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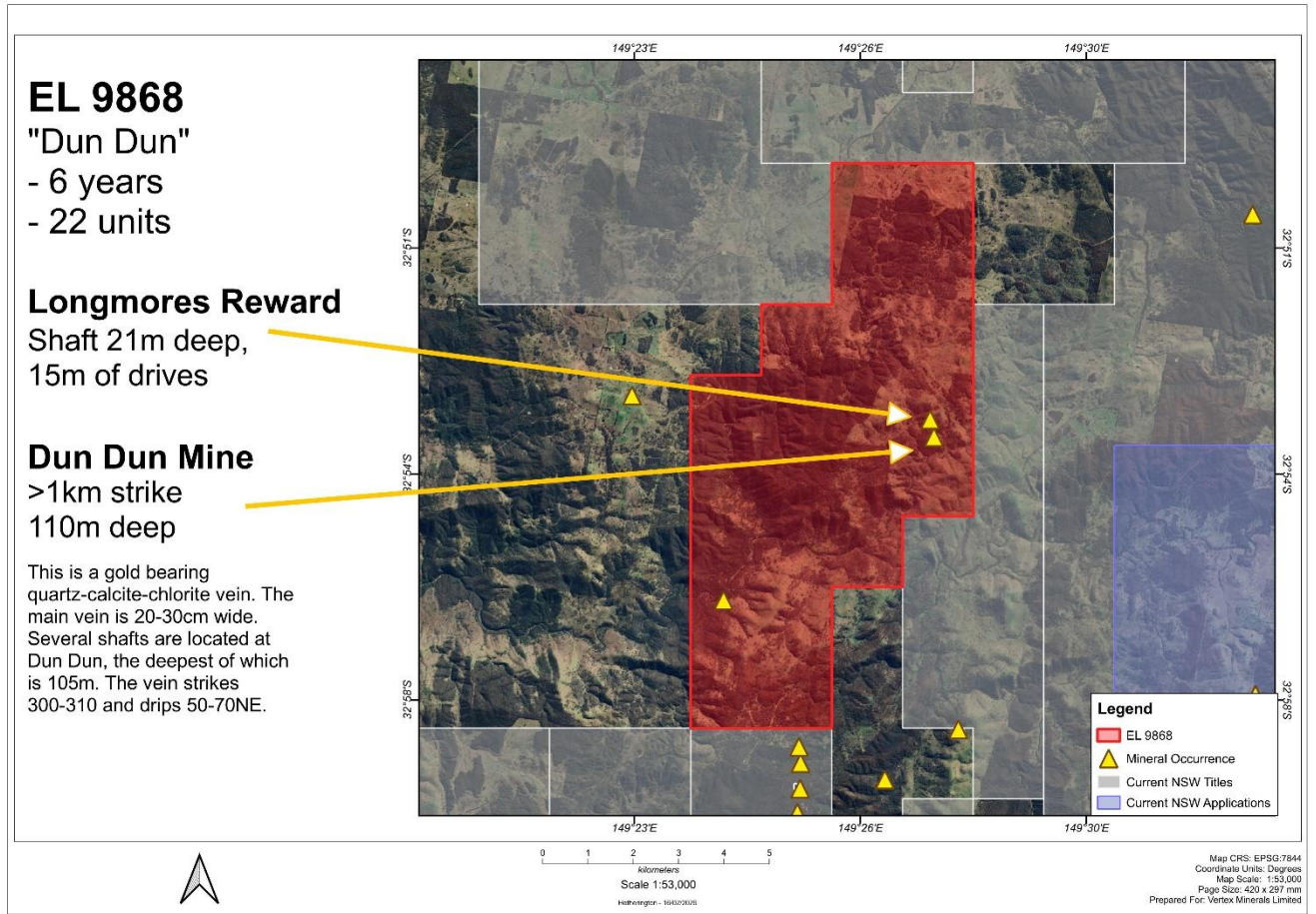
ASX ANNOUNCEMENT 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

VTX Awarded Exploration Licence 9868 “Dun Dun”

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Vertex Minerals Limited (“Vertex” or “Company”) successfully awarded Exploration Licence 9868 (EL9868) (formerly ELA6978) “Dun Dun”
- “Dun Dun” covers the middle ground between Vertex EL5868 “Hill End” and EL6996 “Hargraves” giving Vertex access to approximately 50kms of contiguous geology along the Hill End – Hargraves trend (see attached figure),
- Historic gold workings are situated at “Dun Dun”, approximately 15km NNE of Hill End village or 10km SSW of Hargraves village,
- The prospect is defined by five gold bearing quartz veins associated with the Hill End Anticline, key features include:
 - **Northeast Vein:** pits and underlay shaft
 - **Longmore or Reward/East Intermediate Vein:** Parallel to the Dun Dun Vein, 7.5–10cm wide, and gold-bearing where intersected by faults
 - **Dun Dun or Craigend/Main Vein:** Worked from several shafts, the deepest reaching 106.7m. The vein is 20–30cm thick and extends for >1km.
 - **West Intermediate Vein:** trenches and pits &
 - **Southwest Vein**
- Gold mineralisation is hosted in laminated quartz veins within turbiditic greywacke and slates, much like the Reward Gold Mine.

Vertex’s Executive Director, Tully Richards commented: *“The Dun Dun workings are a very good analogy to veins currently being mined by Vertex further to the south and make an important addition to the Company’s future exploration targets and resource development opportunities.”*



This announcement has been approved by the Vertex Board of Directors

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