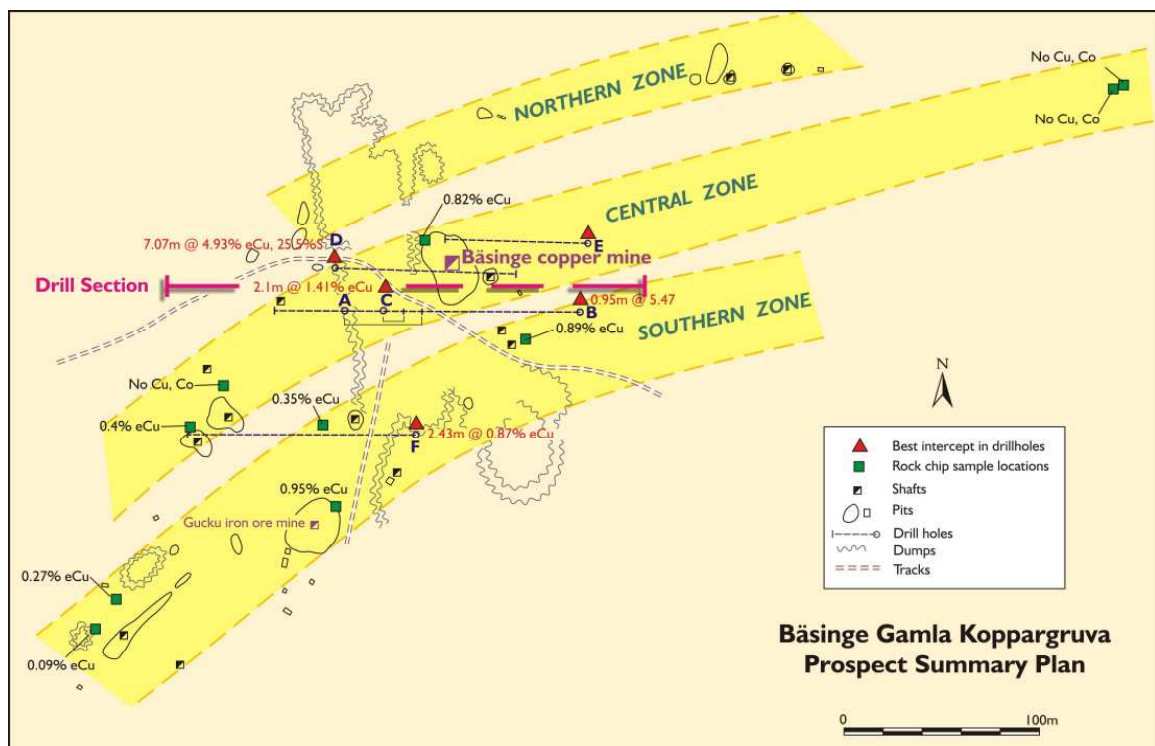
**Issued Capital**

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

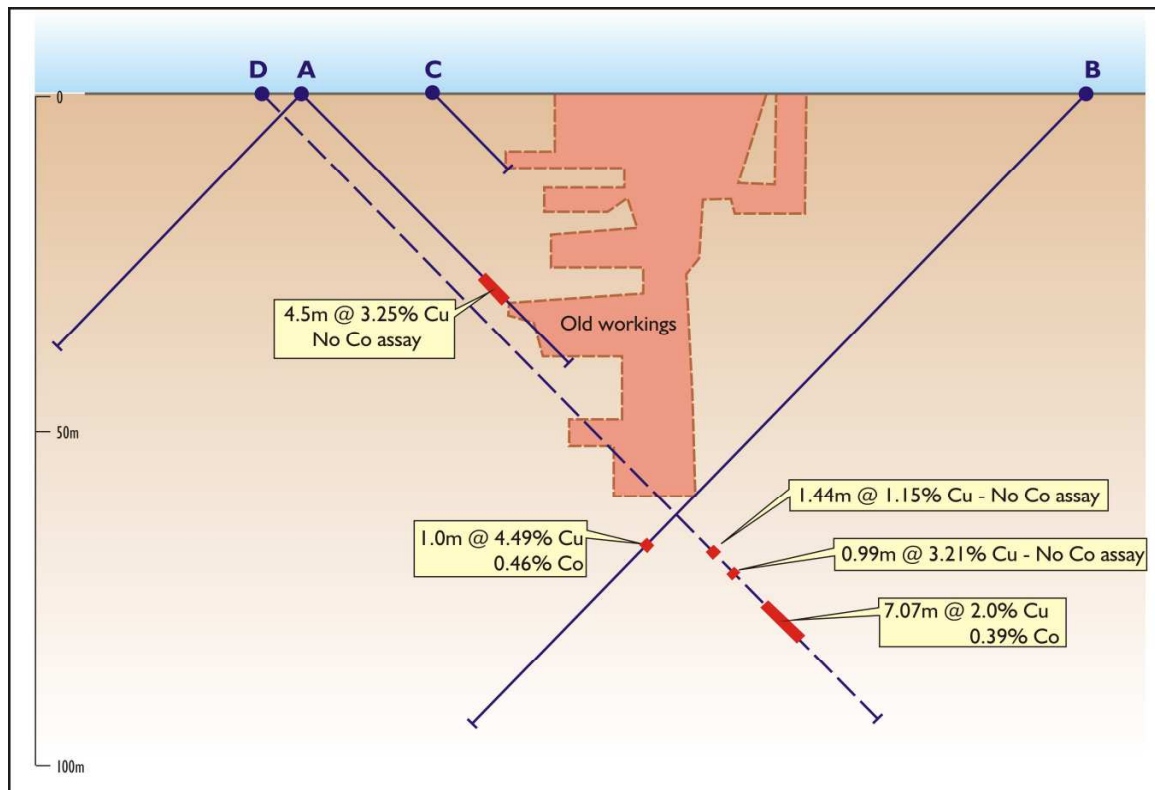
42,438,445 fully paid ordinary shares  
27,197,000 listed options

Easting	Northing	Sample Number	Description	Cu ppm	Co ppm
1533552	6668260	34617	Selected sulphide-bearing siliceous chips from waste dumps	6850	170
1533605	6668198	34618	Selected sulphide- and magnetite-bearing samples from dumps	5060	510
1533514	6668173	34619	Selected sulphide- and magnetite-bearing samples from dumps	1840	220
1533525	6668128	34620	Random chips from around dump on side of large open pit	5220	570
1533426	6668101	34621	Random dump sample	310	240
1533418	6668088	34622	Predominantly magnetite ore from dumps	190	90
1533451	6668185	34623	Selected chalcopyrite-magnetite banded rock from dumps.	3710	40
1533465	6668203	34624	Magnetite-hematite quartz rock Seven star.	30	<10
1533871	6668272	34625	Disseminated and massive magnetite	<10	20
1533874	6668274	34626	Massive magnetite in random chips from a small dump.	40	20

**Table 1: Drake assays of dump samples from the Bälinge Project**



**Bälinge Project mineralised trends, drill hole locations, and copper equivalent assays for waste dump samples (eCu grades Cu+ 7times Co)**



*Water filled old workings at Basinge Project*



*Drill hole BH A1 Massive chalcopyrite sulphide*



*Drill hole BH D 107.36 to 114.43 Massive pyrite and chalcopyrite sulphides with magnetite matrix.*



*Bäsinge Koppargruvan Company mine crest from 1732AD, in the Sweden National Archives*

### **About Drake Resources**

**Drake Resources** (ASX: DRK, “Drake”) is a base metals and gold/silver explorer with advanced projects in Sweden and Australia.

In the four years since listing on the ASX, Drake has established a robust portfolio of projects. Drake’s competitive advantages include a premier position in the world-class Falun copper-zinc belt in Sweden, an experienced technical team with a successful track record, and a pipeline of projects and opportunities.

Drake’s objective is to become a successful and profitable exploration and mining company. The Company aims to achieve this goal by pursuing exploration and mining opportunities and exploring high quality projects in a technical, cost-effective manner.

Currently, Drake is focused on advancing its Scandinavian projects. Drake considers that copper, zinc and gold ores remain within the historic Falun Mine area and have put in place a program to assess the economic potential of remaining ore and new ore bodies. Recent rock chip samples at Digertäkt indicated exceptional zinc grades (up to 27%) and drill testing is underway to locate additional areas of interest.

Drake is in joint venture with Royal Falcon Mining LLC at its Falun and Bersbo Projects, Royal Falcon Mining is a jointly owned company between Golden Rim Resources Ltd and the PAL Group, a subsidiary of Royal Group, based in the United Arab Emirates. Royal Falcon has to spend US\$3 million to earn 51% of the projects; the projects remain 100% Drake prior to Royal Falcon earning this interest.

*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, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. 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.*