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# Nova expands Estelle Gold Project area by 86% and Critical path to major milestones confirmed

## Highlights:

- Additional 101.65 km<sup>2</sup> tenement secured adjoining the current Estelle Gold Project area in Tintina Gold Belt, Alaska
- Established **2.5Moz maiden inferred gold resource** on a very small area of total district-scale landholding
- New tenements contain highly prospective geology and will be explored in conjunction with ongoing exploration and resource development at the Project.

Minerals explorer and developer **Nova Minerals Limited (ASX:NVA FSE:QM3)('Nova'** or the **'Company')** is pleased to announce strategic increase in the land position of the Estelle Gold Project by 86% (**Figure 1 and Appendix 1**).

This major increase in landholding (**Figure 1**) remains relatively unexplored with the majority of previous exploration within the Estelle Project area being focused at the Oxide Korbel, RPM and the Shoeshine prospects. Highly prospective mineralization controlling structures and rock types, known to host the numerous other prospects and gold occurrences throughout the Project, show strong continuity into the increased landholding areas. This scenario adds significantly to the number of high priority targets the company plans to focus on in its upcoming work programs.

This brings Nova's total landholding in the region to **220km**<sup>2</sup> of high-quality prospective gold ground. The Company advises that it has commenced target generation activities, and will update the market as new priority drill targets are confirmed.

NVA Managing Director, Mr Avi Kimelman said: "The Company's maiden 2.5Moz inferred gold resource, confirmed at Blocks A and B which remains open at length and depth within the Oxide Korbel prospect last month, represents less than 1% of the Project area. Blocks C and D at Oxide Korbel host larger and stronger chargeability anomalies, and will be subject of targeted drilling together with Blocks A and B in our next phase of fieldwork – and have the potential to significantly expand the Project's resource, In addition, the expansion of the Estelle project area reinforces Nova's commitment to expand our resource ounces and fast track development across the Project area. This will allow us to enact much broader exploration and a discovery vision via the exploration of what we believe to be a regionally significant land package in the world-class Tintina Gold Belt.

We plan to fast tracking drilling with results and resource upgrades to shadow our critical path to meet these objectives across a number of prospects.

The 107Moz Au Pebble Project to the south and the 45Moz Au Donlin Creek Project to the west, provide just two examples of the large-scale gold endowment in the region, and highlights the potential upside for Nova at the Estelle Project."

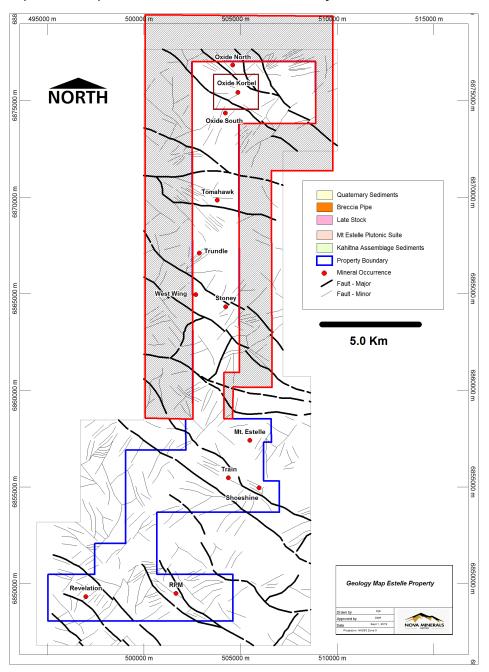


Figure 1: New Tenement Blocks

#### Indicative exploration and development timetable for Estelle Gold Project

As outlined above, after successfully confirming its maiden resource at the Estelle Project, the Company plans to fast track exploration at the Project, with a view to progressively upgrade and expand the resource base. The Company's funds will be invested in a series of ongoing

exploration campaigns - including targeting, mapping, geophysics and drilling programs - across the district-scale Estelle Project.

Immediate priorities will include a resource upgrade at Oxide Korbel Block A and B, a resource expansion to include Oxide Korbel Block C and D, and a project-wide resource statement to build on the maiden 2.5Moz inferred gold resource (**ASX: 11 September 2019**). The Company will update the market on its exploration progress and results, and will also seek to fast track preliminary economic assessment (PEA) studies on the Oxide Korbel resource area. See Table 1, below, for an indicative timeline of key upcoming activity planned for the Estelle Gold Project.

Milestones	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Permitting and Approvals												•			
Project wide big picture review															
Prepare and acquire Camp material for delivery															
onsite															
Mobilise first drill rig and establish camp															
Initial RC and Diamond Drilling to commence at															
Oxide Korbel blocks A and B - 7,000m															
Oxide Korbel Blocks A and B resource upgrade size															
and confidence															
Project Pipeline Soil Sampling and Alteration															
Mapping															
Ongoing drilling IP and exploration ground works															
Oxide Kobel Blocks B and C - 5,000m															
Ongoing drilling IP and exploration ground works															
Oxide South - 6,000m															
Ongoing drilling IP and exploration ground works															
shoeshine- 1,000m															
IP and exploration ground works RPM - 6,000m															
Exploration drilling to follow															
Potential Maiden Resource Oxide Korbel (Blocks C															
and D)															
Potential Maiden resource on RPM															
Estelle resource estimate upgrade across the															
project area (oxide Korbel,Oxide South and RPM )															
Commence PEA studies on Oxide Korbel															

**Table 1:** Indicative timetable of critical path to advance the district-scale Estelle Gold Project

## Prioritised systematic exploration strategy

The Company's ranked and prioritised systematic exploration strategy and activities at Estelle are guided by an exploration "Project Pipeline" process to maximise the probability of multiple major discoveries (**Table 1**). Each Milestone is defined by a specific deliverable and has each criteria needs to be ticked to determine which prospect must pass through before moving to the next Milestone. Economic criteria and probability of success increase as projects move along the pipeline. The methodology helps to ensure work is carried out across all stages of the process, cost are kept minimal and that focus is kept on the best quality targets and that the pipeline is kept full with early Milestone projects.

EXPLORATION PROGRAM					
Big Picture (Historical Data					
Review)					
Airborne geophysics					
Soil Sampling					
Alteration Mapping					
IP Surveys overlay of Alteration					
Zone					
Target Prioritisation					
RC and/or Diamond Drilling					

**Table 2:** Prioritised Systematic Exploration Strategy

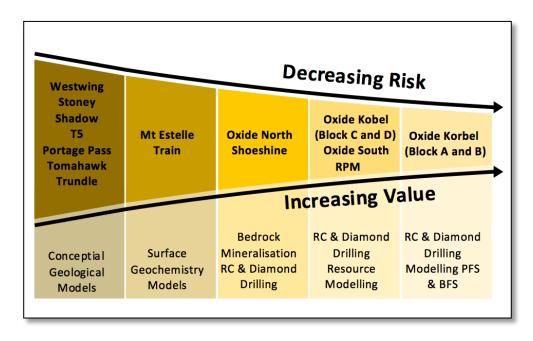


Figure 2: Estelle Project Pipeline

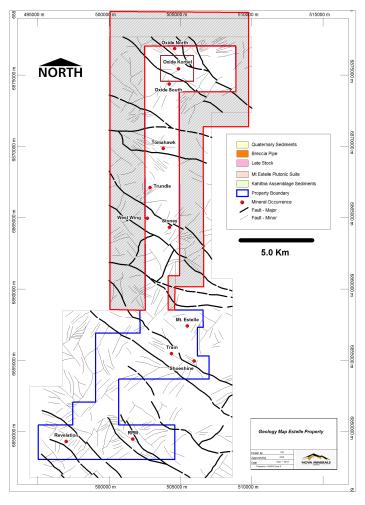


Figure 3: Location of known prospects to be followed up

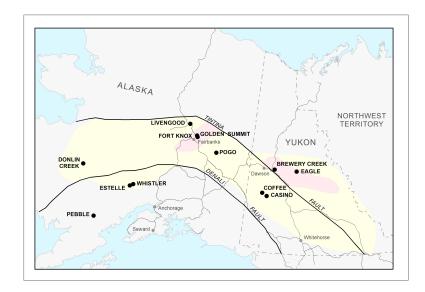


Figure 4: The Tintina Gold Belt

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## About Nova Minerals

Nova Minerals Limited (ASX:NVA FSE:QM3) is a minerals explorer and developer focused on gold and lithium projects in North America.

Nova has a diversified portfolio of projects across the US, Canada, and Australia. Two of the key projects include Nova's Estelle Gold Project in Alaska, which holds some of North America's largest gold deposits, and the company's majority-owned Snow Lakes Resources, a lithium project in Canada.

Nova aims to provide shareholders with diversification through exposure to base and precious metals and to capitalise on the growing demand for lithium-based energy storage.

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# Appendix 1 - New Claims Schedule

Tenement/Claim	Name	Location	Beneficial Percentage Held
ADL 730362	Korbel 1	Alaska, USA	51% (JV, earning up to 85%)
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