

## TARCOOLA ML DRILLING PROGRAMME & NATIVE TITLE CLEARANCES CONFIRMED

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Upcoming 10,000 – 12,000 metre drilling programme on ML 6455 cleared to proceed
- Joint plan for Cultural Heritage review and ongoing discussions for Tarcoola regional exploration activities between Barton and Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Aboriginal Corporation (**AMYAC**)

### Tarcoola ML Native Title Clearances Confirmed

Barton Gold Pty Ltd (**Barton** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has confirmed Native Title clearances for the commencement of its upcoming drilling programme on ML 6455.

The land underlying ML 6455 lies within the Native Title Determined Area for the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Community, who are represented by AMYAC, with whom the Company has an existing Native Title Mining Agreement for Production (including drilling activities), and which is subject to specific ‘No Go’ Areas.

ML 6455 is the site of the Tarcoola open pit mine and immediate high-priority surrounding areas of interest for significant additional mineralised structures. This includes the ‘Old Flame’ target approximately 1km from the existing Perseverance open pit which previously returned shallow, broad, high-grade intercepts such as:

- 22m @ 6.75 g/t Au from 15m depth
- 2m @ 6.42 g/t Au from 19m depth, and
- 3m @ 5.03 g/t Au from 28m depth

These intercepts have not previously been followed up with additional drilling.

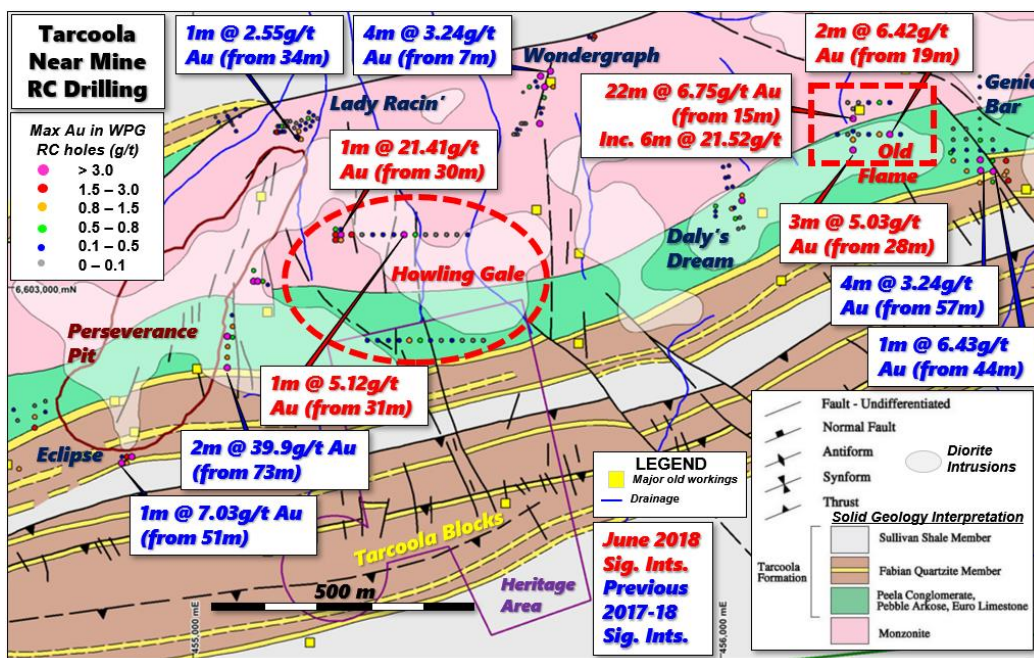


Figure 1 – Recent Historical Drilling Results in High-Priority Near-Mine Areas

### **Joint On-Site Orientation & Cultural Heritage Review**

Barton is committed to the protection and preservation of important Cultural Heritage sites and artefacts, and fostering proactive, positive and cooperative relationships with its Native Title colleagues and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Prior to commencement of drilling, senior Company representatives will meet with senior representatives of the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Community to conduct a joint site orientation. The parties will jointly visit and review Cultural Heritage sites to assess their current condition and ensure their protection and preservation.

### **Regional Tarcoola Exploration (EL 6210)**

ML 6455, which hosts the Tarcoola open pit mine, lies within the broader EL 6210 covering an additional 1,183km<sup>2</sup> in the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Native Title Determined Area. As part of the Company's broader growth plans for the Tarcoola project area further discussions have commenced regarding a new Native Title Mining Agreement (NTMA) covering the entirety of EL 6210.

### **Drilling Programme & Contract Award**

The Tarcoola ML drilling programme is expected to commence during the end of July, with a ~50-day programme. The Company is currently finalising its review of tender submissions for the drilling programme, has confirmed a preferred contractor, and will formally award the contract and provide updates in due course.

*"We are very pleased to confirm our Native Title clearances for the upcoming drilling programme on the Tarcoola ML, and we thank our colleagues at AMYAC and the representatives for the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Community for their efforts and help to move this programme forward expeditiously. We are looking forward to conducting our joint review of local Cultural Heritage sites and to working in cooperation to safely and respectfully bring Tarcoola back to life as a regional SA mining hub."*

- Alexander Scanlon, Managing Director of Barton

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The Company's leadership and team include experienced natural resources investment and development professionals, and the Company's technical and execution capability are strengthened through its technical alliances with Australia's leading mine geology, mine engineering, and contract operations teams.

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