

# **Outstanding Assay Results at Mahenge**

# HIGHLIGHTS:

- Confirmation of substantial near-surface zones of high-grade, large flake mineralisation
- Graphite mineralisation remains open in all directions
- Results will be used to upgrade JORC Mineral Resource estimate

# Kibaran Resources Limited (ASX: KNL) is pleased to report the first group of assay results from the recent Reverse Circulation (RC) drill programme at the Epanko deposit at the Mahenge Graphite Project in Tanzania.

The consistency of the high-grade results confirms the continuity and extent of graphite mineralisation at surface, and mineralisation remains open in all directions. Assays for the graphite intersected in the drill holes that have contributed to a doubling in the strike length remain pending, however the mineralisation exhibits similar geological characteristics to the assays received below.

## Significant RC results include;

- **18m at 9.7% TGC** from surface (MHRC032)
- 32m at 9.3% TGC from surface (MHRC033), including;
   16m at 10.3% TGC
- 16m at 10.3% TGC from surface (MHRC034)
- 56m at 8.8% TGC from surface (MHRC035), including;

## 25m at 10.0% TGC

- 78m at 8.0% TGC from surface (MHRC036), including;
- 42m at 10.2% TGC

[Full results are outlined below in Table 1]

Drilling focussed on shallow, highly-weathered soft graphite mineralisation as the liberation and preservation of graphite flake size is paramount due to the importance of processed graphite pricing being dependent on flake size distribution.

The substantial near-surface zones of high-grade, large flake mineralisation will have significant commercial competitive advantages.

Results for the remaining drill holes are expected over the coming month.

The drilling programme aims to upgrade the near surface portion of the existing JORC Inferred Mineral Resource of 14.9Mt at 10.5% TGC (total graphitic carbon) for 1,560,000t of contained graphite to a JORC Indicated/Measured Resource category (refer figure 1 and note 1). Work is already underway and completion is expected mid-July. Subject to the upgrade, the Epanko Economic Scoping Study will be released.

The Epanko deposit has attracted a binding offtake and sales partnership agreement, which was advanced with the support of a development bank with the view for potential debt funding for the future development of the deposit.



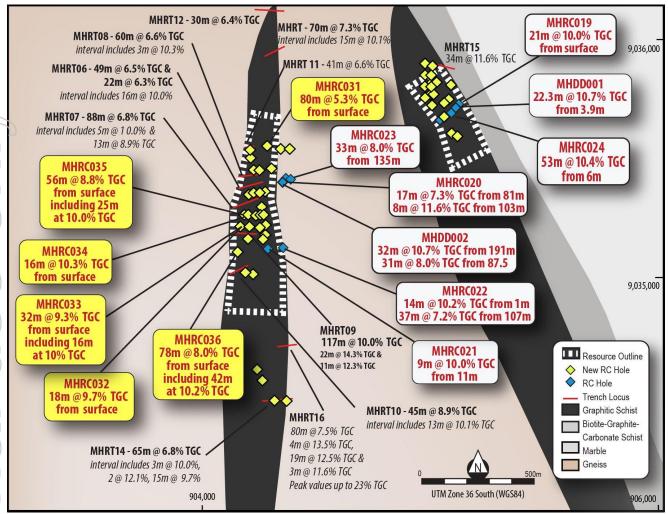


Figure 1 – Location plan of the Epanko deposit

# Table 1: Epanko RC Intersection Table

, <u> </u>	Graphite Mineralisation								
	N	Е	Din	∧ <del>,</del> ;	Depth (m)	From	То	Interval	Grade
Hole_ID	IN	C	Dip	Azi	Depth (III)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(%TGC)
MHRC031	904328	9035506	-60	270	80	0	80	80	5.3
MHRC032	904222	9035151	-60	270	50	0	18	18	9.7
MHRC033	904225	9035150	-70	90	50	0	32	32	9.3
Includes						14	30	16	10.3
MHRC034	904227	9035197	-60	270	41	0	16	16	10.3
MHRC035	904232	9035198	-90	90	65	0	56	56	8.8
Includes						6	13	7	10.3
Includes						18	43	25	10.0
MHRC036	904220	9035100	-60	90	78	0	78	78	8.0
Includes						0	42	42	10.2

#### Notes for Table 1

All total graphite carbon ("TGC") analysis undertaken by LECO at independent commercial laboratory SGS in Johannesburg, South Africa. RC Samples collected over 1 metre intervals using an industry standard 3 tier riffle splitter. Minimum intersection width 2 metres with internal waste of no more than 2 metres. Downhole lengths are reported, as true width is unknown. Azimuths are referenced to local grid. No top cut has been applied and intersection grade rounded to 1 decimal figure. Drill hole coordinates referenced to local grid WGS84 UTM36S.



#### JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

**Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data** 

Sampling	Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard	The Epanko deposit was sample
Sampling techniques	measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of	by reverse circulation (RC) holes
	sampling.	<ul> <li>Sampling is guided by Kibaran's protocols and QA/QC procedure</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RC samples are collected by a risplitter using a face sampling</li> </ul>
	Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.	hammer diameter approximately 140 mm.
•	<ul> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All samples were sent SGS labo tory in Johannesburg for prepara tion and LECO analyses.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>All samples are crushed using L mill to -4 mm and pulverised to nominal 80% passing -75 µm.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Diamond core (if competent) is or using a core saw. Where the ma rial is too soft it is left in the tray a knife is used to quarter the cor for sampling.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Trenches were sampled at 0.5m intervals, these intervals were speared and submitted for anal- yses.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RC holes were drilled in a directi so as to hit the mineralisation or thogonally. Face sample harme were used and all samples colle ed dry and riffle split after passin through the cyclone.</li> </ul>
		Diamond drilling was drilled as triple Tubed HQ diameter core.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.	The RC rig sampling systems ar routinely cleaned to minimize the
	<ul> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have</li> </ul>	opportunity for contamination; du ing methods are focused on san quality.
	occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	<ul> <li>The selection of RC drilling com ny, having a water drilling back- ground enables far greater contr on any water present in the syst ensuring wet samples were kept a minimum.</li> </ul>
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.	<ul> <li>Geological logging is completed all holes and representative acro the deposit.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Logged data is both qualitative a quantitative depending on field b ing logged.</li> </ul>
		All drill holes are logged.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample	<ul> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> </ul>	All RC samples are split using a riffle splitter mounted under the or close. Bc samples are drilled drives are drilled drives.
preparation	<ul> <li>In non-core, whether nined, tabe sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet of dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>clone, RC samples are drilled dr</li><li>A small fraction of samples re-</li></ul>
]	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.	turned to the surface wet. All sar ples were submitted for assay
•	<ul> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diamond core was cut on core s and quarter core submitted for analyzes</li> </ul>
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	<ul> <li>analyses.</li> <li>Sample preparation at the SGS laboratory involves the original sample being dried at 80° for up 24 hours and weighed on submision to laboratory. Crushing to n inal –4 mm. Sample is split to let than 2 kg through linear splitter a excess retained. Sample splits a weighed at a frequency of 1/20 a entered into the job results file. F verising is completed using LM2 mill to 90% passing –75 µm.</li> </ul>
Quality of assay • data and laboratory tests •	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.	<ul> <li>Drill samples were sent to the Son Laboratory at Mwanza (Tanzania for sample preparation, with the</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determin- ing the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> </ul>	for assaying. The following method for assaying. The following method odology is used by SGS for Tota Graphitic Carbon (TGC) analyse
	<ul> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Total carbon is measured using LECO technique. The sample is combusted in the oxygen atmos- phere and the IR used to measu</li> </ul>



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
		the amount of CO2 produced. The calibration of the LECO instrumer is done by using certified reference materials.
D		<ul> <li>For the analysis of Graphitic Carbon, a 0.3g sample is weighed ar roasted at 5500C to remove any organic carbon. The sample is th heated with diluted hydrochloric aid to remove carbonates. After coing the sample is filtered and the residue rinsed and dried at 750C prior to analysis by the LECO instrument. The analyses by LECC are done by total combustion of sample in the oxygen atmosphere and using IR absorption from the resulting CO2 produced.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Laboratory certificates were sent via email from the assay laborato to Kibaran. The assay data was provided to CSA in the form of M crosoft XL files and assay laboral ry certificates. The files were im- ported into Datamine.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Standards are inserted at approx mately a 10% frequency rate. In addition, field duplicates, laborato duplicates are collectively inserte at a rate of 10% QAQC data anal sis has been completed to indust standards</li> </ul>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Senior Kibaran geological persor nel supervised the sampling, and alternative personnel verified the sampling locations.</li> </ul>
	electronic) protocols.	Previous drilling has twinned hole
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	<ul> <li>Primary data are captured on paper in the field and then re-entered in spreadsheet format by the super- vising geologist, to then be loade into the company's database.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>No adjustments are made to any assay data.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sample locations pickedup by ha held GPS.</li> </ul>
	Specification of the grid system used.	WGS84 Zone 36 South
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	<ul> <li>No coordinate transformation was applied to the data.</li> </ul>
		Downhole surveys collected by multi-shot camera,
Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Spacings are sufficient for Minera Resource has been estimated wi the available data.</li> </ul>
	continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifica- tions applied.	<ul> <li>Drill hole locations are at a nomin 50 m (Y) by 25 m (X) spacings.</li> </ul>
7	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	<ul> <li>Data spacing and distribution are sufficient to establish the degree geological and grade continuity.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>No compositing has been applied exploration data.</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All holes have been orientated towards an azimuth so as to be able intersect the graphitic miner isation in a perpendicular manne</li> </ul>
-	considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.	<ul> <li>RC holes were drilled at variable dips to define the geology and c tacts of the deposit.</li> </ul>
		Some holes were dtrilled vertical test contact positions.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	<ul> <li>Samples were stored at the com- pany's secure field camp prior to dispatch to the prep lab by contar ed transport company, who main tained security of the samples.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	<ul> <li>No audits or reviews of sampling results have been conducted to date.</li> </ul>



# **Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results**

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wil- derness or national park and environmental settings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The tenements are 100% owned b Kibaran wholly owned subsidiary and are within granted and live pro specting licenses.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	The Mahenge project consists of PL 8204/2012
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	<ul> <li>Historical reports exist for the project area as the region was firs recognised for graphite potential in 1914 and 1959.</li> </ul>
		No recent information exists.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	<ul> <li>The Mahange Project is hosted within a quartz-feldspar-carbonat graphitic schist, part of a Neoprotr rozoic metasediment package, in- cluding marble and gneissic units. two zones of graphitic schist have been mapped.</li> </ul>
Drill hole Information	<ul> <li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabula- tion of the following information for all Material drill holes:</li> </ul>	Sample and drill hole coordinates are provided in body of report.
	• easting and northing of the drill hole collar	
	o elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar	
	<ul> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> </ul>	
	o down hole length and interception depth	
	o hole length.	
	<ul> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> </ul>	No high-grade cuts were neces- sary.
	<ul> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aggregating was made for intervathat reported over 1% TGC (Total graphitic carbon). The purpose of this is to report intervals that may</li> </ul>
	The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	be significant to future metallurgic work.
		<ul> <li>There is no implication about economic significance. Intervals r porting above 8% TGC are intended ed to highlight a significant higher grade component of graphite, the is no implication of economic sign icance.</li> </ul>
		No equivalents were used.
Relationship	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.	All RC holes have been orientated
between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> </ul>	towards an azimuth so as to be able intersect the graphitic minera isation orthogonally
	<ul> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Given dip variations are mapped down hole length are reported, tru width not known'</li> </ul>
Diagrams	<ul> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	See main body of report.
Balanced reporting	<ul> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	Results presented in report.
Other substantive exploration data	<ul> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock charac- teristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Field mapping was conducted firs to define the geological boundarie of the graphitic schist with other geological formations.</li> </ul>
Further work	<ul> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large- scale step-out drilling).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diamond drilling is planned to be completed for further metallurgica testwork</li> </ul>
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#### About Kibaran Resources Limited:

Kibaran Resources Limited (ASX: KNL or "Kibaran") is an exploration company with highly prospective graphite and nickel projects located in Tanzania.

The Company's primary focus is on its 100%-owned Epanko deposit, located within the Mahenge Graphite Project. Epanko currently has an Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 14.9Mt, grading 10.5% TGC, for 1.56Mt of contained graphite, defined in accordance with the JORC Code. This initial estimate only covers 20% of the project area. Metallurgy has found Epanko graphite to be large flake and expandable in nature.

Kibaran also has rights to the Merelani-Arusha Graphite Project, located in the north-east of Tanzania. Merelani-Arusha is also considered to be highly prospective for commercial graphite.

Graphite is regarded as a critical material for future global industrial growth, destined for industrial and technology applications including nuclear reactors, lithium-ion battery manufacturing and a source of graphene.



In addition, the Kagera Nickel Project remains underexplored and is located along strike of the Kabanga nickel deposit, owned be Xstrata, which is considered to be the largest undeveloped, high grade nickel sulphide deposit in the world.

<sup>1</sup> "This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported."

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