

Drilling Commenced, Ianna Gold Project, Guyana

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Diamond Drilling** has commenced at the Ianna Gold Project
- Drilling program to target multiple prospects hosting widespread, high density quartz veining indicative of a **system capable of multi-million ounce gold resources**.

Eastern Extension Trend, Newly defined mineralised targets with substantial upside and growth opportunities. Recently reported intercepts include:

- **16.1m @ 1.4g/t gold** at end of hole
- **10.8m @ 1.2g/t gold** at end of hole
- **Up to 6m @ 6.91g/t gold** in trenching

Kings Ransom Trend, 4km long anomalous zone with historic results returning:

- **12m @ 3.99g/t gold** in RC
- **Up to 20m @ 6.75g/t gold** and **22m @ 1.9g/t gold** in trenching

Highly encouraged by initial drilling results, Alicanto Minerals Ltd (ASX: AQI) ("Alicanto" or "the Company") is pleased to announce diamond drilling has commenced to follow-up a successful 2017 drilling programme at the Company's 100% held Ianna Gold Project, located in Guyana's highly prospective Northwest Mining District.

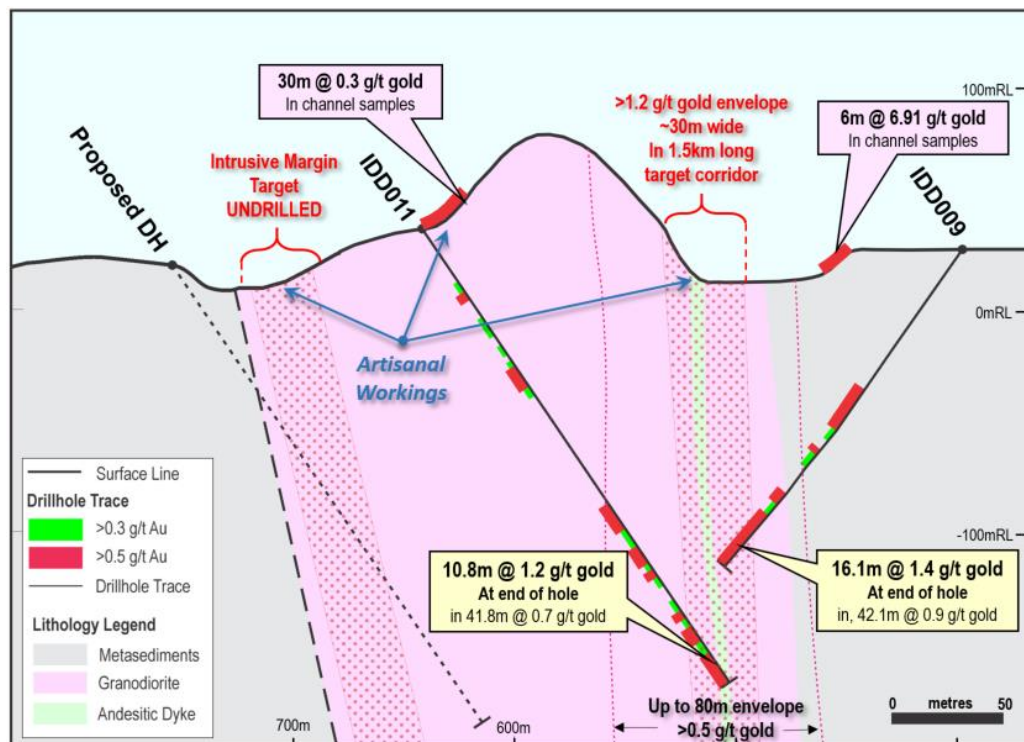


Figure 1 | Eastern Extension target area Cross Section B (See location on Figures 2 & 3) showing significant gold intercepts within IDD009 and IDD011 on Alicanto geological interpretation.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Shares on Issue	112m
Share Price	A\$ 0.125
Market Cap	\$14m
ASX Code	AQI
Listed Options	13.4m
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TWO GOLD PROJECTS IN GUYANA

- ♦ Highly prospective Northwest Guiana Shield Greenstone Belt
- ♦ Mining friendly jurisdiction

ARAKAKA GOLD PROJECT

- ♦ +1 million ounce Au historical production in near surface
- ♦ Footprint of artisanal workings analogous to Las Cristinas / Las Brisas and Gros Rosebel Mines

IANNA GOLD PROJECT

- ♦ >7km of mineralisation on 2 corridors with drill ready targets
- ♦ Historical production dating back more than 100 years

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The Company has commenced a four-hole program that will include drilling designed to assess two previously un-tested targets, as well as follow-up drilling on newly identified mineralisation at the recently acquired Eastern Extension target. At the Eastern Extension target, additional drilling is anticipated to define the margins of the granitic intrusion hosting extensive gold mineralisation and to better define vein orientations controlling mineralisation within the >1.5km long target corridor.

Eastern Extension

Alicanto's maiden drill program in the Eastern Extension target area has successfully intersected gold mineralisation over 200m of strike extent of the unconstrained Eastern Extension Mineralised trend (Refer to ASX release dated 16 February 2018). Better results include:

- 25m @ 0.7g/t, including 4m @1.0g/t gold, and;
42.1m @ 0.9g/t, including;
16.1m @ 1.4g/t gold at end of hole in IDD009
- 18m @ 0.44g/t gold, and;
42m @ 0.5g/t gold, and;
41.8m @ 0.7 g/t, including;
10.8m @ 1.2g/t gold at end of hole in IDD011

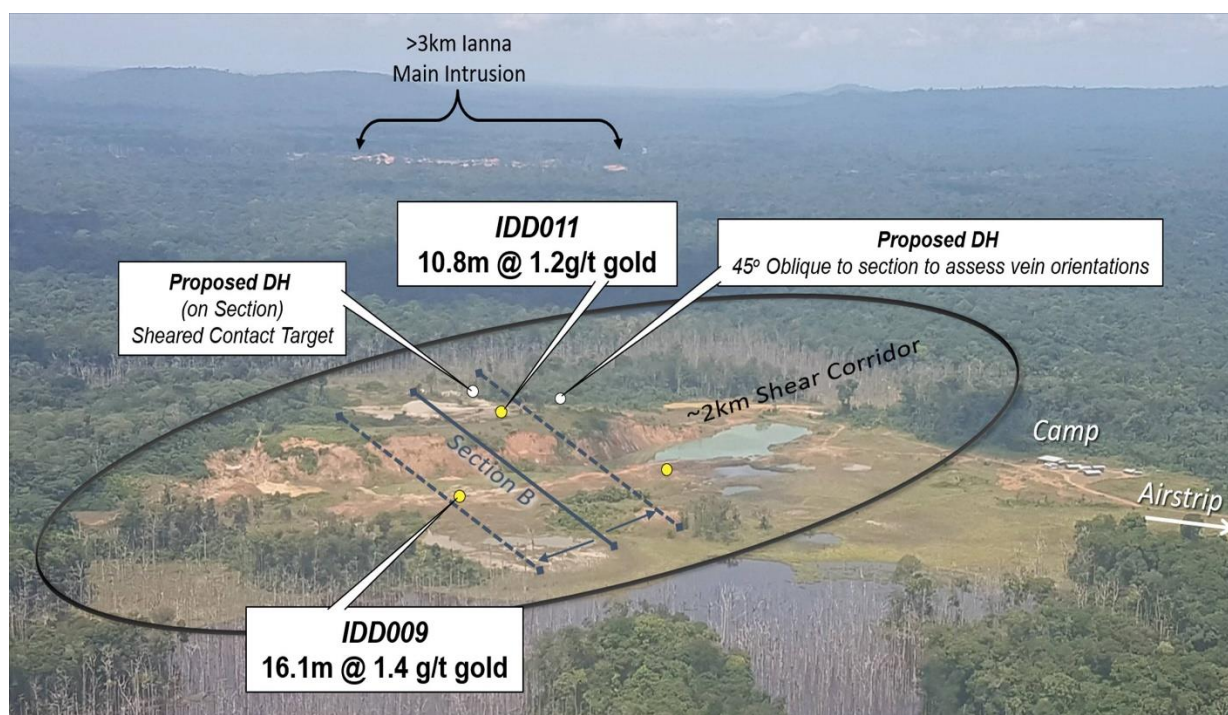


Figure 2 | Photo of Eastern Extension Target, with recent drill collar, planned drill collar, and Section B (Figure 1) locations. Granite Intrusion forms a topographic high haloed by small scale artisanal workings. Artisanal workings associated with Zone-A and Zone-D Targets on Ianna granodiorite and porphyry intrusions are seen in the background looking west-southwest

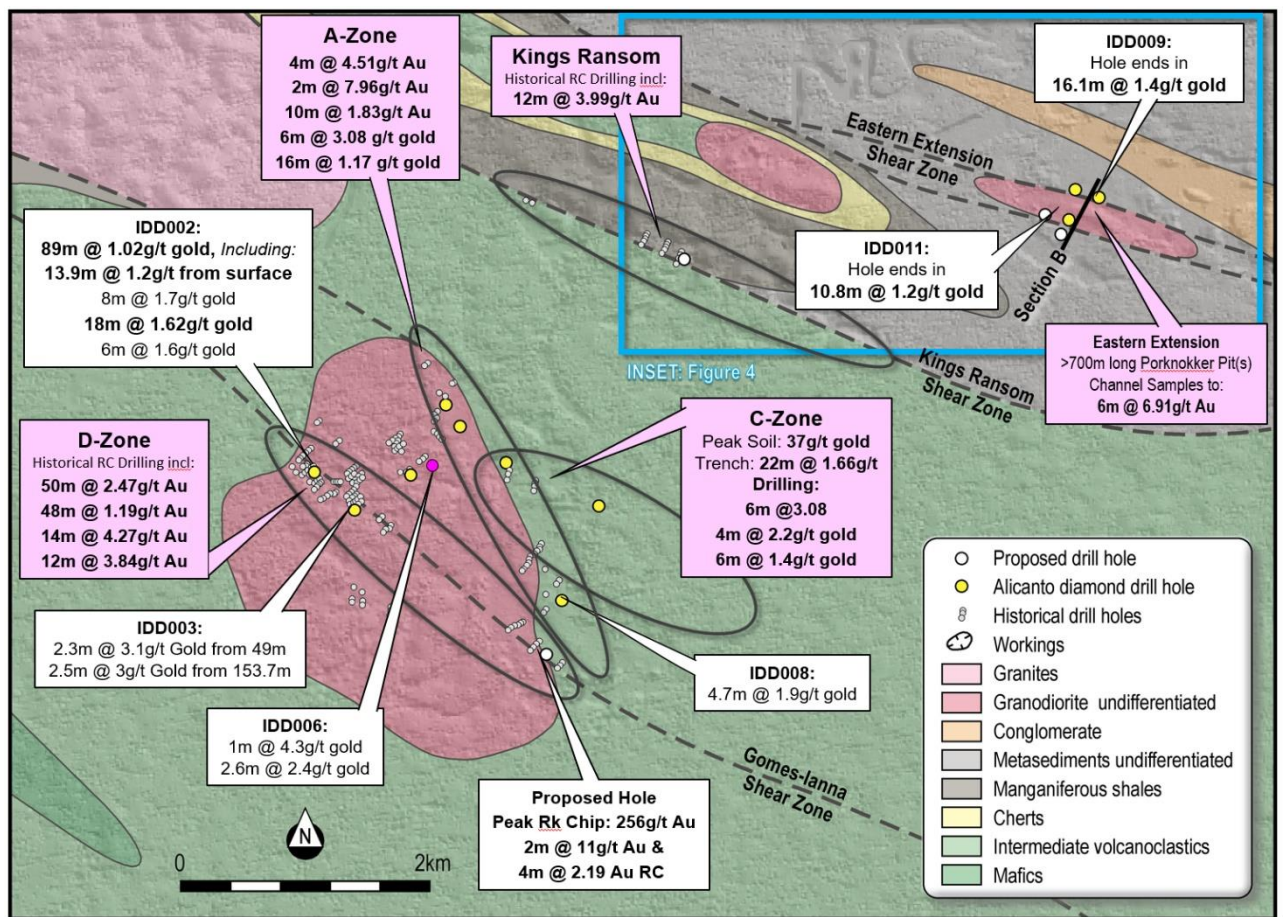


Figure 3 | Plan map showing recent and historical drill collar locations with select results of recent drilling on Alicanto revised geology for the area.

Follow-up work at Eastern Extension is planned to complete a full section of drilling across the Granite body (refer to Figure 1), with an additional hole intended to test the southwestern margin for a sheared intrusive contact. The mineralised Granite body hosts significant artisanal workings at surface, which are located above one of Alicanto's priority structural targets. The workings are covered by material from adjacent excavations and are not readily available for surface sampling.

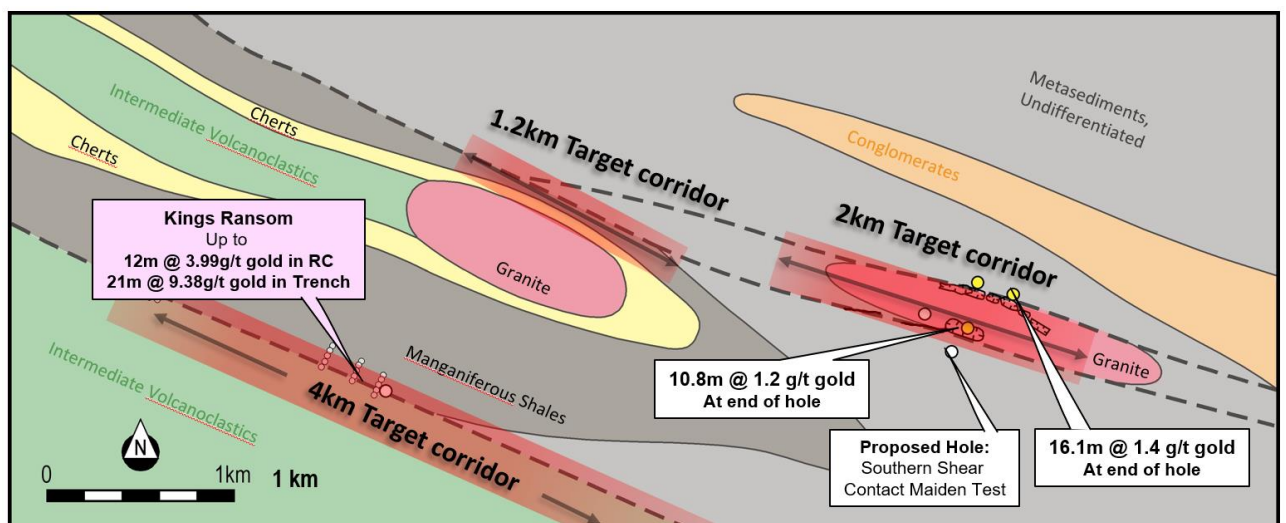


Figure 4 | Eastern Extension and Kings Ransom Proposed Drilling locations

Kings Ransom

Planned drilling includes an initial diamond drill test of the 4km long Kings Ransom Target which is defined by contouring >100ppb gold surface sampling with multiple discrete >500ppb gold centres. The prospect has been exploited by several artisanal saprolite pits. Historical trench channel sampling along the Kings Ransom trend returned assays up to **20m @ 6.75g/t gold** and **22m @ 1.9g/t gold**. Historical drilling consisting of three fences of RC drilling returned a best intercept of **12m @ 3.99g/t gold** (refer to ASX release dated 26 July 2016).

The Company is following-up historical RC drilling to test extensions to reported mineralisation, and the down dip plunge of surface mineralisation. The extensive Kings Ransom Trend remains 95% untested and existing anomalism is open along strike in both directions.



Figure 5 | Diamond core drill set-up at the Kings Ransom Target, commencing hole IDD012

Ianna Project Summary

Located in Guyana Northwest Mining District (refer to Figure 6), less than 25km southeast from Alicanto's ongoing exploration operations at the Arakaka Gold Project, and 45km northwest of the 3moz Aurora Gold Mine. Both the Ianna and Arakaka projects are currently 100% held by the Company, with Alicanto currently self-funding the Ianna Gold Project, while the Company's Arakaka Gold Project is being sole funded by Barrick Gold Corp. in accordance with an earn-in agreement to acquire 65% of the Arakaka Project. (refer to ASX Release dated 1 March 2016).

At Ianna, recent acquisition and expansion of the project has pulled together three discrete corridors of mineralisation, each with strong evidence for a system potentially capable of multi-million ounce gold resources.

Two of the mineralised trends are host to historical drilling associated with extensive surface geochemical survey work, including over 12,400m of Reverse Circulation and 926m of Diamond drilling. The historical drilling covers limited strike extent to shallow depth, with ~95% of drilling testing less than 50m below surface and a significant proportion of holes ending in mineralisation (refer to announcement dated 26 July for comprehensive summary of results and related JORC Table 1).

Through ongoing acquisition, the Company has acquired the Eastern Extension corridor, and within months of acquisition, has completed a maiden drill program that clearly demonstrates extensive alteration with widespread, high density quartz veining further demonstrating the multi-million ounce potential of the camp.

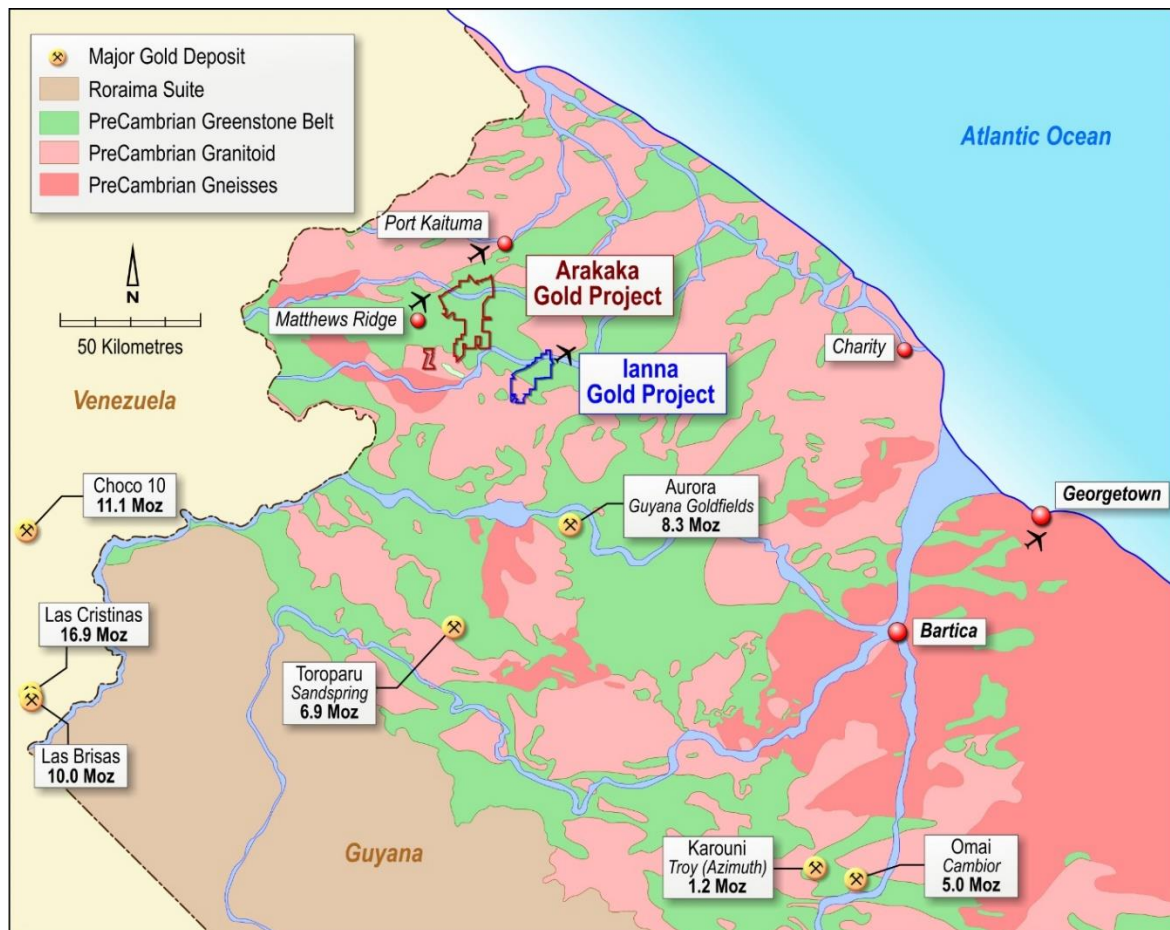


Figure 6 | Summary and location of the Arakaka Gold Project (subject to Earn-in by Barrick Gold Corp) and location of the Ianna Gold Project (100% Alicanto).

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About Alicanto Minerals

Alicanto Minerals Limited (ASX: AQI) is an emerging mineral exploration company focused on the exploration and development of the Arakaka and Ianna gold projects in the prospective geological province of Guyana's Northwest Mining District.

In addition to the exploration of its current Guyanese projects, the Company is continually evaluating additional projects in Guyana and elsewhere for potential joint venture or acquisition.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Marcus Harden, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Harden is the Chief Geologist for the Company. Mr Harden has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Harden consents to their inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.