

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# AWARD OF EXPLORATION PERMIT AND DRILLING TO COMMENCE AT RUPICE NORTHERN EXTENSION

## ABOUT ADRIATIC METALS (ASX:ADT)

Adriatic Metals Plc is focused on the development of the 100% owned, high-grade zinc polymetallic Vareš Project in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

**Shares on Issue:** 150.5 million

**Options:** 19.5 million

## DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT

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Mr Gabriel Chiappini  
JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Exploration Permit over the expanded Concession Area awarded
- Drilling will now commence to test the Rupice northern extension
- Drilling aims to both extend known high-grade mineralisation at Rupice and test high priority targets identified by historical and recent data that have potential to host new discoveries
- Modern exploration to be applied to key regional targets within the expanded Concession at Rupice and Veovaca, as identified by historical exploration last completed in the 1960s

Adriatic Metals PLC (ASX:ADT & FSE:3FN) ('Adriatic' or the 'Company') is pleased to announce the Minister for Energy, Mining and Industry has approved the Company's application for an Exploration Permit over the expanded Concession Area, including the area immediately north of the former Rupice Concession boundary. Three drill rigs are currently at Rupice and therefore the Company will now commence drilling over the northern boundary as well as continuing to drill the south-east extension. The fourth rig is completing a short program of infill drilling at Veovaca to incorporate additional precious metals into an updated Mineral Resource estimate. Once the Veovaca drilling is complete, this rig will be moved back to Rupice.

A campaign of drill holes is planned immediately to test Rupice's northern plunge extension, with additional follow-up holes, subject to encouraging assay results. The planned average hole depth is 300m. The Concession Extension area includes key drill targets, where additional drilling could identify extensions to the known high-grade mineralisation and also where historical or recent data indicates the potential for new discoveries.

Following up on the 2018 geophysical Induced Polarisation (IP) survey, which demonstrated that the Rupice mineralisation responds to (IP) techniques, the Company will also now employ a significantly higher power transmitter to increase the depth penetration and IP coverage. A 30kVA transmitter and 3D array Pole-Dipole method will be used to cover the northern extensions of the Rupice mineralisation, and the significant Gradient Array IP chargeability anomalies to the immediate north-west of Rupice and over the Brestic-Jurasevac prospect (Figure 1).

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In addition, Adriatic will be able to use modern exploration techniques for the first time since the 1960s to follow up encouraging historical exploration undertaken at Siroki-Radakovac, Ceo-Sutjeska, Kraljeva, Kraljeva Jama and Zakruzje; which yielded positive results from trenching, underground development and a limited amount of drilling (Figure 1).

The Exploration Permit also covers the Concession expansion at Veovaca and allows Adriatic to undertake ground disturbing exploration, including drilling, over the entirety of the base metal prospects of Orti, Seleste and Mekuse where historical exploration returned positive results from geophysical IP, trenching and a limited amount of drilling (Figure 2).

The entire Concession expansion is shown in Figure 3.

Adriatic's CEO, Geraint Harris commented: *"We have worked tirelessly through the winter to prepare for this exciting exploration campaign in 2019. The receipt of the Federal Exploration Permit will allow us to complete the work we started in 2018 at Rupice North, in addition to allowing us to conduct far more detailed exploration at Brestic-Jurasevac, Borovica and the other high priority exploration targets within our expanded concession."*

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**Figure1** – The expanded concession at Rupice, showing the company's GAIP anomalies, and the historic exploration areas in the south of the concession. Previous Concession (Purple) and Expanded Concession Areas (Blue).

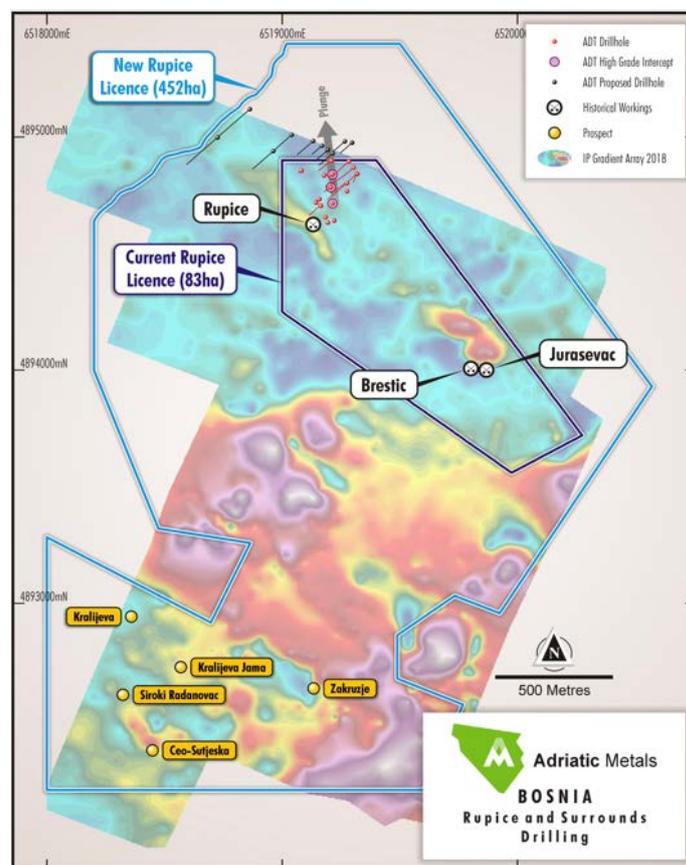


Figure 2 – The expanded concession at Veovaca, showing the historical IP chargeability anomalies to the east of the current open pit at Orti, Seliste and, further to the east, the prospect at Mekuse.

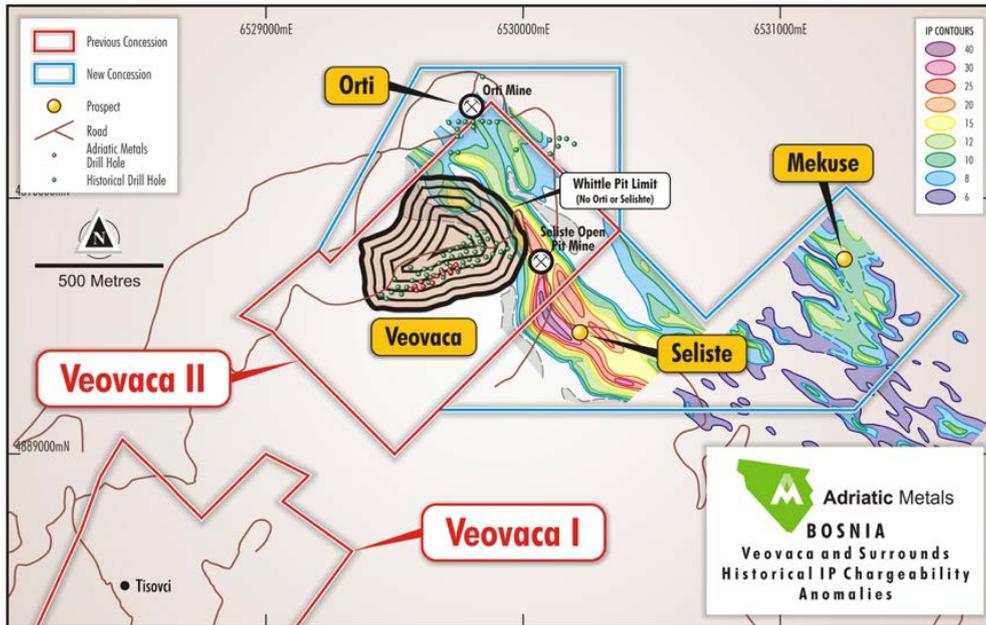
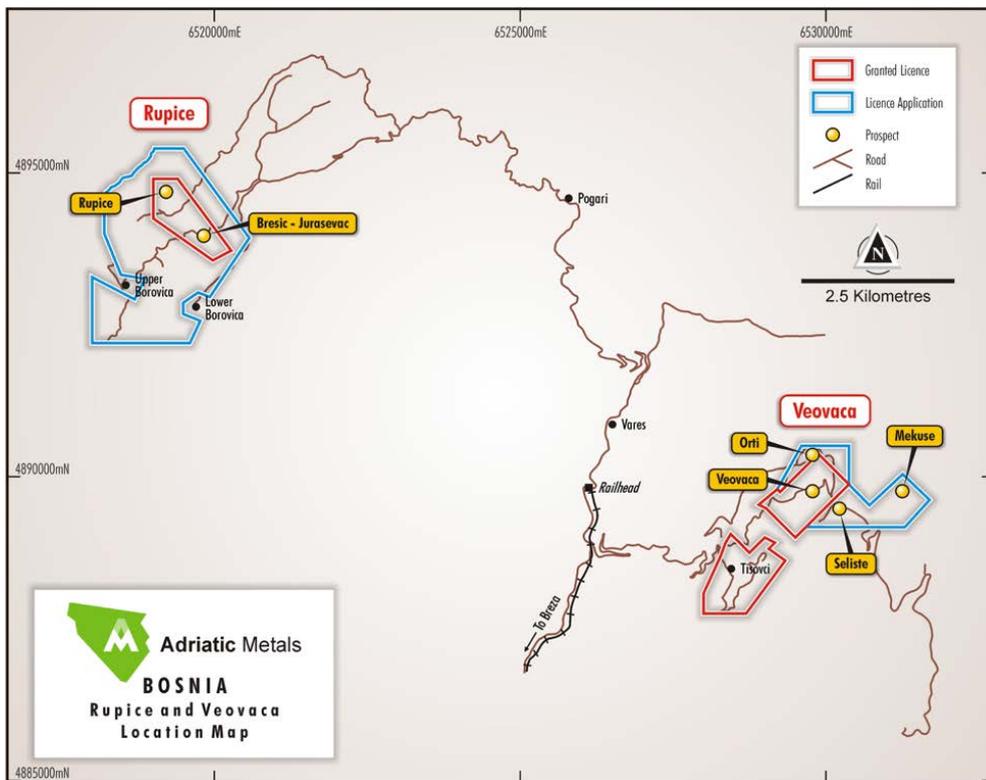


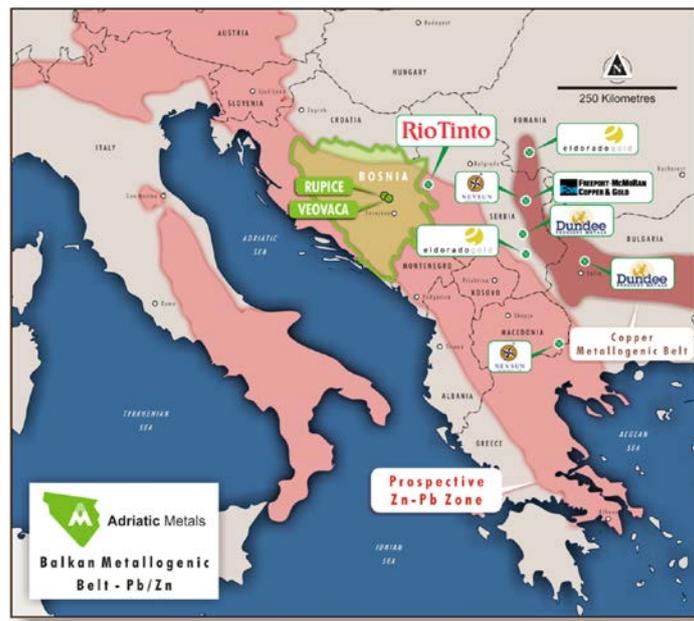
Figure 3 – Entire Concession Area, Previous (Red) and New Area (Blue)



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Adriatic Metals PLC (ASX:ADT) ("Adriatic" or "Company") is an ASX-listed zinc polymetallic explorer and developer via its 100% interest in the Vareš Project in Bosnia & Herzegovina. The Project comprises a historic open cut zinc/lead/barite and silver mine at Veovaca and Rupice, an advanced proximal deposit which exhibits exceptionally high grades of base and precious metals. Adriatic's short-term aim is to expand the current JORC resource at Veovaca and to complete an in-fill drilling programme at the high-grade Rupice deposit. Adriatic has attracted a world class team to expedite its exploration efforts and to rapidly advance the Company into the development phase and utilise its first mover advantage and strategic assets in Bosnia.



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