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ASX Announcement
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Strategic Direction & Capital Raising

- Focus on extensive portfolio of Scandinavian assets including nickel, copper & gold
 - Scandinavian assets represent advanced exploration projects with defined mineralisation & significant potential
 - Completed small private placement to enable follow up drilling at Scandinavian nickel projects
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Strategy Overview

Drake holds an impressive portfolio of assets across nickel, copper and gold in Scandinavia and West Africa. The diverse spread across jurisdictions and commodities has served the company well in terms of exploration success and risk spread. After a strategic review of the near term potential to define resources, a decision was made to direct funds and attention on realising the value of the advanced projects in Scandinavia.

Drake is particularly enthusiastic about its recent Granmuren nickel discovery. The discovery has potential for considerable lateral and depth extensions as well as the prospect of finding similar disseminated and massive mineralised zones within Drake's 346 square kilometre portfolio surrounding Granmuren.

Drake's CEO, Jason Stirbinskis stated, "We see comparisons between Granmuren's mineralisation and origins and Canada's Voisey's Bay. Voisey's Bay grew into multiple zones of mineralisation and our aim is to uncover other similar zones of mineralisation around our recent discovery.

It is important to also acknowledge that Drake has identified 12 nickel targets at its Espedalen project, and holds a number of additional Scandinavian licence areas prospective for nickel.

Drake's nickel assets will be a primary focus in the immediate term."

The many properties Drake holds across Scandinavia are prospective for nickel, copper, gold and zinc. The medium term strategy is to form a larger 2014 programme by joining some of these prospective areas with Granmuren and Espedalen and building a coherent development strategy across multiple sites.

Given Drake's success across its Scandinavian portfolio, its renewed strategic focus coupled with considerable preliminary interest within the European investment community, Drake has started researching strategies to maximise its potential to attract European investors.

Mr Stirbinskis added "The timing is right for Drake to tap into its growing network and momentum in Scandinavia and broader Europe".

In West Africa, Drake holds an impressive portfolio of gold assets ranging from 3,600 square kilometres of tenements in the same mineral province as the 20 million ounce Tasiast project to greenfield areas in Guinea that has had recent spectacular soil assay results. However, these still represent early exploration projects that would consume considerable funds and therefore Drake has made the decision to direct much of its discretionary spend to Scandinavia in 2013.

The company will re-visit West Africa in 2014 and in the interim it will consider joint ventures and similar opportunities if they represent better value for Drake's shareholders.

Mr Stirbinskis commented "We have allocated some exploration spend to West Africa in the fourth quarter of 2013. Success from this program may see West Africa secure a greater focus in 2014."

Capital Raising

On the back of its robust strategic plan, Drake has secured an immediate private placement of 9,165,588 shares to raise \$779,000 before raising costs at \$0.085 to sophisticated investors. The bulk of the funds will be dedicated to immediate follow up drilling at Granmuren to explore for lateral and depth extensions and for working capital.

Mr Stirbinskis said, "The response to the raising exceeded our expectations with a mix of established shareholders increasing their positions and new investors supporting Drake.

Drake has acquired an impressive portfolio of assets. It is now time to follow a strategy that seeks to maximise the value of those assets for our shareholders. Developing a consolidated Scandinavian story and leveraging our European momentum while retaining a flexible position on our West African assets provides the optimal path forward."

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Competent Persons Statement

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 is a director of Drake and consents to the inclusion in the Announcement 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.

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About Drake Resources Limited

Drake Resources (DRK) is an Australian gold and base metals explorer with advanced and highly prospective projects in resource-rich Scandinavia and West Africa. Projects in Scandinavia focus on nickel and copper and include nickel deposits at Espedalen in Norway, a new nickel-copper discovery at Granmuren in Sweden, and significant remaining mineralisation in the Joma copper-zinc mine. Drake’s aim is to be a successful and profitable mining company delivering strong shareholder value by taking robust projects through to mining, or realising their value at optimal times through merger and acquisition programs.

Company Assets

Sweden

Granmuren - Nickel
 Bergslagen JV - Copper
 Orsen - Copper/Magnetite
 Lainijaur - Copper

Finland

Kittila - Gold
 Vihanti - Copper

Norway

Espedalen - Nickel
 Joma – Copper-Zinc
 Løkken JV – Copper
 Nordgruva JV - Copper
 Sultjelma JV - Copper
 Kautokeino - Gold
 Karasjok - Gold

West Africa

Tasiast South - Gold
 Hendrix - Gold
 Samekouta - Gold
 Seimana - Gold

Australia

Mt Palmer – Gold
 Mallee Hill - Gold