



ASX Announcement

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New data raises Guinea prospectivity

- **New data on Drake's Seimana Project demonstrates the association of gold mineralisation with major Birrimian structures across Drake's permit areas**
- **Evidence structures hosting Avocet's neighbouring +3M.oz gold deposit extend into Drake's permits**
- **Field work to commence mid February**

As part of preparatory work prior to commencement of field work on its recently granted Seimana Project, Drake has completed a detailed review and re-interpretation of data relevant to the area. This included the use of data recently made available through industry sponsored research¹ which contributed significantly to an enhanced understanding of mineralisation controls in the region. Key observations drawn from Drake's interpretation and compilation include:

- The existence of a previously poorly mapped major Birrimian structure running through the centre of the Drake permits. This structure is associated with artisanal gold occurrences in several areas, including one of Drake's highly ranked targets, and the structure is clearly mineralised.
- Analysis of the abundant old and current artisanal workings on Drake's permits indicates these are associated with a series of northwest trending structures. This is highly significant because the 2.3 million ounce Koulekoun resource², located 6 kilometres south of Drake's permit, is also associated with northwest structures in the same geological sequence.
- Many of the artisanal mining clusters in Drake's ground are very extensive in area, with perimeters comparable in size to the multi-million ounce resource outlines on Avocet's Tri-K project² adjoining to the south.
- Drake's analysis has demonstrated greater rock type diversity than previously known in this area of poor outcrop, including the existence of Birrimian intrusives that appear to predate mineralisation. This is positive for gold mineralisation in having provided pressure shadows and other strain differentials which are favourable settings for gold deposits in the region.

Drake's CEO, Jason Stirbinskis added "The recently acquired data has added further weight to the prospectivity of the area. The distribution and extent of mapped artisanal workings on Drake's ground suggest gold mineralisation covers a very large area and analogies can be drawn, in mineralisation style and setting, with Avocet's neighbouring multimillion ounce Tri-K deposit and with the 10 million ounce Siguri mineralisation³ located 75k m to the northwest.



As announced previously, Drake will commence a surface evaluation programme involving mapping, sampling and evaluation of artisanal gold workings to prioritise targets for sub-surface testing.

Seimana is one of three high priority projects for Drake, the others being the Grammuren near-surface nickel/copper sulphide project in Sweden and the Joma copper/zinc project in Norway.

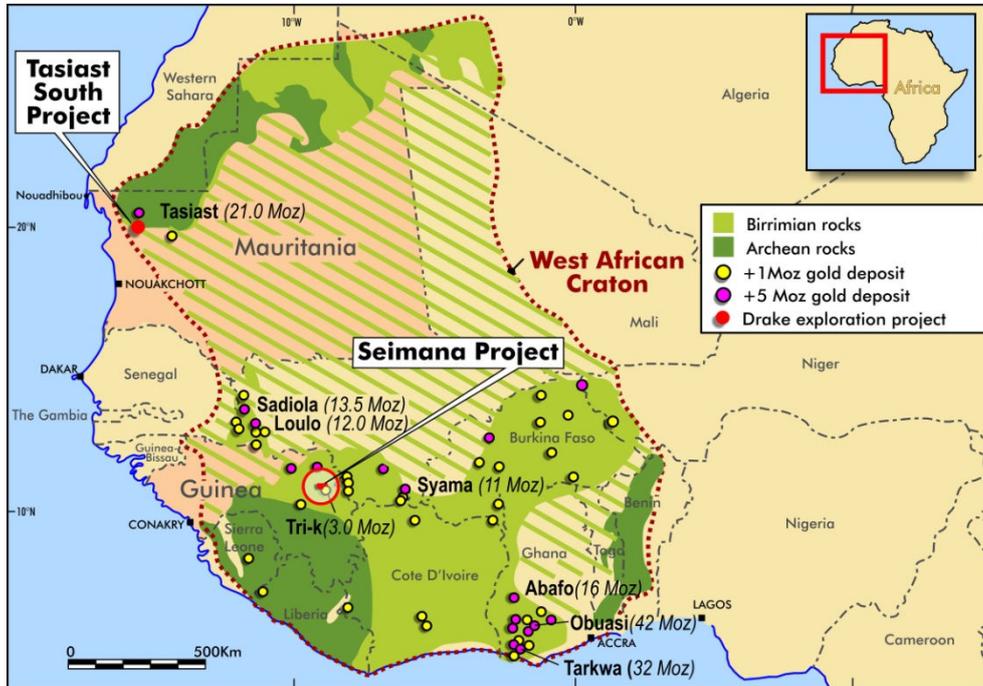


Figure 1: Location

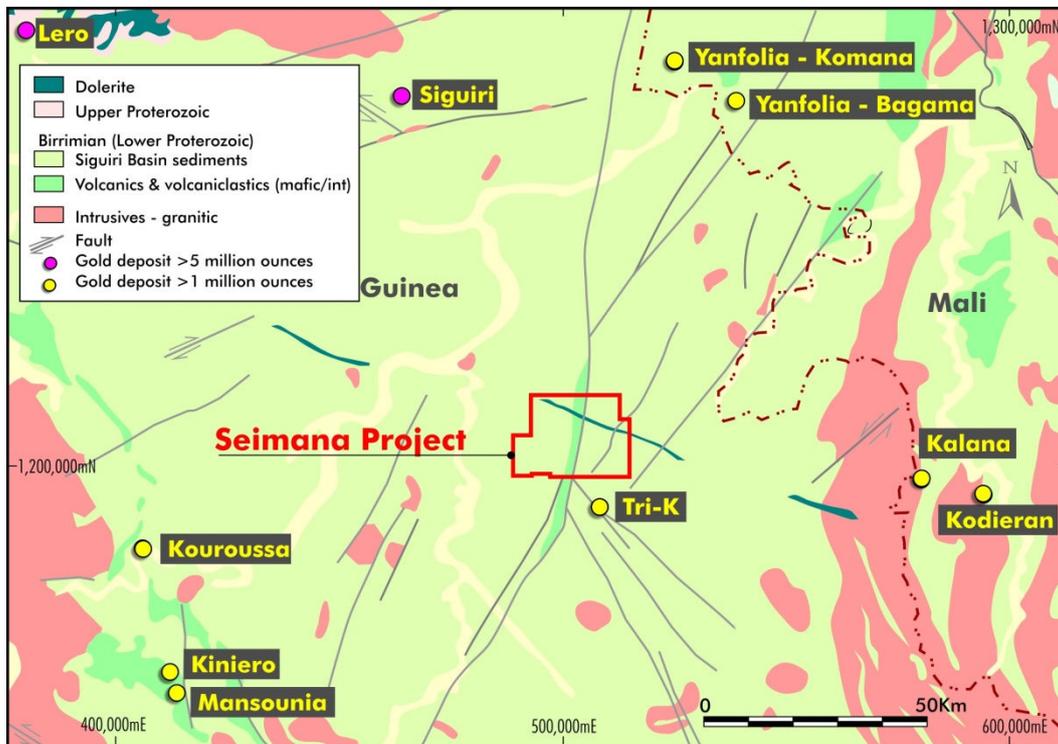


Figure 2: Geological setting – Seimana Project

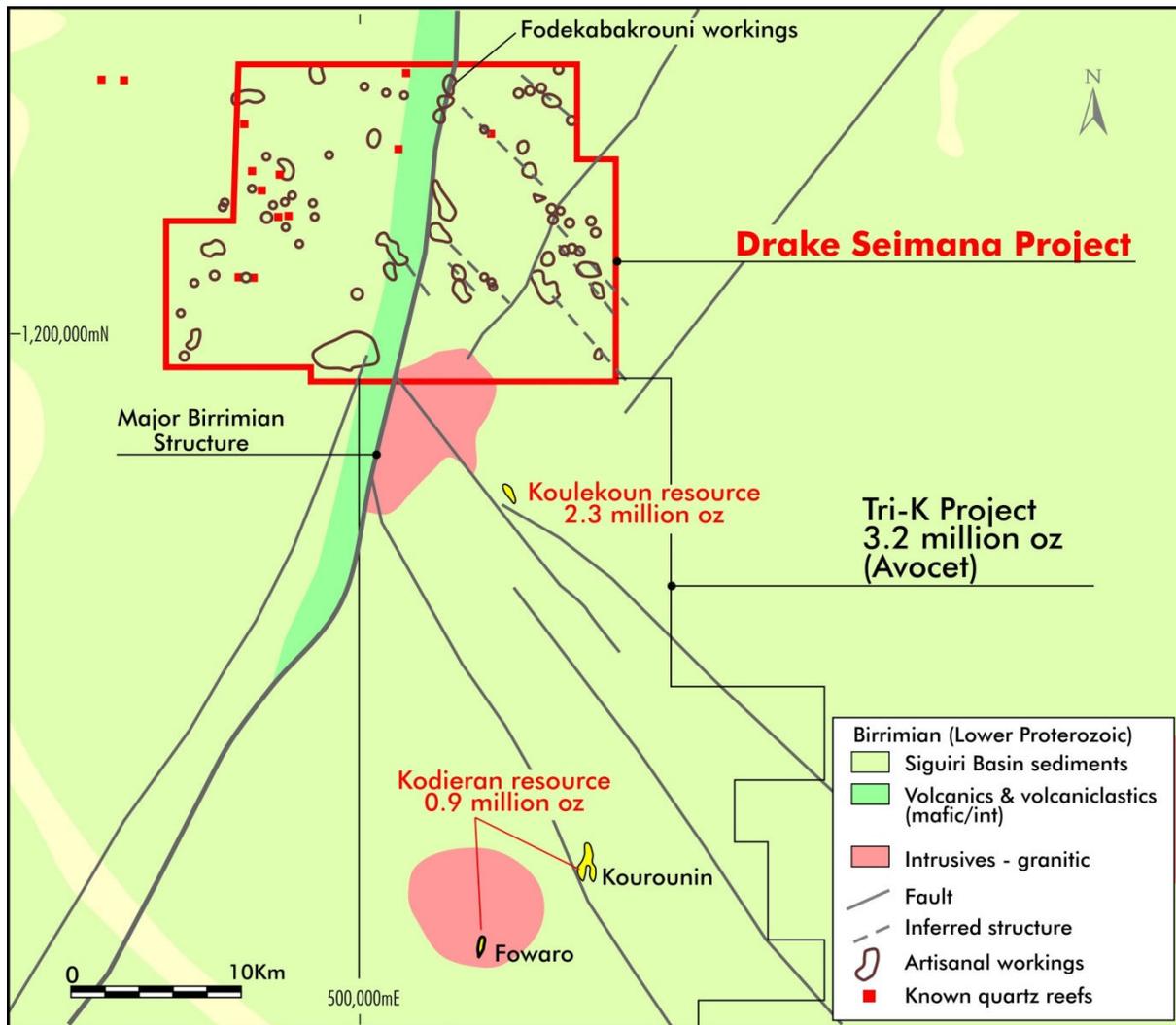


Figure 3: Drake Seimana project – gold mineralisation and structure

1: AMIRA International Project P934A: West African Exploration Initiative.

2. Avocet 2012 Annual Report, p20 - 23

3 Published resource (Anglogold Ashanti Annual Report 2012) plus recorded historical production.

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