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High gold values established at Drake's Oued el Ma, Mauritania permit

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Strong gold values in rock (to 36.7 g/t gold) and soil (to 8.7 g/t gold) discovered at Drake's 100% owned Oued El Ma permit**
 - **Part of underexplored Birrimian aged rocks in northern Mauritania**
 - **Confirms long-term strategy for Mauritanian permits**
 - **RC drilling to test anomalies - commencing late March**
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Drake Resources (DRK) is an Australian gold and base metals resources company with advanced and highly prospective projects in West Africa, Sweden, Norway and Finland. In West Africa the focus is gold in the underexplored provinces of Mauritania and Senegal, including in the highly mineralised Tasiast greenstone belt. Projects in Scandinavia include holding a premier position in the historic world class Falun Mine area in Sweden where high grade gold-copper mineralisation is the focus. In Norway and Finland Drake is seeking copper-zinc mineralisation with its joint venture partner. Drake's aim is to be a successful and profitable mining company delivering strong shareholder value.

The Oued El Ma permit covers 981 square kilometres. It was acquired by Drake in 2011 to evaluate the source of extensive gold anomalism in stream samples.

The permit is part of Drake Resources' exploration programme in the Birrimian aged sequences in Northern Mauritania. The area is believed to be the northern continuation of the prolifically gold mineralised Birrimian rocks which occur in adjoining countries further south in West Africa.

In contrast to the gold provinces further south, the Birrimian rocks of Northern Mauritanian have had very little prior exploration for gold. Drake holds 4,600 square kilometres under exploration permits for gold and base metals in this region, and is the most active explorer in this region.

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.



Figure 2: Quartz vein in Zone A, Oued El Ma which has returned values of 5.8 and 36.7 g/t gold

Drake in West Africa

Elsewhere in West Africa, Drake is actively exploring southern extensions of the greenstone belt that hosts the Tasiast gold mine (with more than 21 million ounces of gold) and the nearby greenstone belt that hosts Gryphon Minerals Limited's Tijirit Project. Drake holds 3,600 square kilometres under granted exploration permits in the Tasiast area where there has been no significant historical gold exploration. Drake is also actively exploring in the Kenieba Inlier in Senegal and in the gold province of northern Guinea.

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

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