



Viking Ashanti Limited

Drilling continues to extend Akoase East gold deposit at depth

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AKOASE EAST PROJECT

- **Diamond drilling hits gold mineralisation at depth**
- **New soil sampling finds strong anomaly North-East along trend**

New Drilling Results

Gold mineralisation at Viking Ashanti Ltd's Akoase East gold deposit in Ghana has been extended at depth in the latest drilling results.

Akoase East already contains a 500,000 ounce JORC classified gold resource but Viking Ashanti believes this can be significantly increased through the ongoing drilling program.

Drill holes AKD003a and AKD006, drilled on sections 100 metres apart at the northern end of the current resource, produced intersections including **8.0m @ 6.47 g/t Au** in hole AKD003a and **14.0m @ 2.24 g/t Au** in hole AKD006 (Table 1). This drilling has extended the mineralised zone at least 50 metres below previous drilling and at equivalent grades and widths compared to adjacent drill holes closer to surface (Figs 2, 3 and 4).

Soil Geochemistry Anomalies

In addition to the extensions to the known gold mineralisation, Viking Ashanti has also identified five promising new gold in soil anomalies covering 3.6 km of the structural trend north east and along strike of Akoase East.

The most significant of these returned a >50ppb gold anomaly, at least **1.4km long** and up to **150m wide**, with a peak value of 15.15 g/t Au. This anomaly is located approximately 2.5km north east of the current resource and remains open to the north. Further soil sampling and trenching is planned to better define the extent of this anomaly.

Previously discovered soil anomalies also exist to the south-west of the Akoase East resource which await further evaluation and future drilling.

Viking Ashanti managing director Peter McMickan said, "The results from the two successful diamond drill holes, beneath the current resource, strengthens our view that we can achieve significant resource growth at Akoase East".

“The intersections recorded are less than 100 metres vertically below surface at the northern end of the current resource. Hole AKD006 was drilled on the northern most drill section and clearly demonstrates that the resource remains open to the north.”

In coming months diamond drilling will continue to focus on expanding the current resource, while planned RC drilling will test the near surface strike extensions of the resource”.

Targeting 1 million ounces

Viking Ashanti’s primary objective since listing on the ASX has been to increase the existing 500,000 JORC classified resource at Akoase East and its other Ghanaian gold projects including West Star and Blue River to 1 million ounces or more.

The latest drilling results have strengthened Viking Ashanti’s belief that significant resource growth of the Akoase East gold deposit can be achieved quickly.

The company aims to provide regular market updates as the drilling progresses.

Table 1: Diamond Drilling Akoase East

Drill hole Information						Mineralized Intercepts				
Hole ID	Northing	Easting	RL	dip/azimuth	hole depth (m)	from (m)	to (m)	intersection width (m)	grade (g/t Au)	oxidation
AKD003a	714886	744084	423	-52/140	137.9	91.0	95.0	4.0	1.43	fresh
						105.0	113.0	8.0	6.47	fresh
					(including	110.0	111.0	1.0	44.6)	
AKD006	714942	744142	411	-53/140	161.6	113.0	127.0	14.0	2.24	fresh
						143.0	146.0	3.0	2.54	fresh

The half HQ and NQ size diamond drill samples from each hole were collected at down hole intervals (typically maximum of 1m) based on geological logging, and submitted to ALS Chemex laboratories in Kumasi, Ghana for gold analysis. The analytical method was by 50g fire assay/AAS finish with a 0.01 g/t Au detection limit. Significant results reported are nominally above 0.5 g/t Au over a minimum down hole interval of 1 metre, with no top cut applied. Assay quality control procedures included insertion of certified reference standards, blanks and duplicates.

Figure 1: Akoase Project Geology

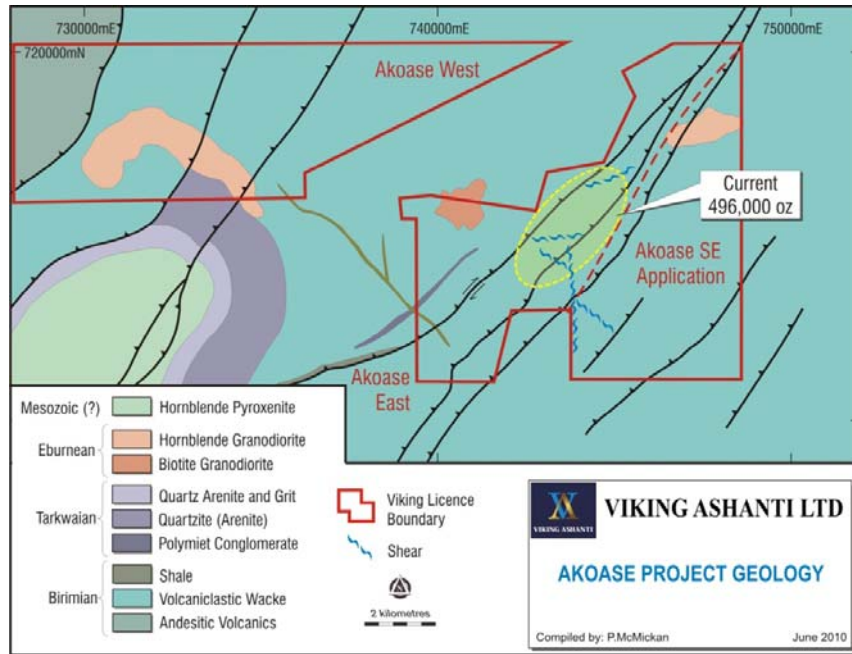


Figure 2: Akoase East Drill Hole Location Plan

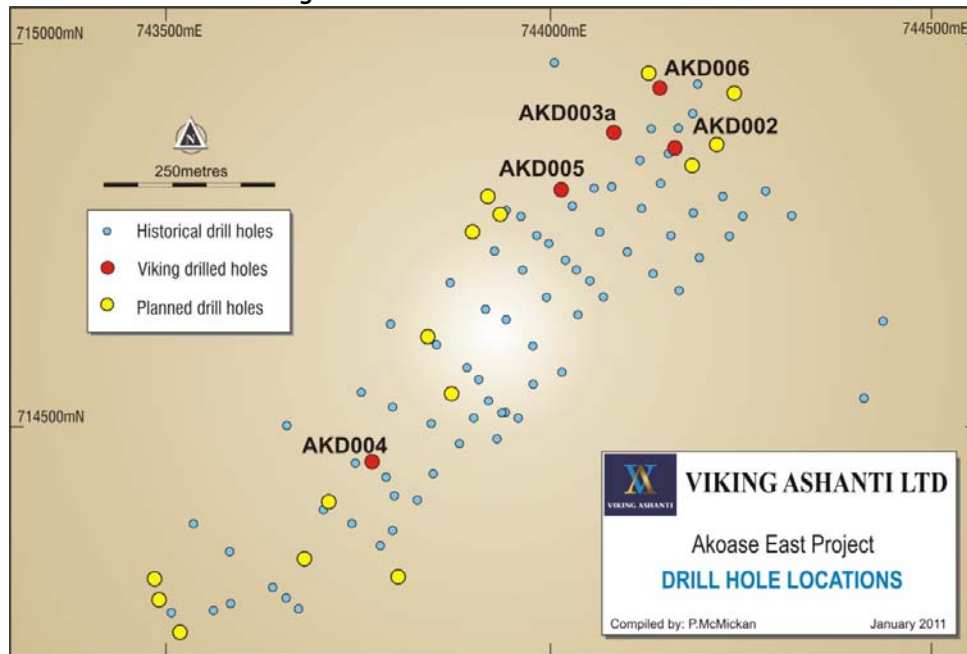


Figure 3: Akoase East Cross Section AKD003a

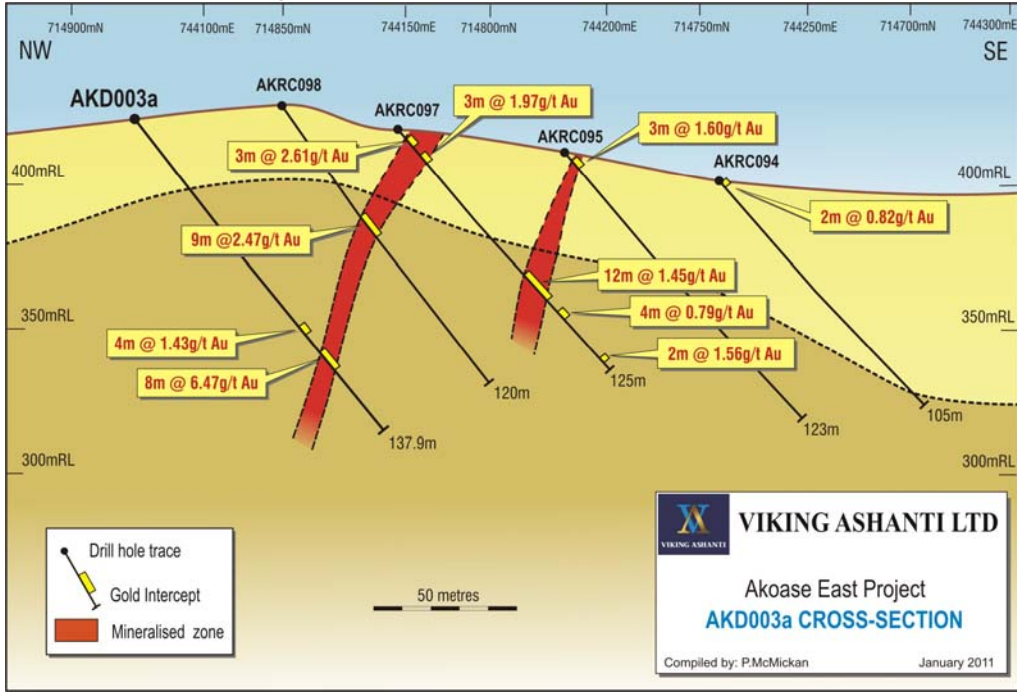
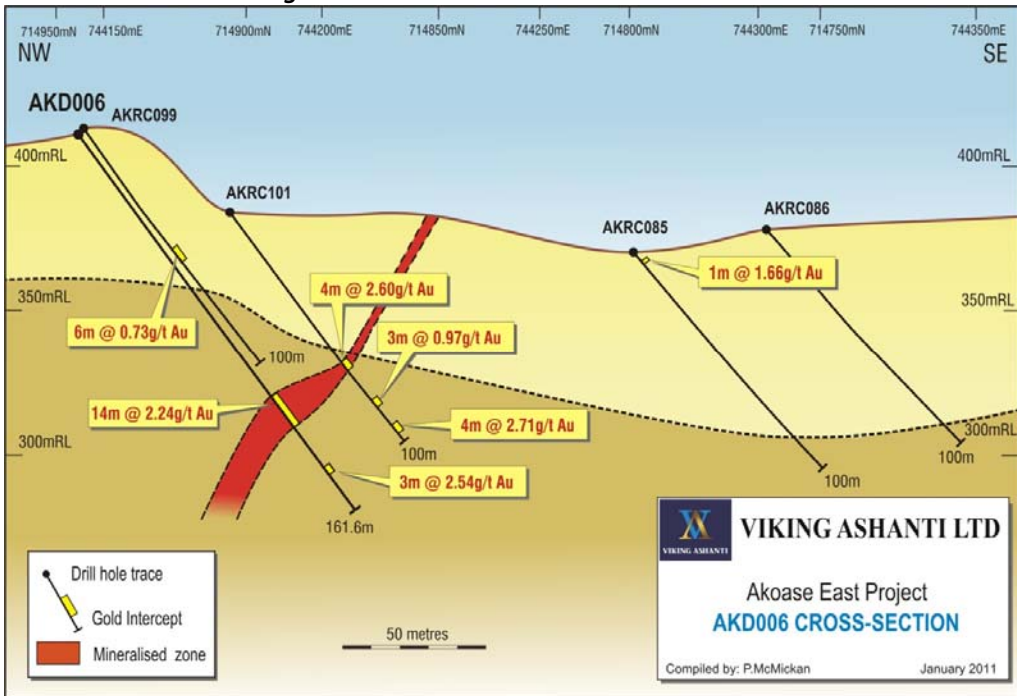


Figure 4: Akoase East Cross Section AKD006



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Viking Ashanti Background

Viking Ashanti's Akoase gold project contains a JORC classified, inferred resource of 500,000 ounces of gold based on 13Mt of ore @ 1.2g/t. Viking Ashanti's primary objective is to expand the resource to at least 1 million ounces of gold. At least 13,000 m of RC drilling is planned along with 2,500 m of diamond drilling at Akoase with a further 14,000m RC and 2,500m diamond drilling at West Star and Blue River through to May 2012.

The Akoase project is just 25km from Newmont Mining's 8.7M oz Akyem gold project while the West Star/Blue River projects are 15 km from the 2M oz Nzema project, operated by ASX listed Adamus Resources. Ghana also hosts the 60M oz Obuasi deposit (AngloGold Ashanti), 40M oz Tarkwa deposit (GoldFields) and the 17M oz Ahafo deposit (Newmont).

Ghana is socially and politically stable, operates under a well established Westminster legal system, has excellent internal infrastructure with a 25 year history of modern mining and a substantial internal skills base to support mining.