

ASX Announcement

7th October 2010



Cortona Resources Raises \$4.3 Million to Accelerate Follow-Up Drilling at New Shallow Gold Discoveries

Cortona Resources Limited (“**Cortona**” “the **Company**”) is pleased to advise that the Company has resolved to raise up to \$4,335,000 through the placement of up to 25.5 million ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.17 per new share, to institutional and sophisticated investor clients of Hartleys Limited.

Commenting on the success of the placement, Managing Director Peter van der Borgh stated “We are delighted by the strong support received for the placement from domestic and international institutional investors”.

“Monies raised from the placement will allow us to accelerate drilling at our Dargues Reef Gold Project, with a focus on our recently announced new, shallow gold discoveries. With a number of targets to be followed-up, Cortona aims to be drilling at Dargues Reef as well as testing regional targets on the broader Majors Creek Gold Project with multiple rigs for the coming 6 months and beyond. Drilling will be targeted to increase the Dargues Reef gold resource, with a particular focus on delineating additional resources in the near mine area, with a view to increasing targeted annual production rates at Dargues Reef, where gold production is targeted for 2011.”

Hartleys Limited is the broker to the placement.

The placement of new shares will be undertaken within the Company’s ASX Listing Rule 7.1 15% capacity.

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Corporate Information
(31 August 2010)

Shareholders	~2,000
Shares on Issue	170M
Options (CRCO)	35M
Options (Unlisted)	11M

PROJECTS

Majors Creek (NSW)
Eugowra (NSW)
Christmas Gift (NSW)
Booths Reward (NSW)

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ABOUT CORTONA

Cortona is an emerging Australian gold company which is focussed the exploration and development its 100%-owned Majors Creek Project, located 60km east of Canberra in New South Wales, where it is currently undertaking a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) on the Dargues Reef Gold deposit - 1.44Mt @ 6.2g/t gold for 286,000oz (comprising 175,200oz inferred and 110,800oz indicated categories).

Majors Creek was the largest historic alluvial goldfield in NSW producing more than 1.25 million ounces. The Dargues Reef deposit is expected to be the Company's first operating mine following positive scoping study results indicating average annual production of 45,000 ounces over an initial mine life of 5 years. A resource upgrade is currently being undertaken which will feed into the Definitive Feasibility Study which is on track to be completed on time and on budget in November 2010. The target for the DFS is to increase the mine life, and mine production rate at Dargues Reef and to allow a decision to mine which would result in first gold production by Q4 CY 2011.

Cortona's multi-pronged plan is to progress the Dargues Reef DFS in conjunction with aggressive near- mine and regional exploration programs to underpin a long-term gold production business.

Competent Persons: *Information in this report relating to Mineral Resources has been completed by Mr Aaron Green of Runge Ltd., who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Green has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a 'competent person' under the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). Mr Green consents to the inclusion of the data in the form and context in which it appears. The contents of this report that relate to geology and historical exploration are based on information compiled by Mr Peter van der Borgh, who is a Professional Geologist and Fellow of the Geological Society. He has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2004 Edition of the JORC Code. Mr van der Borgh consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters compiled by him in the form and context in which they appear.*