

# VITAL METALS COMMENCES DRILLING AT KOLLO GOLD PROJECT, BURKINA FASO

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling has started at the Kollo Gold Project
- First holes drilled as part of a 12,500 metre (~100 hole) drilling program to test:
  - Infill and extensions of the high-grade, near-surface mineralisation along the +4km Kollo trend
  - Newly identified gold mineralisation within over 40km of largely untested structural corridors
- > Additional track mounted RC rig secured for drill testing of Kollo Hill:
  - Ikm of strike length on the Kollo shear zone between Kollo Central and Kollo North that has never been tested
  - Rig is in Ghana and will be mobilising to site once customs have been cleared
- Auger exploration program continues working on infill drilling and regional testing
- > Exploration drilling program fully funded following \$5M raising

Gold explorer Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) is pleased to announce that it has commenced RC drilling at its 100%-owned Kollo Gold Project in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

The Kollo project is located on the highly prospective Markoye Fault Corridor which also hosts West African Resources' high grade 2.2Moz Sanbrado Gold Project.

Commenting on the start of RC drilling, Vitals' Managing Director Mark Strizek said:

"It is very pleasing to get drilling operations underway at Kollo. We have excellent grades from previous drilling at Kollo and will be looking to build on these".

We will be testing depth extensions of high grade mineralisation at targets like Kollo Hill, which has never been drilled and is book-ended by gold mineralisation".

"Our auger program is also beginning to delineate multiple targets over 40km of largely untested structural corridors".

The company is well positioned to deliver considerable news flow from exploration activities in Burkina Faso and will be providing regular updates on drilling progress.

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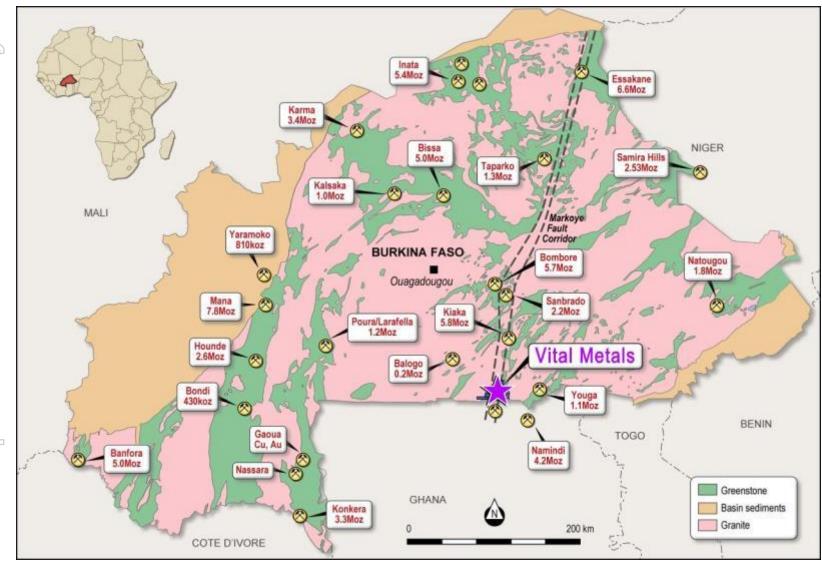
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#### Figure 1: Project Location Plan



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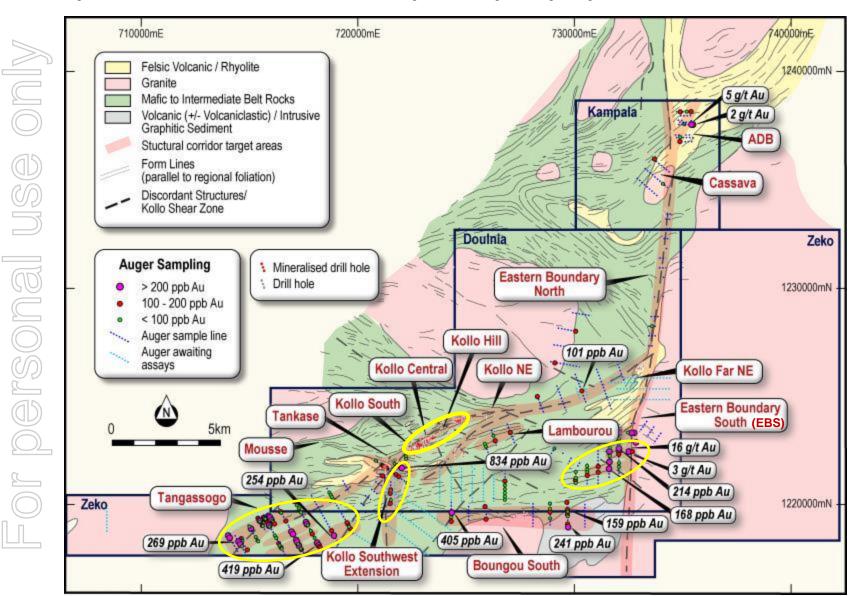


Figure 2: Vital Metals Burkina Tenement Portfolio – showing Kollo and regional auger target areas

#### **ABOUT VITAL METALS**

Vital Metals Limited (**ASX: VML**) is an explorer and developer , focused on progressing three highly prospective mineral Projects: the Watershed Tungsten Project in far north Queensland, Australia, the Aue Tungsten Project in Saxony, Germany and the Doulnia Gold Project in southern Burkina Faso, West Africa.

## Doulnia Gold Project – Burkina Faso

The Doulnia Gold Project (100% Vital) is located in southern Burkina Faso. The Project is made up of three contiguous permits; the Doulnia, Kampala and Zeko exploration permits. The Project is located in highly prospective Birimian Greenstone terrain with 400 sq. km of contiguous tenements lying on the trend of the Markoye Fault Corridor and hosting the Kollo Gold Project and Boungou South Gold Prospect.

## Watershed Tungsten Project – Queensland

The Watershed scheelite (calcium tungstate) Project, in far north Queensland, 150 kilometres north-west of Cairns, is the Company's flagship venture. The Watershed Tungsten Project is a development-ready project that has a completed Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS), is fully permitted and has all landowner and Indigenous agreements in place.

## Aue Tungsten Project – Germany

The Aue Tungsten Project (100% Vital) is located in the western Erzgebirge area of the German state of Saxony. The permit, comprising an area of 78 sq. km is located in the heart of one of Europe's most famous mining regions, being surrounded by several world class mineral fields. Historical mining and intensive exploration work carried out between from the 1940's and 1980's showed high prospectivity of the Aue permit area for tungsten, tin, uranium and silver mineralisation.

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735.7 million shares

91.9 million unlisted options