

Drilling Progresses at the Wagyuu Gold Project, Pilbara WA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drilling is progressing positively at the Wagyuu Gold Project with 20 drill holes completed for a total of 1,896m.
- Program has so far tested high-priority Targets 1, 10 and 11. Drill rig has moved north and is currently at Target 6.
- Drilling to date has intersected similar lithologies and alteration styles to those from mineralisation drilled in the first RC program (March 2025), with several intersections at depth in intermediate 'Hemi Style' intrusives.
- Assay results are expected throughout Q1 2026.
- The Wagyuu Gold Project lies 5km west of Northern Star Resources' 11.2Moz¹ Hemi Gold Deposit within the mineralised Mallina Basin corridor

New Age Exploration (ASX: NAE) (NAE or the **Company**) is pleased to report that the Reverse Circulation (RC) Drill Program is progressing positively at the Wagyuu Gold Project (Figure 1). A total of 1,896 m has been drilled so far over 20 drill holes, with an average depth of 95m. The program is targeting strike and depth extensions to known 'Hemi Style' gold mineralisation and new undrilled areas of high-gold prospectivity (Refer to [ASX Announcement 6 November 2025](#)).

Drilling to date has intersected similar lithologies and alteration styles to those from mineralisation drilled in the first RC program (March 2025), and testing at depth has highlighted extensions at depth in the 'Hemi Style' intrusives. Gold mineralisation at Wagyuu is generally only confirmed from assay data, due to the intense alteration and fine-grained nature of sulphides present.

Drilling will continue to 22nd December and resume in early January.

NAE Executive Director Joshua Wellisch commented:

"We are very pleased with the current progress of the Wagyuu drilling program as the team endeavours to advance the extensions of the known gold mineralisation at depth and along strike; uncover new gold mineralisation and to further understand the geological controls."

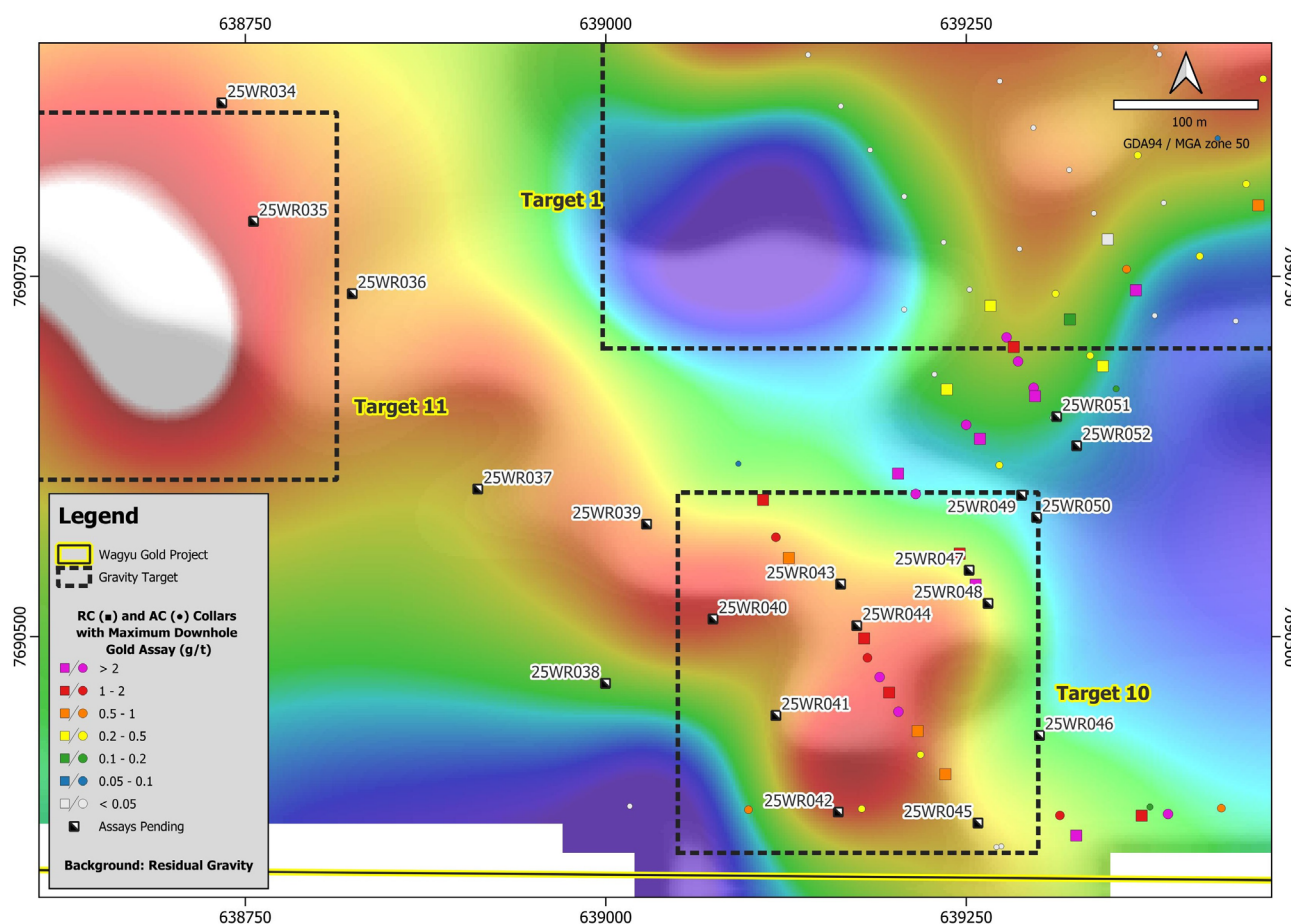


Figure 1: Drill hole collars at the Wagyu Gold Project with assays pending for the current RC drill program and the maximum downhole gold assay result shown from previous drilling.

Geology

Encouraging signs of mineralisation have been identified in numerous drill holes during the drill campaign, which NAE hopes will extend the high-grade gold along strike and at depth. Drill hole 25WR045 intercepted 13m of consistent quartz veining within an intrusive body (Figure 1), with associated sulphides (pyrite and pyrrhotite) and alteration (carbonate and chlorite), which is indicative of targeting success.



Figure 2: Chip tray photo of 140-160m in drill hole 25WR045. Note the consistent quartz veining from 142-155m with a significant vein at 151-155m.

Table 1: Collar information for the current RC drill program. Assay results are expected progressively from January through March 2026. Coordinates are recorded in GDA94 / MGA zone 50. Dip and azimuth measurements were taken by a gyro at surface.

Hole ID	Hole Type	Drilled Depth	Dip	Azimuth	Eastings	Northings	RL
25WR034	RC	60	-60	327	638734	7690870	70
25WR035	RC	100	-60	237	638756	7690788	68
25WR036	RC	42	-60	329	638824	7690738	69
25WR037	RC	48	-59	324	638911	7690602	68
25WR038	RC	54	-59	330	639000	7690468	68
25WR039	RC	50	-60	322	639028	7690578	68
25WR040	RC	54	-59	329	639074	7690512	68
25WR041	RC	54	-60	328	639118	7690445	69
25WR042	RC	50	-59	323	639161	7690378	68
25WR043	RC	80	-59	329	639163	7690536	69
25WR044	RC	84	-59	327	639174	7690508	69
25WR045	RC	168	-59	321	639258	7690371	70
25WR046	RC	102	-59	245	639301	7690431	69
25WR047	RC	102	-60	330	639252	7690546	69
25WR048	RC	200	-60	327	639265	7690523	70
25WR049	RC	102	-59	323	639288	7690598	69
25WR050	RC	186	-60	327	639299	7690583	69
25WR051	RC	114	-60	328	639313	7690653	69
25WR052	RC	144	-59	327	639327	7690633	69
25WR053	RC	102	-59	152	639370	7692668	66

Wagyu Gold Project

The Wagyu Gold Project is located within the mineralised corridor of Mallina Basin which hosts a number of large gold deposits including Northern Star Resources' (ASX: NST) Hemi Gold Deposit containing ~11.2 Moz¹ of gold (refer to Figure 3). Gold results from previous RC drilling at Wagyu include (refer to [26 May 2025 – ASX: NAE New Gold System Emerging at Wagyu Project](#)):

- 8m @ 5.0g/t Au from 44m (25WR002)
- 4m @ 2.5g/t Au from 76m (25WR026)
- 12m @ 1.0g/t Au from 12m (25WR009)
- 3m @ 2.8 g/t Au from 41m (25WR019)

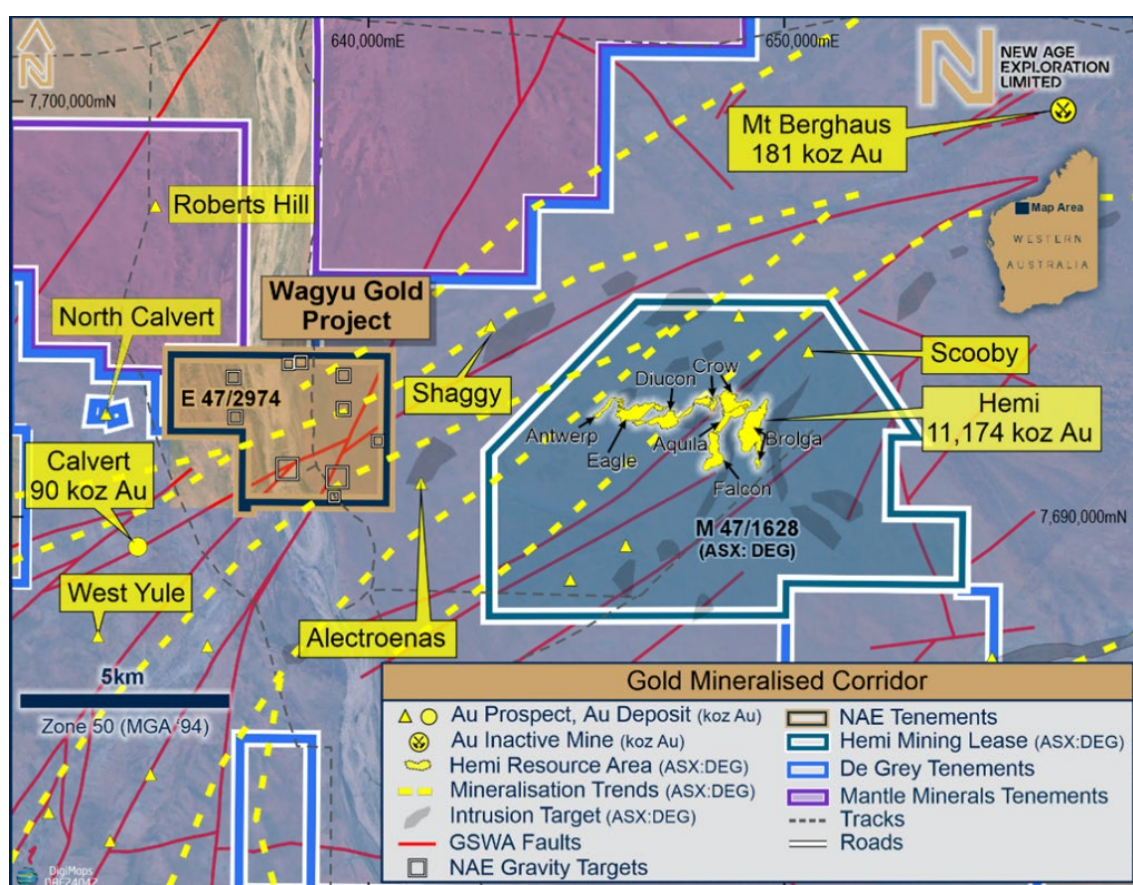


Figure 3: Location Map showing NAE's Wagyu Gold Project (E47/2974) in the Gold Mineralisation Corridor shared with Northern Star's significant gold Mineral Resources, including Hemi, Mt Berghaus and Calvert. Note that the Mantle Minerals tenements shown were recently sold to Northern Star Resources³.

The Hemi Gold Mineral Resource was last updated by De Grey Mining on 14 November 2024¹ and has since been acquired by Northern Star Resources Ltd (ASX:NST²). The estimate is for 264Mt @ 1.3g/t Au for 11.2Moz, which can be broken down into 13Mt @ 1.4g/t for 0.6Moz, 149Mt @ 1.3g/t Au Indicated for 6.3 Moz, and 103Mt @ 1.3g/t Au for 4.3 Moz Inferred.

¹ 14 November 2024 – Hemi Gold Project Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) 2024 (ASX:DEG)

² 5 May 2025 - De Grey Acquisition Completes (ASX:NST)

³ 15 August 2025 – Settlement of Mt Roe Sale - \$13.5m consideration received (ASX:MTL)

NAE confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in De Grey's (now Northern Star's) reported Mineral Resources referenced in this market announcement. To NAE's full knowledge, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results in Australia is based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr Peter Thompson, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (no. 112077). Mr Thompson is a consultant to New Age Exploration and holds shares in the Company. Mr Thompson has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the December 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Thompson has consented to the inclusion of the matters in this report based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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Appendix

Table 1 JORC Code, 2012 Edition.

Wagyu Gold Project - Reverse Circulation Drilling, December 2025

Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	- Nature and quality of sampling (e.g., cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. - Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. - Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g., 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases, more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g., submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	- No assay data is being reported in this announcement, but samples have been sent to the lab for assay analysis. The sample methodology is described below. - Samples were drilled by standard Reverse Circulation drilling techniques. - Sample material was flushed through a rig-mounted cyclone and cone splitter to a sample collection point. - Two samples, an original and duplicate, were taken for each 1m drilled in a calico bag placed onto two separate chutes on the cone splitter. The remaining sample material was collected into buckets beneath the cyclone and placed into piles on the ground for chipping and scooped composite sampling. - Every metre was sampled either by taking the original calico sample or by composite sampling. Composite samples (predominately four metres) were made from equal amounts of material taken with a scoop from the sample pile and collected into a prenumbered calico bag. - Sampling techniques for field duplicate samples is discussed at Quality of assay data and laboratory tests below. - Samples were routinely checked for contamination, adequate sample size and sample moisture.
Drilling techniques	Drill type (e.g., core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g., core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.).	- Drilling was carried out with standard Reverse Circulation drilling techniques using a Hydco 350 drill rig operated by iDrilling Australia Pty Ltd. - All holes were drilled with a 5.5-inch diameter face sampling bit and hammer.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.	- The RC samples were visually assessed and recorded for recovery and water content. - Predominately, samples were rated as good recovery and dry with rare samples affected by

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	- Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. - Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	the water table that was often encountered in the first 30m. Samples are considered representative, and no bias was observed.
Logging	- Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. - Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography. - The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	- All samples were logged on-site at the rig with the following parameters: Hole number, sample intervals, hole depth, water table, regolith type, weathering, colour, grain size, lithology, and alteration. - These drill holes were exploration holes and not part of a mineral resource estimate orientated program. - Material from every metre drilled was sampled, sieved and washed to enable logging of rock chips at 1 metre increments into plastic chip trays. - Chip trays of drill samples were photographed and have been stored as a future data resource.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	- If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. - If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry. - For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. - Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. - Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. - Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	- RC samples passed through a cone splitter on the rig-mounted cyclone. - Sub-samples of each 1m interval were split into two calico bags from two different chutes on the cone splitter. The sizes of both bags were visually inspected for differences in weight - The remaining sample was captured in a bucket below the splitter and laid on ground in discrete piles at 1-metre intervals, to be used for sieving rock chips and composite sampling. - Two to three field duplicates were taken for every drill hole to test lab results, geology interpretation and consistency of mineralisation. - A standard (certified reference material) was inserted roughly every 20 samples assayed. 629 samples have been sent for assay so far. - Sample sizes (typically 2 to 3.5kg) were appropriate for the type of exploration being carried out and are considered representative and appropriate. - Sample preparation at the laboratory in Perth involved checking sample ID against submission and then drying the samples. - Then the pulverisation of the full sub-sample to 75µm. On occasions where the subsample was greater than 3kg (<5% of total samples submitted)

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		the subsample was split to reduce total size prior to pulverisation. - From the pulverised subsample an aliquot was selected for analysis. - Different styles of analyses were performed on different samples depending on origin as determined by the supervising geologist.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i> <i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i> <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g., standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e., lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i>	- All samples will be prepared, pulverised and assayed at Intertek Laboratories in Perth. - All samples from the RC drill program will be prepared using the same methodology as discussed in <i>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</i> - Samples will be digested by Aqua Regia (10-gram aliquot) with analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry. Intertek assay code AR10/OM. - Elements analysed are as follows: Au, Ag, As, Cu, S, and Sb. - Samples with over 0.3ppm Au will undergo 50-gram lead collection fire assay with analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical (Atomic) Emission Spectrometry to determine quantities of gold (Au). Intertek assay code FA50/OE. - Intertek Laboratories employ internal standards and checks as part of the analytical process and apply industry best practice QAQC procedures. - The Company has in place industry best practice Quality Assurance methodology in the collection of samples and follows industry best practice Quality Control systems in measuring the performance of sampling and analysis. - The Company will review the QAQC samples when the assays have been conducted and made available to the Company.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i> <i>The use of twinned holes.</i> <i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i> <i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i>	- Drill logs were recorded in digital format directly onto logging hardware in the field. The digital systems used picklists to help uniform logging and data capture. - Logs were reviewed by NAE contractors and then transferred to independent consultant Pivot (Pivot Exploration Information Management Services) for validation.
Location of data points	<i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i>	Planned drill collars were marked out, and drilled collars were picked up using a handheld Garmin GPS 64s accurate to +/- 5m. A DGPS will be used at the end of the program for a more accurate collar location.

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	<i>Specification of the grid system used.</i> <i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i>	- Drill holes were lined up using a Suunto Sighting Compass. - Downhole surveys were conducted using a gyro, with a shot taken every 5m. - The location of the drill holes collars relative to the project is shown in body of this announcement. - All spatial data is recorded in MGA Zone 50 (GDA94).
Data spacing and distribution	<i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i> <i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i> <i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i>	- Drilling was undertaken across target areas based on geophysics and previous drilling. - Within the target areas drill spacing is typically between 20 and 160 metres along lines, with lines spaced at 40 to 200 metres apart. - The nature of this exploration is target generated and not all collar locations are equally spaced. - Drill spacing and collar locations are shown on several figures within the body of the report.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i> <i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i>	- Understanding of the orientation of mineralisation or mineralisation-related structures is still being developed. - The current model at Wagyu is a horizontal supergene zone that sits above and at the contact of fresh intrusive rock that are linked to deeper, subvertical, narrow-vein feeder structures. Further drilling is needed to confirm model. - The majority of drilling was at -60° toward an azimuth of 326°, which is perpendicular to the regional geological structure and mineralised trends. - The orientation of drill holes is determined by the target with some targets using multiple orientation to best test for geological structures.
Sample security	<i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i>	- All holes were sampled and bagged at the drill site. These samples were stored on location at the project prior to transport by NAE contract staff to Port Hedland for freight to Intertek's laboratory in Perth. - Samples were transported in polyweave bags, within bulka bags on pallets by a reputable courier.
Audits or reviews	<i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i>	No audit of systems or results has taken place.

Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	- Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. - The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	- All RC drilling and other exploration relevant to this announcement was conducted within tenement E47/2974, the Wagyu Gold Project. - The mining tenement, an exploration licence, is held by Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd, with New Age Exploration acquiring all mineral rights other than sand and gravel (retained by Holcim). - The Exploration Licence is located in the Pilbara region of Western Australia approximately 80km southwest of Port Hedland. - The project is within the Determined Native Title Claim of the Kariyarra People (NNTT Number WC1999/003). - There are no known impediments to obtaining a licence to carry out exploration in the area of the project.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	- Very limited and poorly reported previous mineral exploration. - A literature review of the project area suggests that New Age Exploration have conducted the first mineral exploration within the tenement. - Caeneus Minerals (now Mantle Minerals) had a 25m line spaced aeromagnetic/radiometric survey flown in April 2021, which NAE acquired in June 2024. - The surrounding tenure has been heavily explored by De Grey Mining, now Northern Star Resources (ASX:NST), at the Hemi Gold Project (~11.2M oz Au).
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	- Only one minor outcrop has been identified at the Wagyu Gold Project. - Drilling has confirmed there is between 5 and 20 metres of transported cover. The metasediments weather deeper than the igneous intrusive rocks with weathered zone widths of 8 to 80m encountered. - Geology logged from drilling supports the interpretation of metasediments of the Mallina basin. - There are several locations where samples from drilling are igneous intrusive rocks which supports the interpreted geophysics. Intrusive rocks have been logged felsic, intermediate, and mafic.

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		The current model at Wagyu is a horizontal supergene zone that sits above and at the contact of fresh intrusive rock that are linked to deeper, subvertical, narrow-vein feeder structures. Further drilling is needed to confirm model.
Drill hole Information	- A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: - easting and northing of the drill hole collar - elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar - dip and azimuth of the hole - down hole length and interception depth - hole length. - If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	- All drill hole collar information regarding the current RC drill program at Wagyu has been reported in the collar table and seen visually on maps in the body of this announcement. - Previous drilling and assay data conducted by NAE have been announced.
Data aggregation methods	- In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g., cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. - Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low-grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. - The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	No assay data has been reported in this announcement.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	- These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. - If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	- The geometry of any mineralised bodies is not fully known at this stage. - The majority of holes were drilled at -60 degrees toward an azimuth of 326°, which is perpendicular to the regional geological structures and mineralised trends.

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	<i>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g., 'down hole length, true width not known').</i>	- The current model at Wagyu is a horizontal supergene zone that sits above and at the contact of fresh intrusive rock that are linked to deeper, subvertical, narrow-vein feeder structures within the fresh rock. Further drilling is needed to confirm model. - Due to the early nature and style of the exploration undertaken, true widths of mineralisation are not known.
Diagrams	<i>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</i>	See body of announcement for plans showing project location and drill locations.
Balanced reporting	<i>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced avoiding misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	No assay data has been reported in this announcement.
Other substantive exploration data	<i>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</i>	All other known and relevant data has been reported.
Further work	<i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g., tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i> <i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i>	- RC drilling is ongoing at the Wagyu Gold Project with ~2,000m left to drill. - Assay results are expected progressively from January to March 2026.