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## SOLID FIRST YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR DART MINING

### Highlights

- Higher than expected gold grades intersected at Mountain View
- Assay results confirm presence of gold system at Fairley's
- Diamond and RC drill rig secured to be employed on Dart projects all year
- Priority targets for the next 6 months' drill programmes identified

Dart Mining (ASX: DTM) has celebrated one year of exploration at its gold and base metals targets in north east Victoria and south east New South Wales with substantial progress and encouraging results.

Over the past 12 months the company has conducted extensive rock chip, soil and water sampling across their tenement areas and developed detailed geochemistry grids for further testing. This non-intrusive sampling combined with limited drilling has led Dart to identify a number of targets which it is planned to test further in the coming months.

"We feel we have made significant progress in meeting our targets for the first 12 months despite facing challenges securing equipment in the tight market," said Dart CEO John Quayle.

"The results from the first year of exploration work have allowed us to review our tenements and focus our upcoming drill programmes on the targets which are likely to bring the most value to our shareholders in the near future," said Mr Quayle.

The Company has recently completed a round of reverse circulation (RC) drilling at its Fairley's, Mountain View and Mount Elliot prospects. A diamond drill program has now commenced follow up work of these areas.

A diamond drill rig has been secured by Dart and will be employed on the Company's tenements for the remainder of the year. The RC drilling rig, which has just completed the first round of drilling, remains available as required on Dart tenements.

Based on previously reported rotary air blast (RAB) drilling and soil geochemistry Dart will focus further exploration at the Mountain View prospect on depth testing the main mineralised structure below the Trial Mining Pit and to the south along the Western Anomaly (see figure 1). The near surface potential of other parallel lines of historic mineralisation will also be rapidly accessed via a short program of RAB drilling as a rig becomes available.

"We are particularly encouraged with the identification of the large arsenic anomaly to the south of the recent drill program at Mountain View, which extends the Western Anomaly some 240m south," said Mr Quayle.

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Dart previously announced that track works at the Fairley's prospect had intersected the extension of mineralisation from the historic workings with some results now to hand. Figure 2 shows the location of a series of chip samples taken along the drill access tracks with the highlight of the results to date showing 10m @ 2.99 ppm Au. The samples were taken from a major splay structure identified in mapping from the historic workings and now also confirmed in the shallow RC drilling. Further chip sample results are awaited.

Assay results received to date from RC drilling at the Fairley's Prospect (Table 1) confirm the presence of a very large (up to 22m in width) disseminated sulphide related gold system. Historic records from June 1897 indicate mineralisation from the workings contained some 4% total sulphide content. Visual inspection of sulphide distribution from the drilling completed to date indicates sulphides in the system may be concentrated within shoots developed within the major fault structure. Deeper RC holes and the two diamond holes have intersected zones of estimated higher sulphide content and may indicate the presence of another sulphide plume developing at depth. Assay results are awaited to confirm this content.

Such a distribution of sulphides is likely to determine zones of economic mineralisation and will be the target of a planned down hole geophysical investigation over the winter period. The geophysical investigation will target plumes of concentrated sulphide within the extensive host fault structure.

In the short term Dart intends to redeploy the diamond drill rig currently working at the Fairley's prospect onto the Mount Elliot prospect within the Dart EL, to follow up the recent RC program. This will allow the time required to receive outstanding assay results and carry out a full interpretation of the first 11 RC holes and 2 diamond drill holes completed.

Dart will also carry out drilling of their North Mammoth target, matching the Victorian Government's Rediscover Victoria Drilling (RVD) grant of \$59,194 in the coming months.

"The work we have done so far has given us confidence that we are on track to realise the potential of our tenement areas," commented Mr Quayle.

"We will continue to assess opportunities over the next twelve months which will bring returns for our investors, which are intended to progress Dart from small scale explorer to producer," said Mr Quayle.

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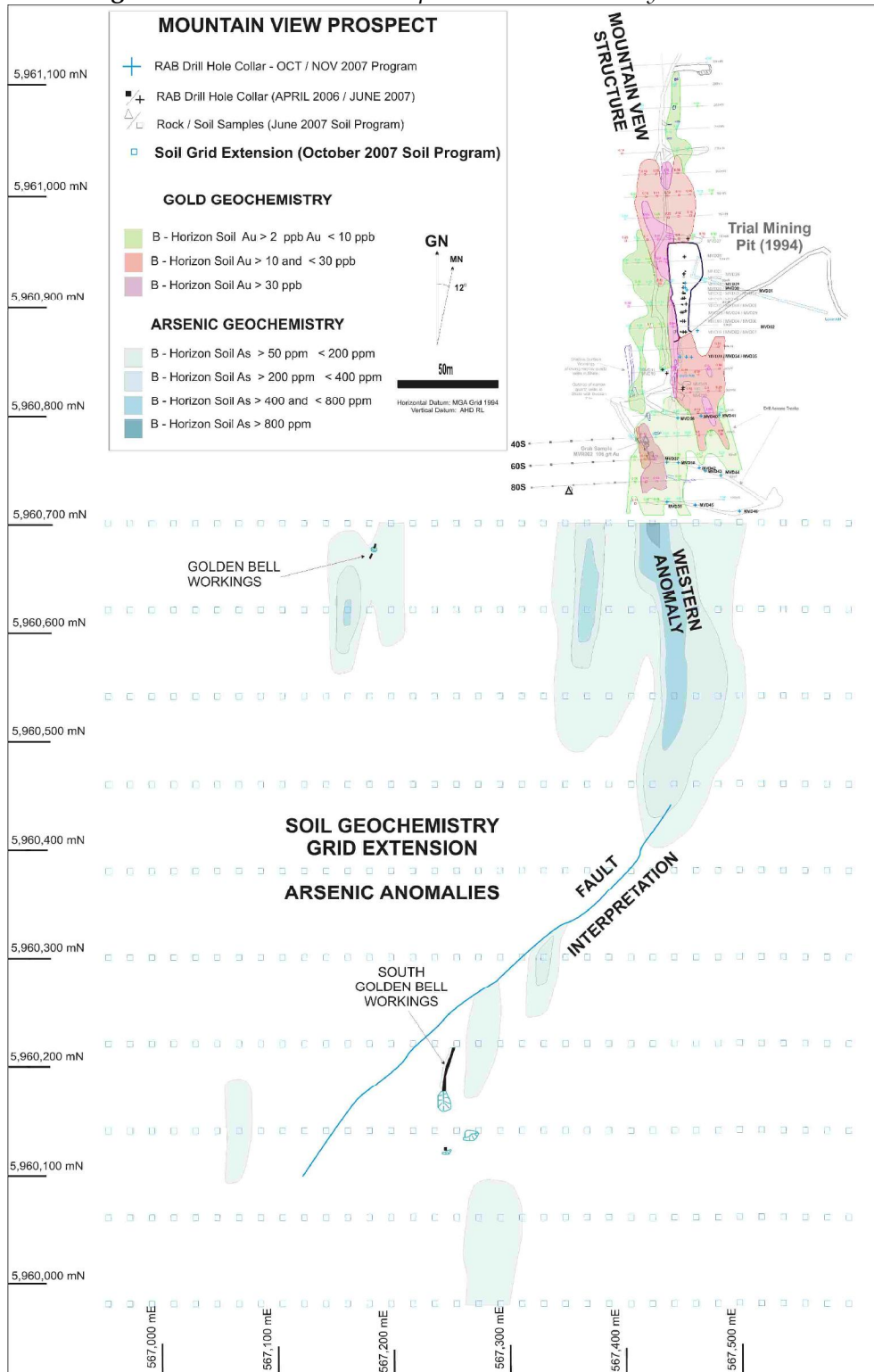
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**Figure 1 Mountain View Prospect Soil Geochemistry Grid Extension**



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Figure 2 Initial Rock Chip Sampling Results from Fairley's Prospect

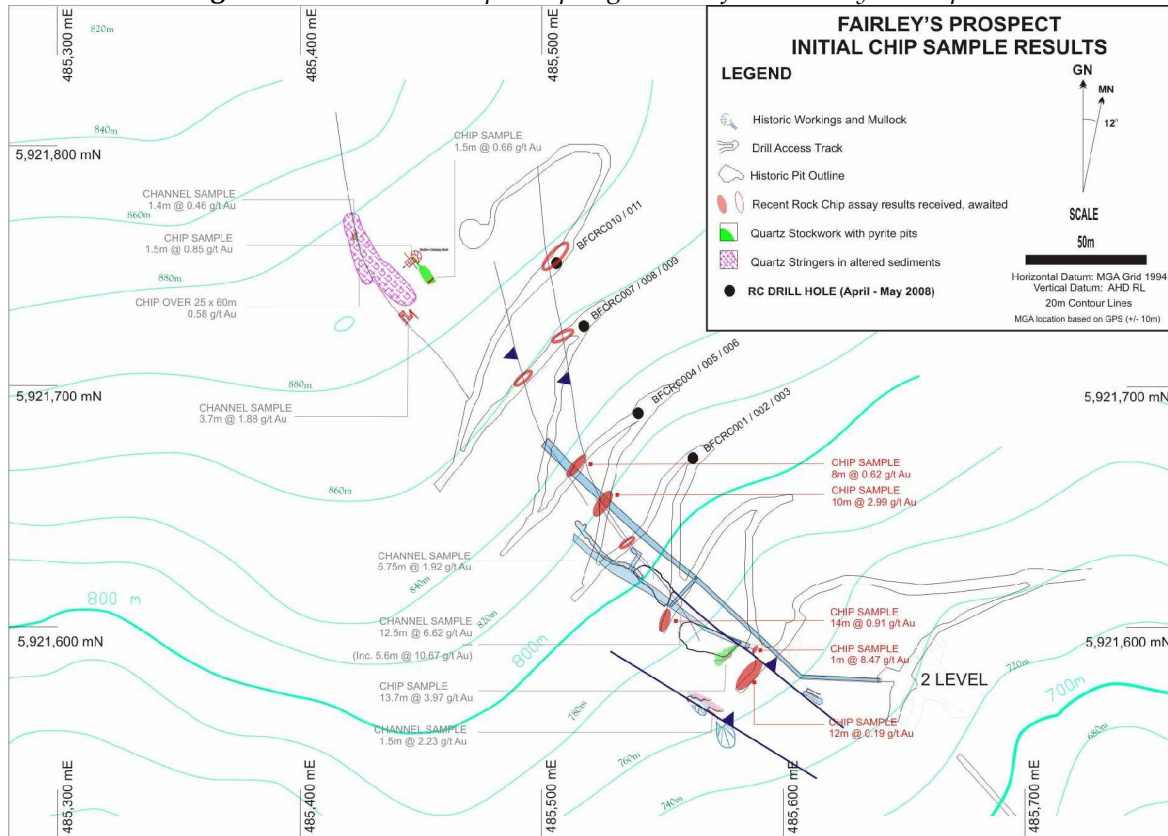
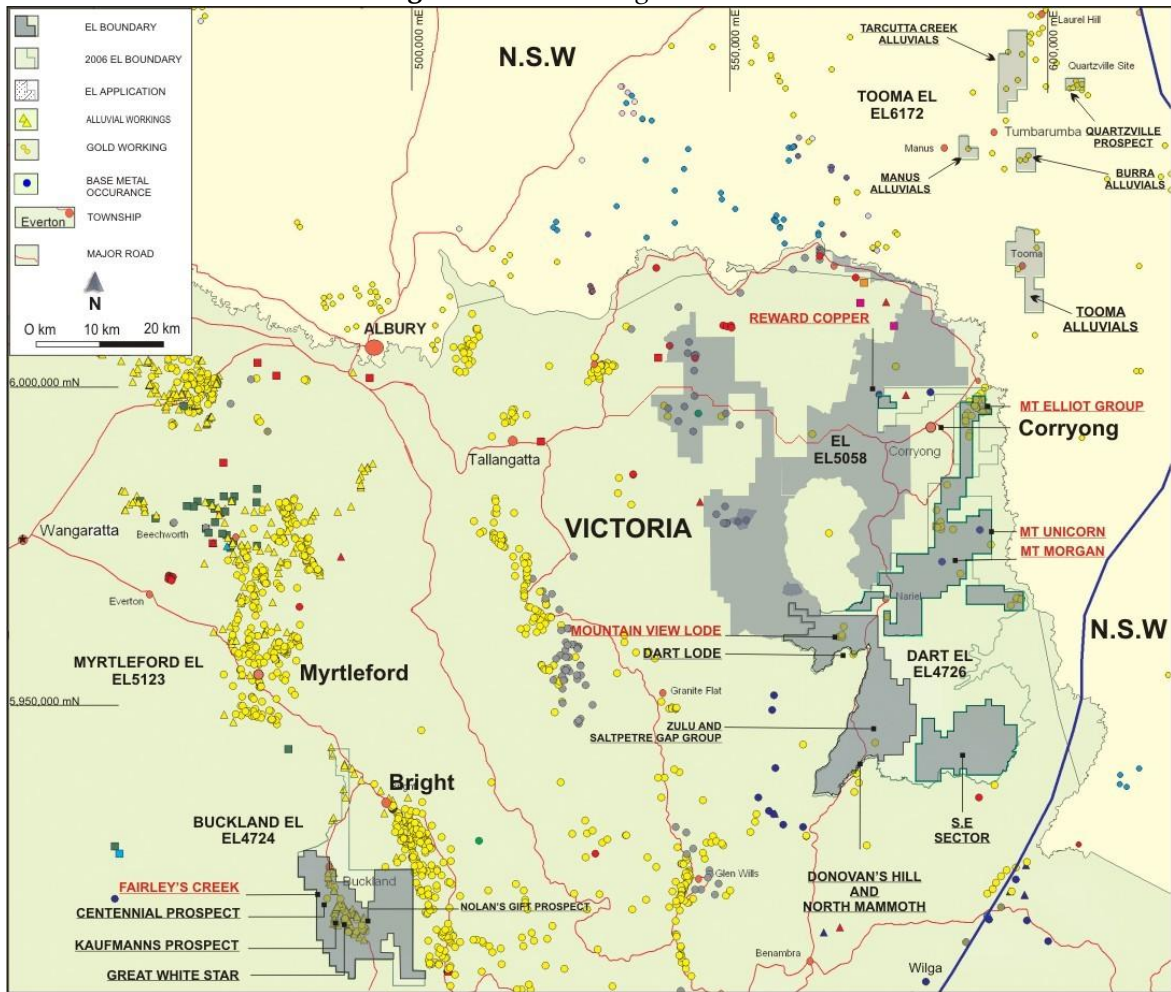


Table 1 Significant RC drilling Assay Results – Fairley's Prospect.

Hole No.	Hole Dip	Hole Azimuth (MGA Grid)	MGA East (m)	MGA North (m)	RL AHD (m)	Sample Interval (m)	From (m)	Significant Intersections Cutoffs: 0.1 g/t Au	Total Depth (m)	Comments
BFCRC001	-55	222	485,565	5,921,670	801	1	73	12m @ 0.91 g/t Au Including 1m @ 2.89 g/t Au	123	Hole intersected 2L drive 70 - 72m downhole.
BFCRC002	-70	222	485,565	5,921,670	801	1	85	22m @ 0.4 g/t Au Including 1m @ 1.6 g/t Au	117	
BFCRC003	-80	222	485,565	5,921,670	801	1	125	3m @ 0.39 g/t Au	135	
BFCRC004	-50	222	485,539	5,921,693	824	1	89	4m @ 0.32 g/t Au	117	
BFCRC005	-65	222	485,539	5,921,693	824	1	96	13m @ 0.51 g/t Au Including 1m @ 1.56g/t Au	123	
BFCRC006	-77	220	485,539	5,921,693	824	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	152	
BFCRC007	-50	222	485,515	5,921,726	854	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	129	
BFCRC008	-60	222	485,515	5,921,726	854	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	149	
BFCRC009	-71.5	222	485,515	5,921,726	854	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	159	Diamond Tail Completed
BFCRC010	-50	227	485,493	5,921,759	873	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	124	
BFCRC011	-70	230	485,493	5,921,759	873	1		ASSAYS AWAITED	117	Diamond Tail underway

NOTE: Drill hole locations are approximate only (2m accuracy)

Figure 3 Dart Mining's tenements



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