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Ashburton Minerals Ltd
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QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT Q4, for the period ending 30 June 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Mt Webb IOCG:

- RC drilling at Pokali extends broad zone of copper mineralisation with intercepts of
 - **76m @ 0.27% Cu** in hole PKC027, and
 - **22m @ 0.34% Cu** in hole PKC026

Corporate:

- Right Issue successfully completed, raising \$809,255
- General Meeting held on 28 June 2012
- Cash at end of Quarter: \$0.85 million

*Ashburton Minerals Ltd is an Australian based resources company primarily focused on exploration and development of quality projects that are extensively mineralised and are deemed by the Company to be prospective for large economic deposits that could generate long-term returns to shareholders. The Company's primary focus is the large **Mt Webb IOCG copper project** in Western Australia.*

EXPLORATION

MT WEBB IOCG, WA (100%)

During the quarter, the Company completed a four-hole RC (reverse circulation) drilling program at the Pokali prospect within exploration licence E80/3327. A total of 1,123 metres were drilled and 562 samples (2-metre composites) collected and submitted for analysis.

The program was designed to test extensions to copper mineralisation at two locations, with holes PKC026 and PKC027 drilled at Charlie's prospect on the eastern side of Pokali Hill, and holes PKC028 and PKC029 drilled at The Gap prospect to the northwest of Pokali Hill (Figure 1).

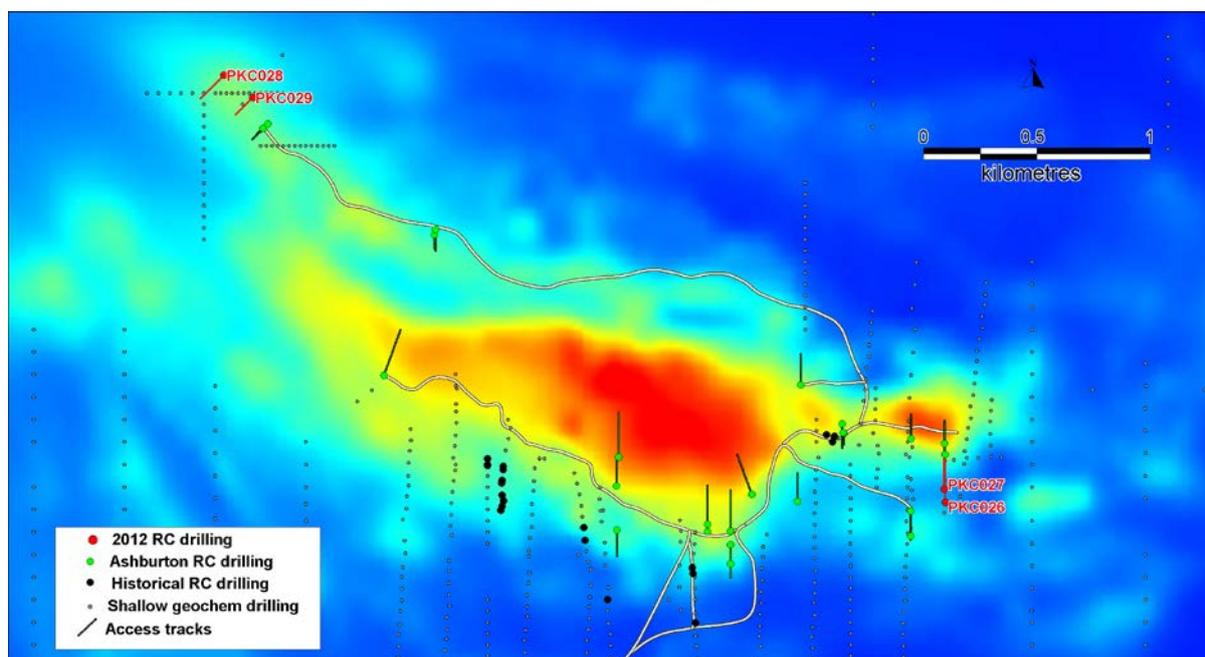


Figure 1. Drill hole location plan at the Pokali area, superimposed over an image of total magnetic intensity (TMI). Recent drill holes shown in red, at Charlie's in the east, and at The Gap in the northwest.

The drilling was completed by Drilling Australia utilising a HYDCO350 drill rig. Samples were assayed by ALS Laboratories, with sample preparation carried out at the Alice Springs facility and final analysis completed at the Malaga facility in Perth.

Results were mixed, with further wide intercepts of copper mineralisation returned from Charlie's prospect. However, the two holes drilled at The Gap prospect did not record significant (> 0.1% Cu) copper mineralisation over significant widths (> 6 m).

Charlie's Prospect (Figures 2, 3 and 4)

The results from Charlie's confirm the continuity of the broad zone of IOCG-style copper mineralisation present in the area east of Pokali Hill. Drill hole PKC027 contains significant copper over a 187 metre run, from 162 m to end of hole at 349 m, with a bulked significant intercept of **76 m @ 0.27% Cu from 162 m to 238 m** (nominal 0.10% Cu cut). The results have extended the mineralisation in this area to depth and southwards, on section along 433 950 E, with copper mineralisation remaining open at depth and along strike, both east and west (refer Figures 2, 3 and 4).

The copper mineralisation is present as very finely disseminated chalcopyrite within a silicified chlorite-(+/- biotite)-magnetite schist. Better grades occur in zones of hematite alteration. The associated enrichment in Fe (elemental iron) is marked by a concomitant strong depletion in Na (sodium) and K (potassium) and a moderate depletion in Ca (calcium).

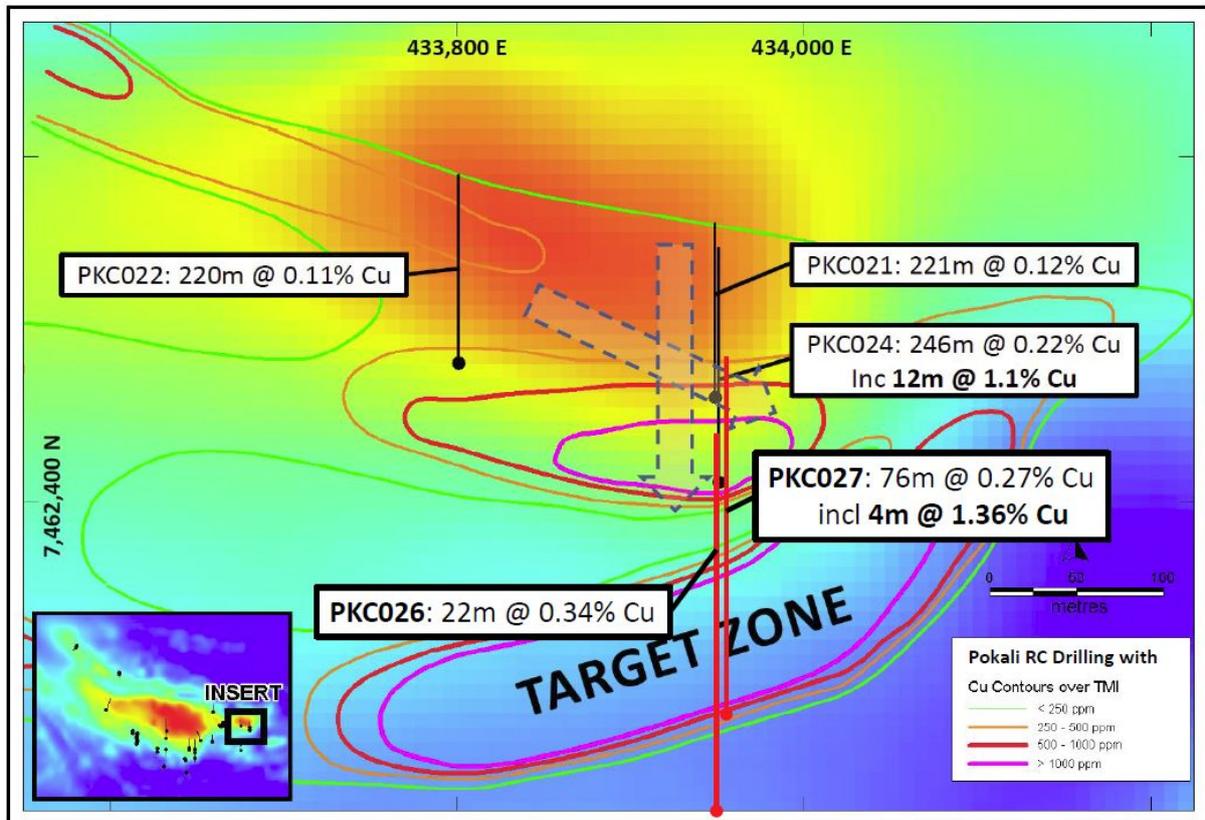


Figure 2. RC drilling at Charlie's across the copper target as defined by shallow aircore drilling and showing vectors (dashed arrows) to better copper mineralisation as defined by pre-existing RC drilling data.

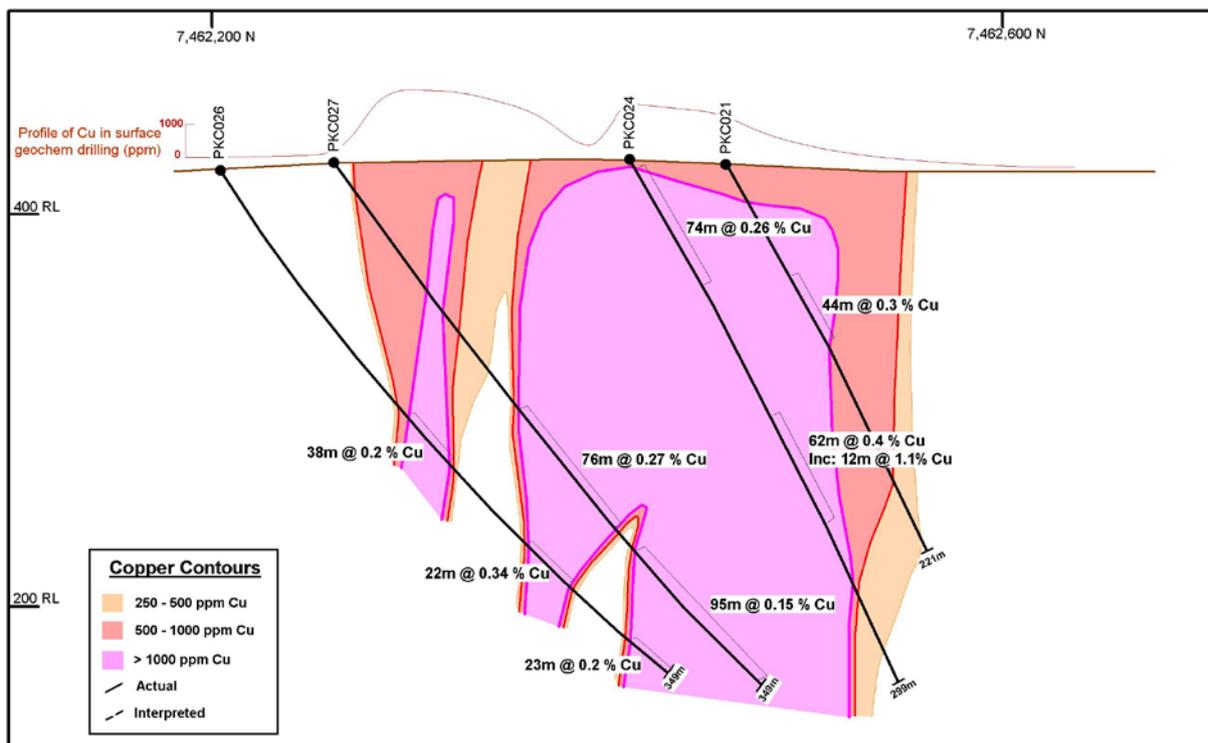


Figure 3. Cross section at Charlie's along line 433 950 E, showing contoured copper mineralisation.

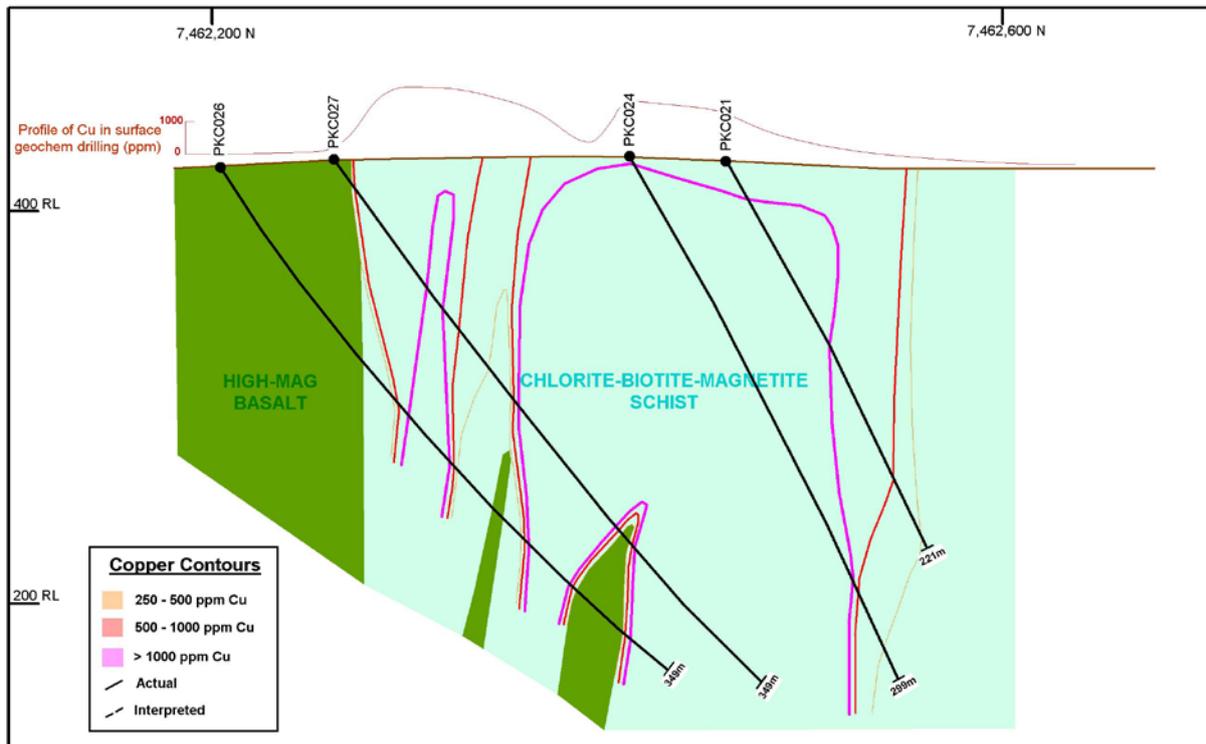


Figure 4. Cross section at Charlies along line 433 950 E, showing contoured copper mineralisation and interpreted geology, with the high-magnesium mafic unit being barren of copper mineralisation.

Table 1. Drill hole collar data, Pokali RC program June 2012.

Hole ID	Northing	Easting	RL	Azimuth	Dip	Depth	Prospect
PKC 026	7 462 198	433 592	423	360	-58	349	Charlie's
PKC 027	7 462 257	433 947	427	360	-55	349	Charlie's
PKC028	7 464 095	430 773	439	225	-60	246	The Gap
PKC029	7 463 996	430 900	441	225	-60	179	The Gap

Table 2. Significant intercepts¹, Charlie's prospect, Pokali.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Copper (% Cu)
PKC 026	158	174	16	0.20
	186	196	10	0.39
	incl 190	194	4	0.76
	260	282	22	0.34
	326	349 (eoh)	23	0.20
PKC 027	20	24	4	0.12
	62	66	4	0.25
	84	96	12	0.13
	162	238	76	0.27
	incl 180	188	8	0.52
	and 196	238	42	0.33
	incl 222	226	4	1.36
	254	262	8	0.24
	284	310	26	0.31
	326	332	6	0.21

Note: ¹. Sampling via 2-metre composites; riffle-split when dry; spear sampled when wet. Intercepts based on nominal 0.10 % Cu (1000 ppm Cu) cut.

OTHER

Consequent upon a review of results, the Company relinquished its interests in the Spring Valley project (EL6941) in NSW and the Capricorn JV (E08/2102 and E08/2103) in Western Australia. In each case, while the results indicated the presence of anomalies potentially associated with mineralisation, the evidence was regarded to be insufficient to suggest the possible presence of a sufficiently large mineralised deposit.

CORPORATE

During the June quarter the Company successfully completed a non-renounceable pro-rata, 1 for 5, rights issue ("Rights Issue") raising \$809,255 through the issue of 161,850,709 shares at an issue price of 0.5 cents each. Participants also received one free attaching option, exercisable at 1.0 cents each by 14 April 2014, for every two shares received. The Rights Issue was once again strongly supported with 77% taken up by shareholders. The 23% shortfall was placed by Foster Stockbroking, the underwriter to the Rights Issue.

The Company held a General Meeting of shareholders on 28 June 2012 to ratify the issue of 73,568,504 shares and 36,784,252 options, which were issued in the preceding quarter via a placement to professional and sophisticated investors, and to increase the remuneration pool available to non-executive directors to \$200,000 per annum. Both resolutions were passed as put.

The Company continues to investigate opportunities with a view to an acquisition of an advanced and significant project in the gold sector. A further two projects were reviewed, with advanced due diligence undertaken in both cases. Efforts are ongoing in an effort to identify a suitable target project.

As at the end of the Quarter, on 30 June 2012, the Company held \$0.85 million in cash.

Yours faithfully,



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