DRILLING COMMENCES IN WEST KENYA

Aviva Corporation Ltd (ASX:AVA BSE:AVIVA) is pleased to advise drilling has commenced at the Bumbo Base Metal Prospect in West Kenya. This is the start of a 3,000m drilling program that will test base metals and gold targets across the West Kenya Project.

Drill Rig on ASBDD001 - Bumbo Base Metal Prospect

Drilling is being undertaken by Hall Core Drilling under the supervision of project geologists Rock & Stock. Experienced drillers and geologists have been employed from South Africa and local support staff have been employed and given on location training.

The program is largely designed to follow up existing base metal and gold prospects and also evaluate high priority EM targets defined during the recently completed VTEM survey.
Bumbo Base Metal Prospect

Historical drilling at the Bumbo Prospect by the Bureau de recherché géologiques et minières (BRGM) in the early 1990s returned a number of significant intercepts (Bumbo drill data derived from a BRGM report on SPL118 Kakamega 1992.) Unfortunately all core and many of the details of this work have been lost over the years. Historical intercepts include

KKB1 - 6m @ 18%Zn, 3.6% Cu, 0.6g/t Au and 49g/t Ag. and
KKB2 - 9.5m @ 11%Zn, 5.4% Cu, 1.3g/t Au and 62g/t Ag.

Bumbo - VTEM anomaly, previous drill intercepts and proposed drill holes

The primary objective of the planned diamond drilling is to verify a number of the historical intercepts, test down dip and along strike potential, gain an appreciation of the potential size and grade of the deposit and evaluate the geometry and nature of the EM anomaly.

Downhole electromagnetic (EM) surveys will be conducted on some early holes to establish geometry and continuity of massive sulphides and to investigate potential for “off-hole” conductors. The number and precise location of the holes will depend on the results of initial drilling and the downhole EM.
High Priority VTEM Anomaly Targets

The high resolution VTEM survey completed by Aviva in the September quarter, has confirmed the presence of a number of significant late time conductors in the Bumbo area, some spatially associated with known massive sulphide mineralization at Bumbo.

Image of late time VTEM channel showing priority EM targets

To date, of the 10 Priority 1 targets identified during the first pass interpretation, 6 targets have been field checked. Four of the targets are considered of sufficient interest to warrant immediate drill testing. Apart from VTEM1 (Bumbo) VTEM 8 and 13 are of particular interest in that they appear to be blind but are hosted by a Cordierite Schist (host to Bumbo mineralization) and float located in the area contain oxides on fracture surfaces. Soil geochemical and ground EM surveys will be completed over selected anomalies to assist with prioritization, drill hole targeting and hole design.

The primary objective of the drilling program will be to evaluate EM anomalies which are interpreted to be a response to massive base metal sulphide accumulations similar to those known to exist at Bumbo. Holes will be cased and downhole EM surveys conducted to define potential “off-hole” conductors.
Dhahabu Gold Prospect

Historical drilling targeting pre-independence gold working at the Dhahabu Prospect returned encouraging results. Unfortunately, once again, all core and many of the details of this work have been lost over the years. Three of the 4 holes (one abandoned) drilled by the by the BRGM in the early 1990s returned significant intercepts which including

KIB01 – 10m @ 5.9g/t Au,
KIB02 – 7m @ 5.4g/t Au and
KIB03 – 10m @ 5.7g/t Au

No further drilling has been undertaken at this prospect. Trenching in the early 2000’s by Lonmin subsidiary AfriOre International returned a number of very broad intervals including 90m @ 1.45g/t Au.

The mineralization appears to be associated with a late brittle quartz and sulphide stockwork located within Kavarondian age grits, sandstones and conglomerates (Dhahabu – drill data derived from BRGM report on SPL118 Kakamega 1992 & trench data from internal AfriOre report 2003).

The primary objective of this drill program is to verify historical results, test down dip and along strike potential and to evaluate potential for a large to moderate-tonnage high-grade gold deposit.

Schematic section showing historical intercepts Dhahabu Prospect
Reconnaissance Gold Targets

Reconnaissance drilling will be undertaken to obtain geological and structural information on selected gold Prospects. Two of the more enigmatic historical areas that are believed to have large tonnage and grade potential have been selected for this reconnaissance drilling.

Viyalo, where several pre-independence and artisanal working and alluvial occurrences are located over a two kilometre zone close to the contacts between metasediments and metavolcanics. The area is characterized by a large gold in soil anomaly however in places the depth of transported cover reaches thicknesses greater than 15m making further evaluation by surface methods difficult. Previous work includes reconnaissance IP surveys and a small and largely ineffective vertical percussion drilling program (15 holes). This work however confirmed the prospectivity of the area and returned anomalous gold (including 17m @ 0.5g/t Au and 2m @ 5g/t Au) associated with stockwork and disseminated sulphide characterized by strong IP responses.

Bushiangala where numerous pre-independence and artisanal workings and significant gold in streams and gold in soil anomalies are associated with the Bushiangala-Akwirangi-Liranda lineament. The lineament is considered to represent a major structure zone.

The objective of this drilling will be to help determine potential of the areas and to enable more effective and efficient design of RC drilling programs. A 20,000m RC/RAB program is being planned for these and other gold targets in the first half of 2010.

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Aviva’s strategy is to identify and develop early resource opportunities which are well located to demand and infrastructure. The Aviva management team has strong resource and capital market expertise, with proven expertise in the generation, exploration, approval and development of resource projects.

In Africa, the company is exploring for gold and base metals, at its West Kenyan joint venture project with Lonmin Plc. Aviva also has an interest in two coal-based energy assets – the Mmamantswe project in Botswana, and the Coolimba Power and Coal project in WA.

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