

# ASX Release – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

## September – Activities Report

Centennial Mining Limited (ASX: CTL) (**Centennial** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide a summary of the activities conducted during the Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

The Company provided has previously provided an Operational Update (refer CTL ASX Announcement dated 13 October, 2017) which outlined activities during the September Quarter.

### Highlights:

#### Corporate

- ❖ Commercial Production declared at A1 Gold Mine
- ❖ Executive Team recruited

#### A1 Gold Mine

- ❖ Folly's North Long Hole Stope identified
- ❖ Magenta Zone Exploration Target identified
- ❖ Victory North, part of Magenta Zone drilled

#### Maldon Gold Operation

- ❖ Development of Union Hill Mine (Maldon) reaches 1060L of Alliance South Zone
- ❖ Black Reef (Whela) Open Cut Feasibility undertaken and mining permitted
- ❖ Positive Economic assessment completed on Nuggetty Underground Mine (Maldon)

#### Centennial Mining

#### Limited

ABN 50 149 308 921

ASX: CTL

#### Investment Highlights:

##### A1 Gold Mine

Operating mine site including underground development and infrastructure

Mineral Resources in accordance with the JORC Code (2012)

**Indicated** – 250,000 t @ 5.1 g/t for 41,200 oz Au

**Inferred** – 1,170,000t @ 6.4 g/t for 240,000 oz Au

##### Maldon Gold Operations

Operational 120 - 150,000tpa gold processing facility, Union Hill Mine, including underground development & infrastructure

##### Executive Chairman

Dale Rogers

##### Non-Executive Directors

Jamie Cullen  
Anthony Gray

##### Company Secretary

Dennis Wilkins

##### Capital Structure:

705,444,920 Ordinary Shares  
288,557,631 Listed Options  
111,000,000 Unlisted Options  
71,428,565 Convertible Notes

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## Corporate

### **Executive Team Recruited**

Recruitment of Centennial's Executive team was completed and announced during the Quarter. The following personnel were appointed:

- Mr Peter Crooks as Chief Operating Officer;
- Dr John Clout as General Manager Development; and
- Mr Gideon Janssen as Financial Controller.

There has been significant work over the last 12 months to upgrade the Mine services and networks at the A1 Gold Mine including recommencing development, commencing long hole stoping operations, the transition from contractor to "owner operating", ramping up to achieve several quarters of record production, development of the Union Hill Underground Mine, work on the identification and evaluation of additional ore sources, permitting and approvals and identification of the Magenta Exploration Target.

The strong outcomes achieved to date have been in large measure due to the efforts of a highly experienced and credentialed Executive Management team in Mr Peter Crooks, Dr John Clout and Mr Gideon Janssen.

Subsequent to the end of the Quarter the Company has executed a formal written agreement with Mr Dale Rogers in relation to his role as Executive Chair of the Company. The material terms of that agreement are as follows:

- Term of agreement – open term (until terminated);
- Annual salary of \$370,000, exclusive of superannuation;
- The agreement may be terminated by either Mr Rogers or the Company giving 6 months' notice in writing, or applicable shorter periods upon breach of contract by either party;
- If Mr Rogers' employment ends because the position is made redundant, Mr Rogers is entitled to a redundancy payment equal to 12 months' salary; and
- The agreement is subject to the requirements of Part 2D.2, Division 2 of the Corporations Act, so that the Company is not required to pay any monies or benefits which do not comply with that Division without the need for shareholder approval.

### **Commercial Production Declared for A1 Gold Mine**

Centennial announced that commercial production was declared at its A1 Gold Mine during the Quarter.

Having achieved the production and infrastructure criteria determined by the Board, the A1 Gold Mine was, with effect from 1 July 2017, moved to commercial production.

This is an important milestone for any mining project as it signifies the end of the development phase and transition to an operating Project.

As a result of this accounting change the September 2017 5B shows revenue as a line item rather than deducting revenue from costs as has been the case in previous 5B announcements.

## A1 Gold Mine

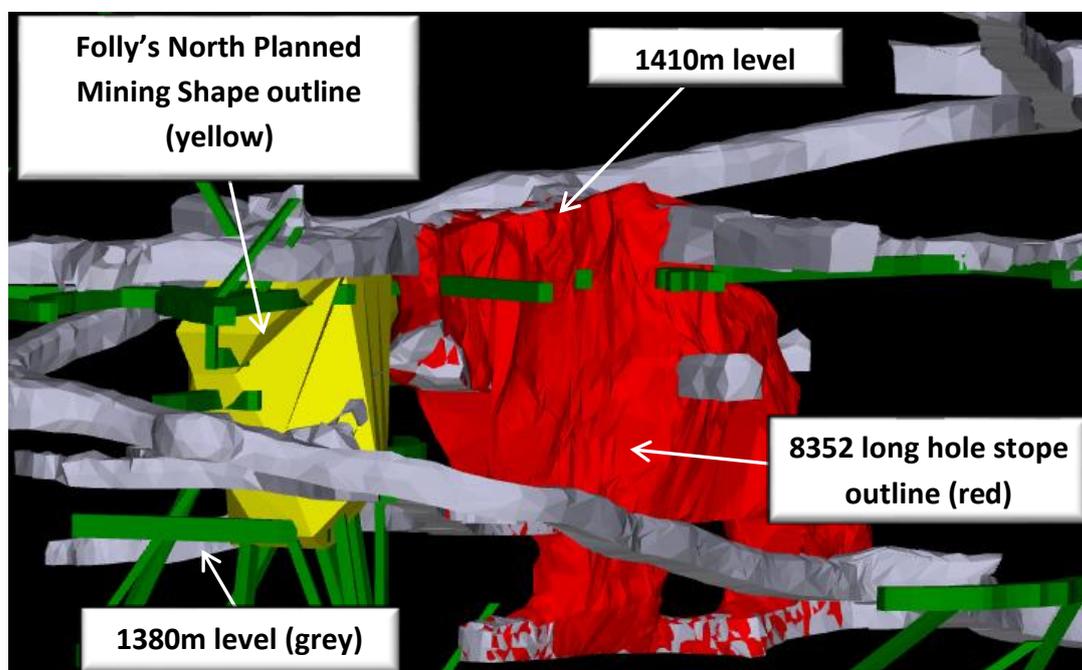
### 8352 Long Hole Stope

Mining from the 8352 long hole stope (red) continued with a blast of ~12,000 tonnes early in the Quarter. The grade of this material is lower than previous mining as it is towards the outer limits of the stope shape.

The long hole stope void is now approaching 30m in width, almost 70m in length and 45m in height.

### Folly's North Long Hole Stope

A new long hole stoping panel, called Folly's North, was identified at the A1 Gold Mine during the Quarter. Folly's North is close to the existing 8352 long hole stope that has provided the bulk of tonnes produced from the A1 Gold Mine over the past year.



**Figure 1: Folly's North planned Stope (yellow) and 8542 Long Hole Stope Outline (red)**

NB: Historical development shown in green. Historical stoping not shown to assist in viewing the area.

As a result of this discovery mechanised jumbo development at the A1 Gold Mine was resumed to access Folly's North in August. Jumbo development had previously been wound back at the A1 Gold Mine early in the Quarter, to conserve cash, as development of the Union Hill Underground mine commenced.

The first blast to open up the stope occurred in the first week of October, subsequent to the end of the Quarter.

## Magenta Zone

During the Quarter it was announced that geological interpretation and modelling of historic mining and drilling data identified a near-development Exploration Target of approximately 300,000 to 500,000 tonnes grading in the range of 3.8 to 5.6 g/t Au (depending on the lower cut-off grade applied), within a broader mineralised zone referred to as the “**Magenta Zone**”. The potential quality and grade of this Exploration Target is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource (refer to CTL ASX Announcement dated 10 October 2017).

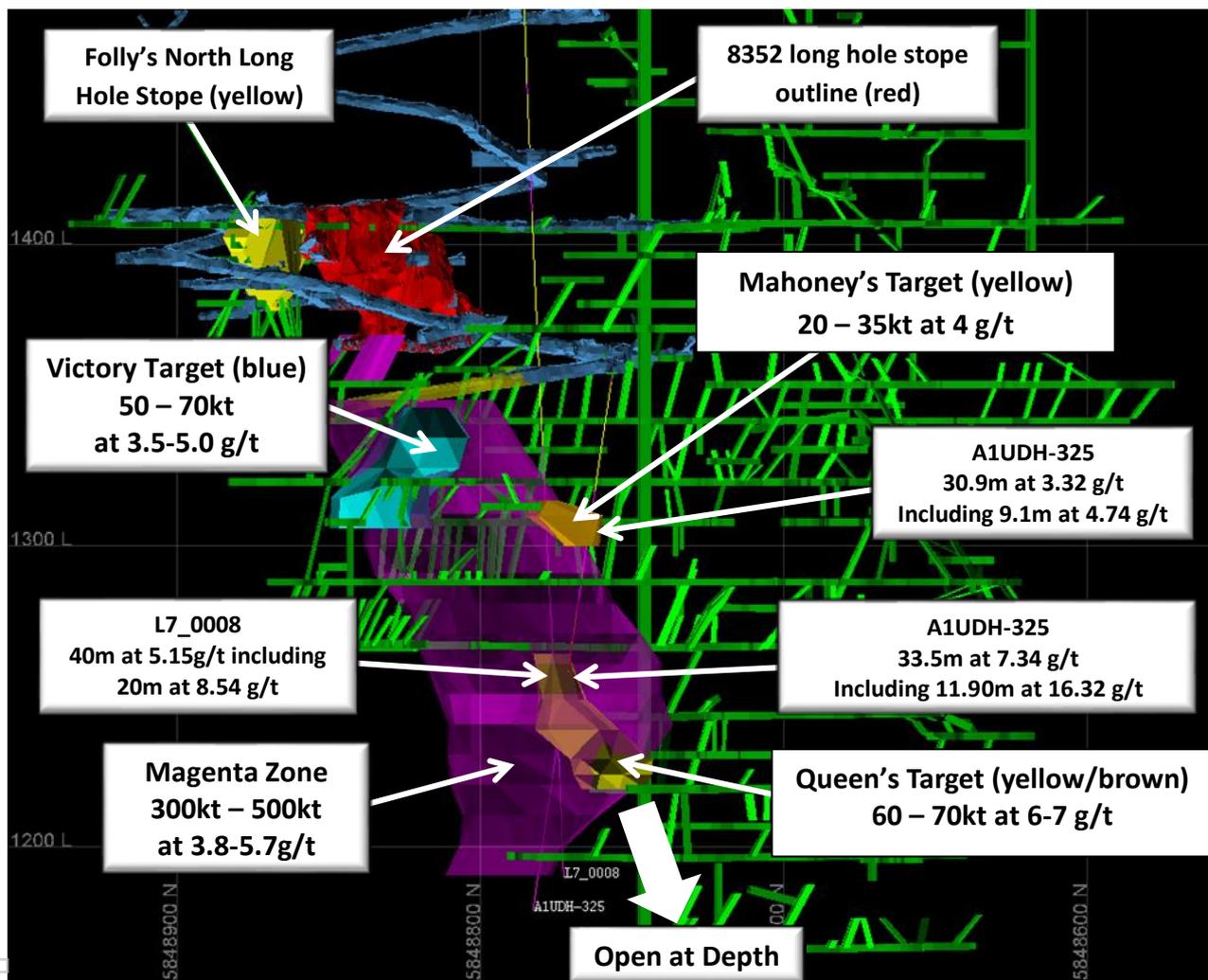


Figure 2: Long Section showing the Magenta Zone and relationship of Victory North, Mahoney's and Queen's Exploration Targets

Recent drilling indicates the Magenta Zone is a broad steeply plunging zone of gold mineralisation containing a number of higher grade Exploration Targets potentially suitable for long hole stoping, including;

- **Victory North Exploration Target**
  - **approx. 50 – 70,000 tonnes grading 3.5 – 5g/t Au**
- **Mahoney's Exploration Target**
  - **approx. 20 – 25,000 tonnes grading 3.5 to 4.5g/t Au, and**
- **Queen's Exploration Target**
  - **approx. 60 – 70,000 tonnes grading 6 – 7 g/t Au**

The potential quality and grade of these Exploration Targets is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

### **Victory North Target**

The Victory North Exploration Target is the shallowest Exploration Target within the Magenta Zone, being only 10 vertical metres below the current decline position and less than 35 metres laterally to the north east (Figure 2).

The Victory North Exploration Target extends from 1345m RL to at least the 1305m RL, is open at depth and has not had the lateral extents fully defined with drilling.

**Because the Victory North Target is so close to existing development, subject to drilling, it may become the next long hole stoping area after the 8352 and Folly's North Stopes are completed.**

### **Queens' and Mahoney's Target Areas**

Further potential long hole stoping targets within the Magenta Zone have been identified including the Mahoney's and Queen's Exploration Targets.

The Queens' Exploration Target is associated with historic drill hole L7\_0008 (**20.0m grading 8.54 g/t Au from 431.0m down-hole**), which is located approximately 65 metres below the current base of the Victory North Exploration Target (Figure 2).

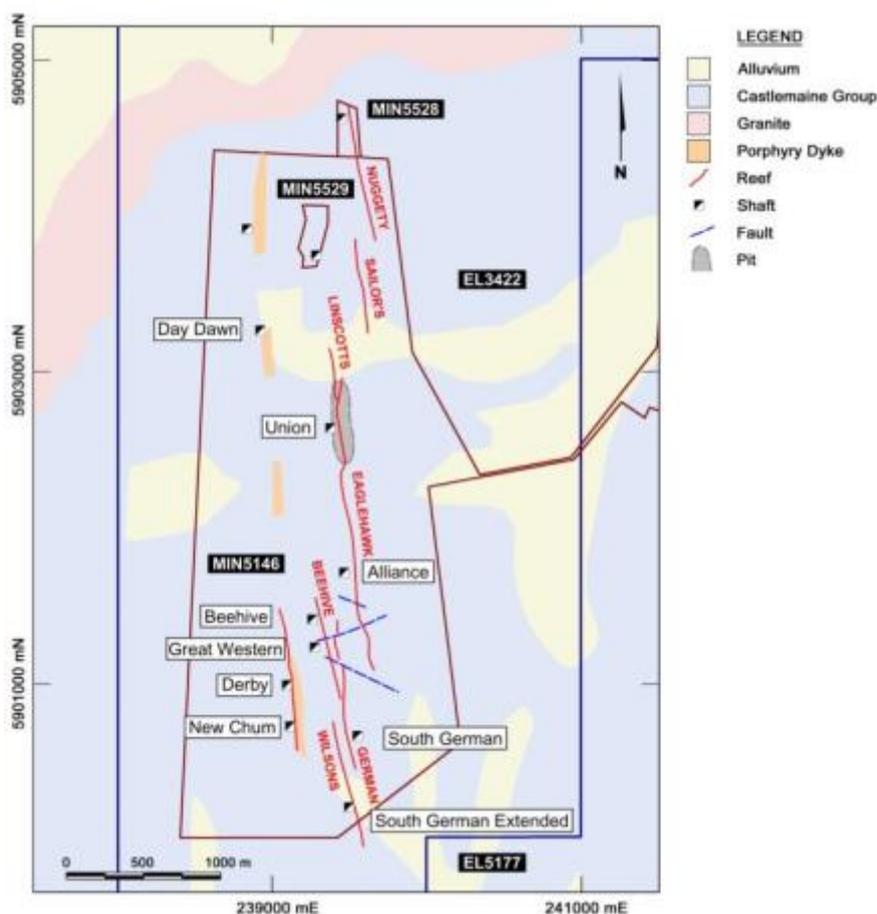
Diamond drill-hole A1UDH-325 was completed during the Quarter to test the veracity of the L7\_0008 intersection and the Mahoney's Exploration Target area. This drill hole has intersected a broad width of gold mineralisation associated with Mahoney's (**30.9m grading 3.32 g/t Au from 59.1m, including 9.1m grading 4.74 g/t Au from 79.9m**) and confirmed both the original high-grade nature of the Queens' L7\_0008 assays and improved the length of disseminated mineralisation (**33.5m grading 7.34 g/t Au from 104.3m**) including a central high-grade core (**11.9m grading 16.32 g/t Au from 107.9m**).

Details of the drill holes listed above can be found in CTL ASX Announcement dated 10 October 2017.

## Maldon Gold Operation

### Union Hill Underground Development

Centennial holds mining licence MIN5146 which covers the historic Maldon Goldfield in Central Victoria (Figure 3). The Maldon Goldfield historically produced 1.47 million ounces of gold between 1854 and 1920. The Eaglehawk Reef (shear zone) was one of the major producers with gold production of 491,400 oz between 1854 and 1911. Alliance South is the most southerly gold shoot on the Eaglehawk Reef. The Alliance South Shoot is a steeply dipping shear zone with quartz veining that hosts gold mineralisation.



**Figure 3: The Geology of the Maldon Goldfield with locations of major gold producing reefs**

Prior to commencing mechanised development at the Union Hill Mine almost two months were spent refurbishing the Mine's support networks and systems including electrical and ventilation, check scaling and re-entry of the workings, pumping, re-installation of the explosives magazine and refurbishing the old mining equipment at the site.

Development of the main Decline from the 1080 level commenced mid-way through the June Quarter after several weeks delay waiting for the necessary approvals to recommission the underground explosives magazine.

To reduce the capital cost of these works much of the old mining equipment at the Union Hill Mine was recommissioned and supplemented by second-hand equipment purchased several months ago. All spare or

backup machinery from the A1 Gold Mine was also transferred to the Union Hill Mine early in the Quarter. While this machinery has fulfilled its purpose, some of the older mining equipment has negatively impacted on development rates and will require replacement as cashflow permits. Despite these obstacles the mining and maintenance teams reached the objective of the 1060 level strike drive by the end of the Quarter.

## Other Ore Sources

During the Quarter significant work on feasibility studies for new ore sources was completed. An economic assessment of a small open cut of approx. 7,000 – 8,000 tonnes of mill feed at Black Reef, near Whela, demonstrated positive results.

Following the successful outcome of this work vegetation offsets were purchased to enable mining and the mine was permitted during the Quarter. Subject to finance, it is planned to commence development of Centennial's first open cut mine within the coming months.

In addition, an economic assessment of the Nuggetty Mine, located immediately north of the Union Hill Mine (Maldon), and less than 4 kilometres from the Porcupine Flat Gold Processing Facility was undertaken. As a result this mining lease was renewed during the Quarter and the Company is completing a programme of work to submit to Government seeking permitting and approval to commence small-scale mining at Nuggetty.

Both of these mines will, in time, provide mill feed to Porcupine Flat. Planning and approvals for these mines are in line with the Company's stated aim of having multiple ore sources feeding the central gold processing facility at Maldon.

## Production

Mill throughput was reduced during the Quarter as a result of large amounts of oversized rock coming from the last firing in the 8532 long hole stope at the A1 Gold Mine and the delay in accessing ore from the Union Hill Underground Mine near Maldon. During the September Quarter the Porcupine Flat processing facility milled 23,735 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 4.84 g/t Au. The metallurgical recovery was in line with previous Quarters at 90.7%. Gold recovered during the Quarter was 3,352 ounces Au with 3,404 ounces Au delivered to the Perth Mint.

High grade airleg dirt from the A1 Gold Mine was restricted during the month as the best performing airleg stope, on the 1410 level, steepened. In order to continue mining the stope the broken ore was left in the stope enabling the airleg miner to stand on the ore to access the working face. As a result most of the ore mined during the Quarter remained within the stope to provide a working platform for the miner. Milling of ore from this stope started again subsequent to the end of the Quarter.

As Commercial Production was declared at the beginning of the September Quarter revenue has been reported as a line item in the 5B for the Quarter for the first time. Cash generated from sales was \$5.8 million for the Quarter.

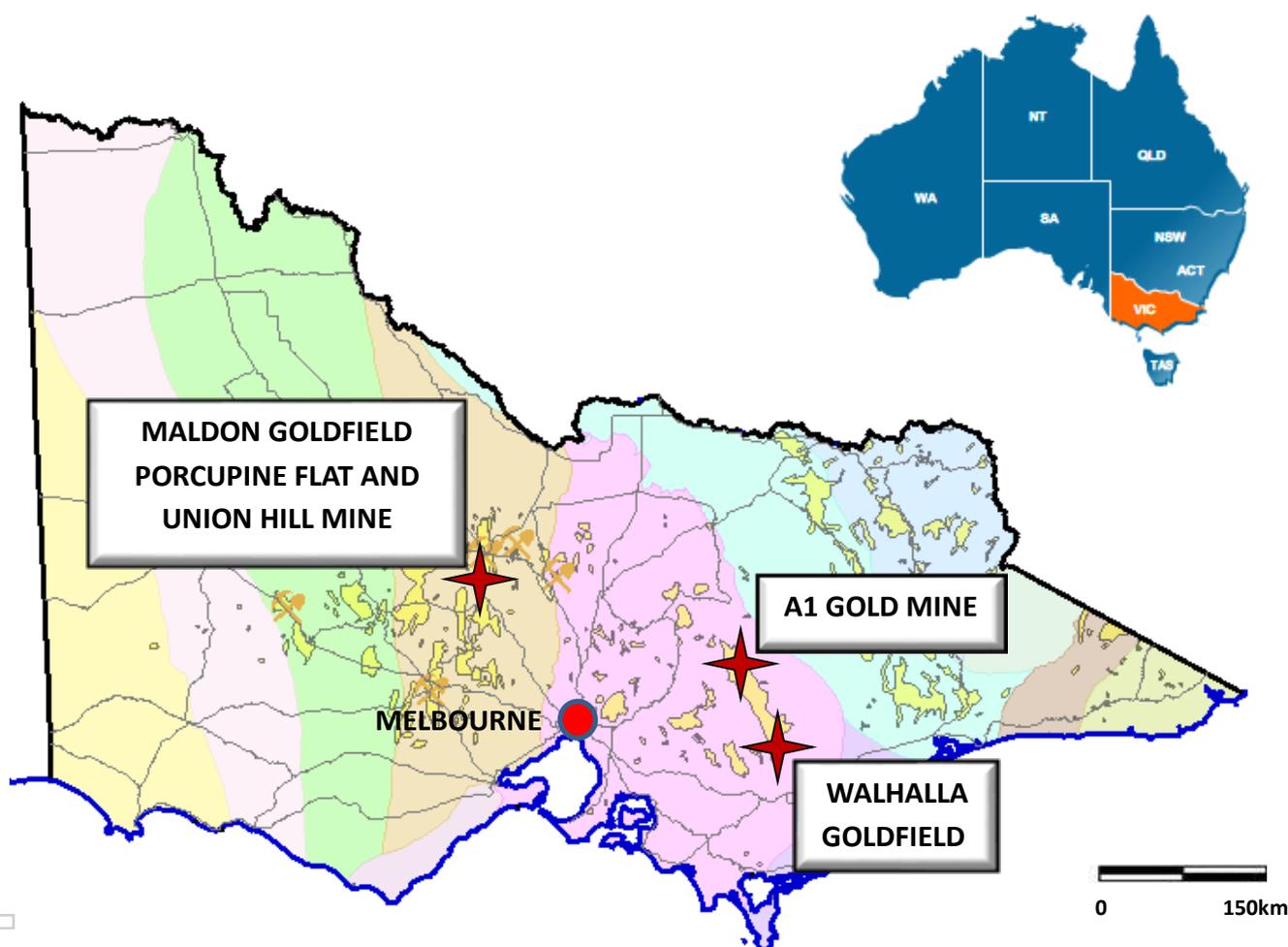
Cash in bank at the end of the Quarter was \$0.437m, not including gold at the Perth Mint of \$0.44 million.

## About the Company

Centennial Mining Limited is an emerging junior Victorian gold producer that is developing and producing from the A1 Gold Mine near Woods Point, Victoria. Ore mined from the A1 Gold Mine is trucked to the Company's fully permitted and operations processing facility at Porcupine Flat, near Maldon.

The Company also owns the Union Hill Underground Mine at Maldon, which is presently being developed, and has entered into an agreement to acquire the Eureka and Tubal Cain deposits<sup>1</sup> near Walhalla.

## Location of Projects



Note 1. Refer to Orion Gold NL (ASX: ORN) ASX Announcements dated 11 August 2015 and 30 December 2015. The acquisition of the Licence by the Company is subject to the grant of consents required under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act and the terms of the Agreement.

### **Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Peter de Vries, a Competent Person who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Peter de Vries is a consulting geologist to Centennial Mining Ltd. Mr de Vries consents to the publishing of the information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

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## Appendix 1 - Changes in Interests in Mining Tenements

	Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter	
1.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed	-	-	-	
1.2	Interest in mining tenements ongoing				
	Centennial Mining Ltd	MIN5294*	Ongoing	100%	100%
		EL5109	Ongoing	100%	100%
		MIN5487**	Ongoing	**	**
	Maldon Resources Pty Limited	MIN5146	Ongoing	100%	100%
		MIN5528	Ongoing	100%	100%
		MIN5529	Ongoing	100%	100%
		EL3422	Ongoing	100%	100%
		EL5499	Ongoing	100%	100%

\* An application for Renewal of MIN5294 is with the Victorian Government. The company knows of no legal or material reason why the licence will not be renewed.

\*\* MIN5487 has been purchased by Centennial from Orion Gold (ASX:ORN) subject to a binding agreement announced to the ASX on 30 December 2015. The acquisition of the Tenement by Centennial is subject to the grant of consents required under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act. Transfer of 100% equity in the tenement is expected following Works Approval of the Mining Plan.

Highlake Resources Pty Limited	MIN5464	Ongoing	100%	100%
	MIN5465	Ongoing	100%	100%
	MIN5563	Ongoing	100%	100%
Matrix Gold Pty Limited	MIN5433	Ongoing	100%	100%