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SUMBA DRILLING PROGRAMME

Hillgrove Resources Limited (ASX:HGO) advises that it has awarded a drilling contract for up to 8,000m of diamond drilling for the Sumba Project in Indonesia. Drilling is scheduled to commence in mid-April 2010 and will initially target high grade epithermal gold mineralisation within the Pahandanjal Prospect.

The drill program will utilise two man portable drill rigs which are purpose built for working in steep terrain. The first rig will arrive early to mid April, and the second rig in June. One of the drill rigs will then be sent to Pelitilira Prospect in Central Sumba in the second half of 2010.

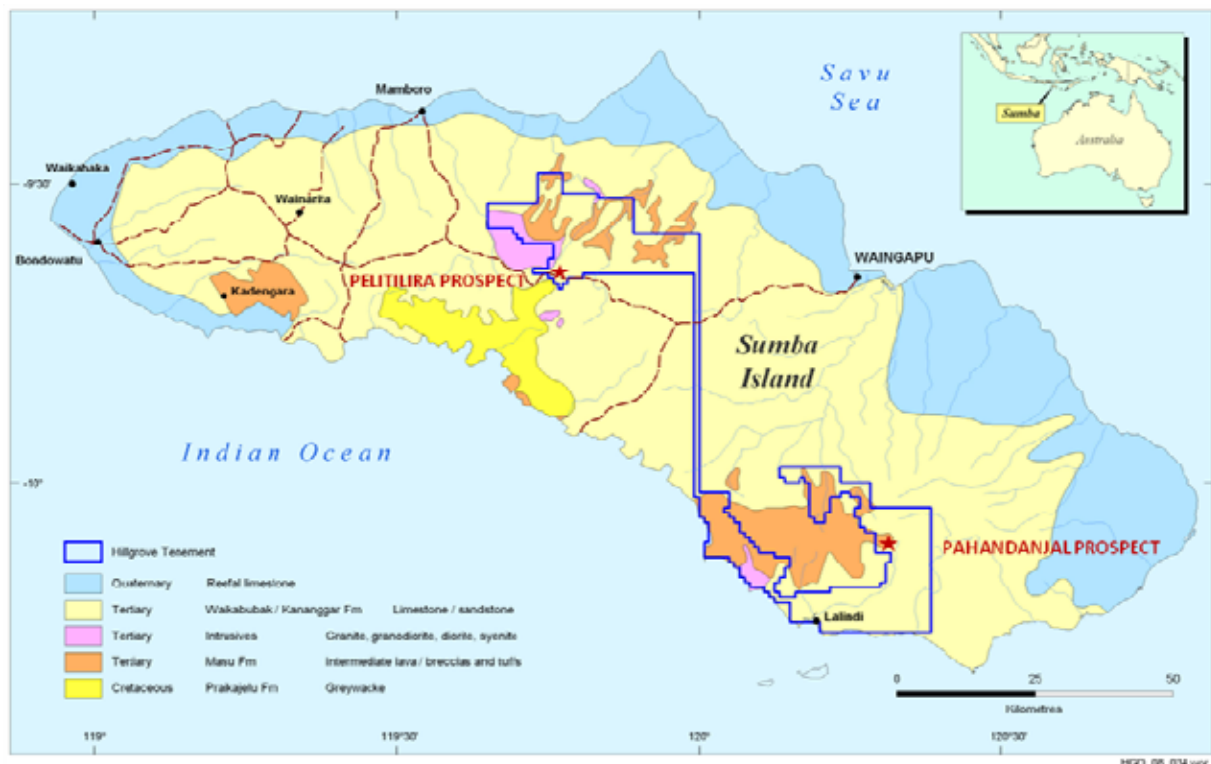


Figure 1. PT Fathi Resources Sumba IUP Boundary 2010

About the Sumba Project

Sumba is located in the province of East Nusa Tenggara and is south of the islands of Flores and Sumbawa in Indonesia. An Exploration Mining Business License (in Indonesian, an Izin Usaha Pertambangan or "IUP") has been awarded to Hillgrove's Indonesian joint venture partner, PT Fathi Resources. The IUP (322/KEP/HK/2009) has been granted for a term of six years and permits exploration for metals, gold and other associated minerals over an area of

999km². Hillgrove has an 80% economic interest in the Project. The IUP encompasses highly prospective ground which has been shown to contain identified zones of gold and base metal mineralisation.

About Hillgrove

Hillgrove is an Australian mining company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: HGO) focused on developing its Indonesian, South Australian and Queensland base and precious metals projects. The Company is targeting the discovery of world class epithermal gold and porphyry copper/gold deposits in Eastern Indonesia.

Hillgrove's flagship development is the Kanmantoo Copper Gold Project, located less than 60km from Adelaide in South Australia. Kanmantoo currently hosts a Mineral Resource of 32.2Mt (2.3Mt Measured, 22.5Mt Indicated and 7.4Mt Inferred) grading 0.9% copper and 0.20g/t gold, containing 292,200 tonnes of copper, 191,100 ounces of gold and 3,313,600 ounces of silver. With production targeted for the first quarter of 2011, Kanmantoo will be a 2Mt p.a. open-cut mine producing approximately 17,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate and 8,000 ounces of gold per annum.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr. Adam Freeman, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Freeman is a Geology manager for Hillgrove Resources and has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. Freeman consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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