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ASX Release

Navarre spuds first hole at Kingston Gold Project

- **Diamond drilling commences at Kingston Gold Project**
- **Resource definition drilling underway at Tandarra**
- **Second reverse circulation drill rig to mobilise to Tandarra early in 2012**

Stawell-based gold exploration company Navarre Minerals Ltd (ASX Code: NML) today commenced diamond drilling at its 100%-owned Kingston Gold Project, 30 kilometres north-east of AuRico Gold Inc.'s Stawell Gold Mine in Western Victoria (Figures 1 & 2).

Navarre has planned a 1,200 metre diamond drilling program to follow-up several historic high grade gold intercepts recorded in percussion drilling adjacent to the old Kingston Mine workings. Many of these historic drill intercepts occur at shallow depths and include 9m @ 40.5g Au/t from 78m down hole in KINC58 and 8m @ 23.0g Au/t from 28m down hole in KINC6. Gold has been previously produced from EL 5280 from turn of the century workings including the old Kingston Gold Mine and the historic Landsborough alluvial goldfield (Figures 2 & 3).

The Kingston Gold Project sits in a trend identified as the Landsborough Fault Corridor. Navarre owns exploration permits over much of the Landsborough Fault Zone and has recently been awarded priority over exploration licence application ELA 5380 which includes the historic Glendhu and Wimmera Gold Mines (Figure 2).

“Navarre has an exciting exploration program focused on mineralized regions adjacent to major faults such as the Landsborough Fault at Kingston and the Whitelaw Fault at our Tandarra project, 40 kilometres north of Bendigo,” commented Navarre’s managing director, Mr Geoff McDermott.

“We are particularly delighted with the success of drilling at Tandarra, where reverse circulation (RC) drilling also started this week. Early RC drilling on the Tomorrow Anticline at Tandarra has intersected more than 40m of quartz at shallow depth as a follow-up to an air-core drill result reported in June 2011 of 10m at 34.4g Au/t from 37m below surface.”

The RC drilling component of Navarre’s exploration program at Tandarra is for gold grade evaluation of confirmed targets identified through scout air-core drilling. In the past seven weeks scout air-core drilling at Tandarra has confirmed additional quartz reef targets for follow-up RC drill testing. This has resulted in the mobilization of a second RC rig expected to arrive on site in early 2012 to accelerate the drilling program.

More detailed results will be presented in our December quarterly report due in late January.

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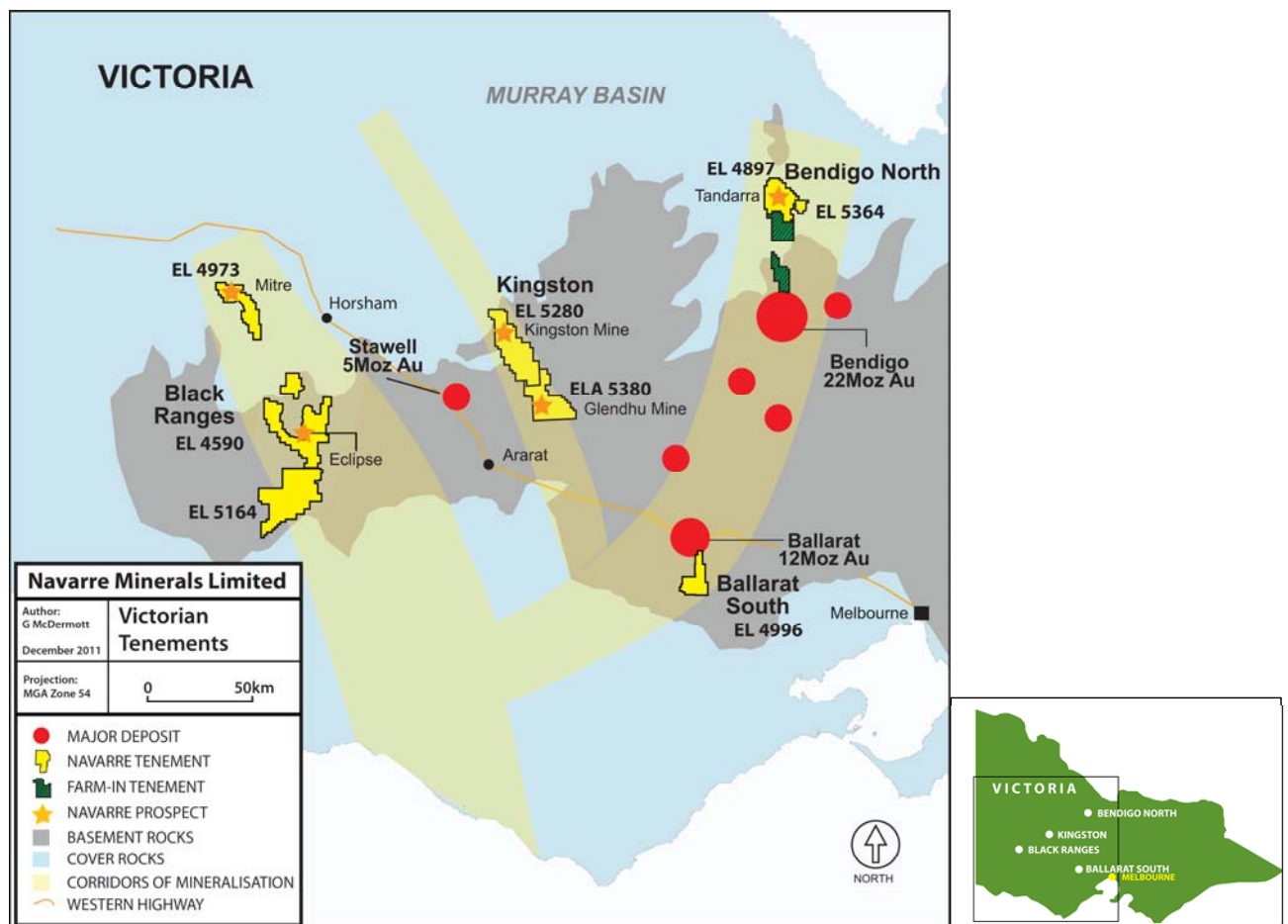


FIGURE 1: Location of Navarre's mineral projects, interpreted major mineral corridors, sub-surface exposure of basement rocks and extent of cover rock sequences.

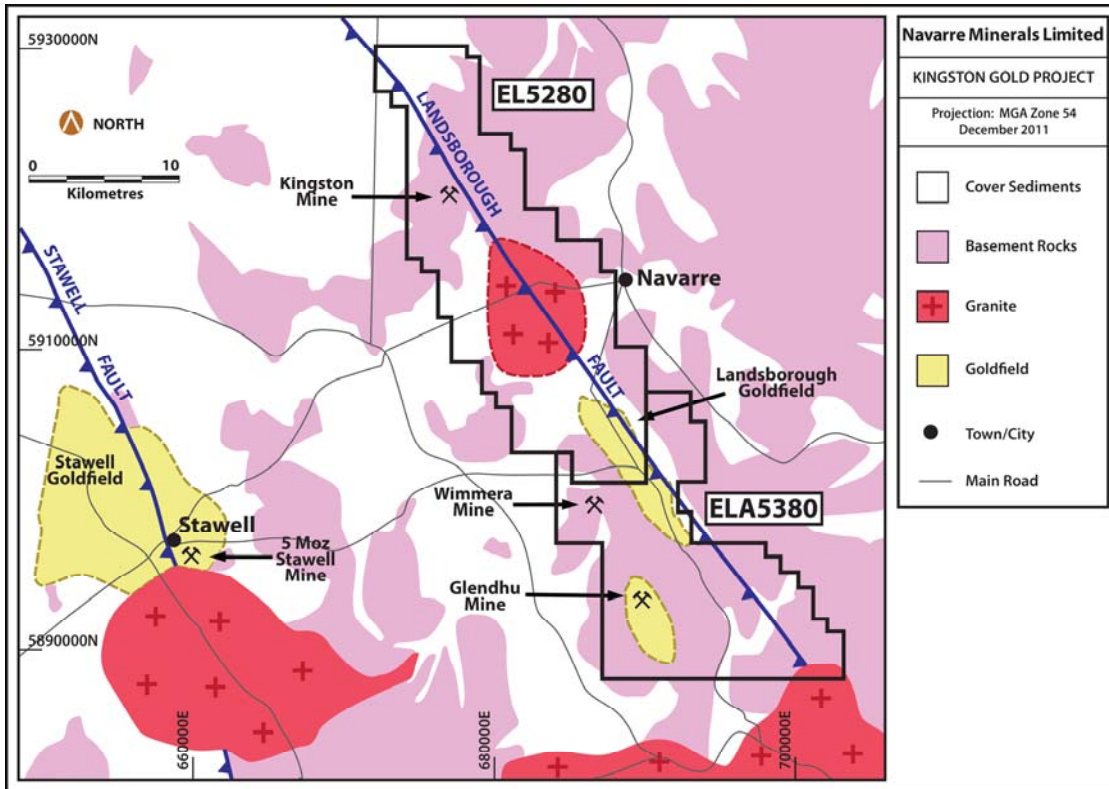


FIGURE 2: Area location plan of Navarre's Kingston and Landsborough Fault properties, interpreted geology and location of historic goldfields.

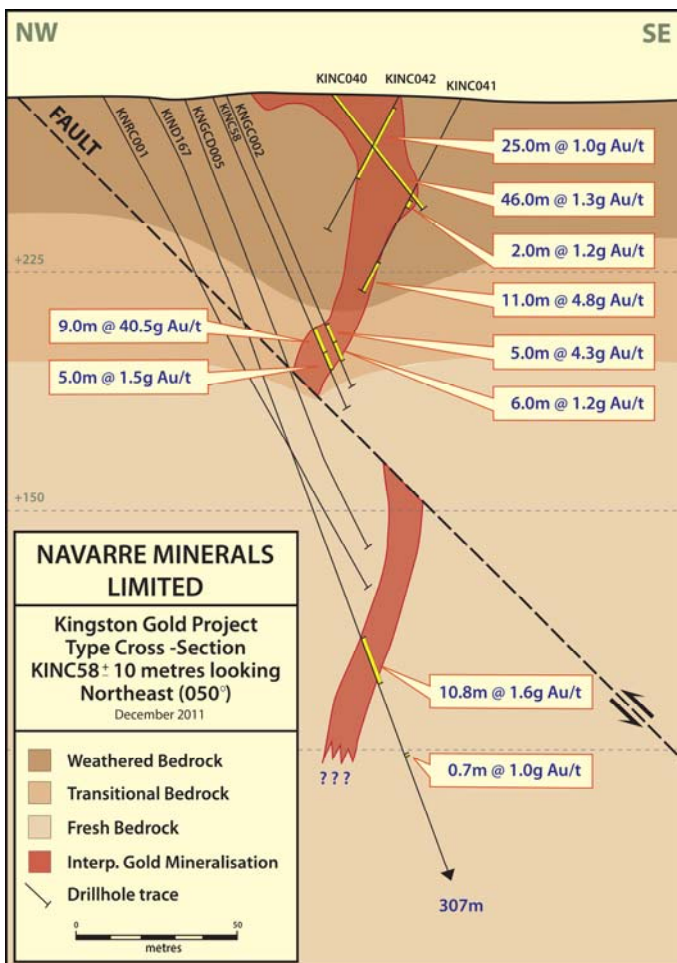


FIGURE 3: Interpreted geological cross-section of the Kingston Gold Project looking towards the north-east through high grade mineralisation intersected in KINC58.