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## Aruma Provides Exploration Update

### Highlights

- **Melrose Gold Project area expanded with the strategic addition of two licence applications - E08/3351 and PL08/802**
- **New licences will consolidate Aruma's ground position in the area – Melrose now comprises 12 ELAs and PL and covers 370km<sup>2</sup>**
- **Exploration Licence at Scotia South Gold Project granted – access agreements to be completed**
- **Aruma plans conduct a regional RAB drill program in its first phase of exploration at Scotia South – to be followed-up with RAB-RC drilling**
- **All Exploration Licences granted at Capital Gold Project in NSW and a reconnaissance exploration program planned in current quarter**
- **Flora and Fauna survey underway at Mt Deans Lithium-Tantalum project**
- **All projects will be fully covered by geophysics baseplans**

Aruma Resources Limited (ASX: AAJ) (Aruma or the Company) is pleased to provide the following update on activities at its portfolio of prospective gold projects and also the Mt Dean Lithium Project.

### Melrose Gold Project Expanded

Aruma is pleased to advise that it has expanded its landholding at the Melrose Gold Project in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, via the addition of a new exploration licence application (ELA) and prospecting licence (PL) - E08/3351 and PL08/802. The new licences represent strategic additions to the Melrose Project area and further consolidates Aruma's substantial ground holding in the area.

The Project now comprises 12 ELAs and one PL, and covers a total area of 370km<sup>2</sup>, adjacent to and surrounding Northern Star Resources' (ASX: NST) Paulsens Gold Mine, as is shown in Figure 1 below.

The trend north of Paulsens, combined with the eastern extension of the Merlin stratigraphic trend, now extends for over 13km within the Melrose Project area.

Aruma has conducted a field orientation visit to the Melrose Project, including the Gossan Hill area, and access has been checked in preparation for future drilling programs. The nearby Paulsens area was also visited and the rock types confirmed as greywackes to shales.

### ASX: AAJ

#### Capital Structure

106M Shares on Issue  
22M Options on issue  
CASH \$3M

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#### Gold Projects -1,578km<sup>2</sup>

##### Norseman

SCOTIA SOUTH - 202km<sup>2</sup>

##### Pilbara

MELROSE - 370km<sup>2</sup>

SALTWATER -646km<sup>2</sup>

##### NSW Lachlan Fold Belt

CAPITAL - 358km<sup>2</sup>

##### Li Ta Project -Norseman

MT DEANS 1.44 km<sup>2</sup>

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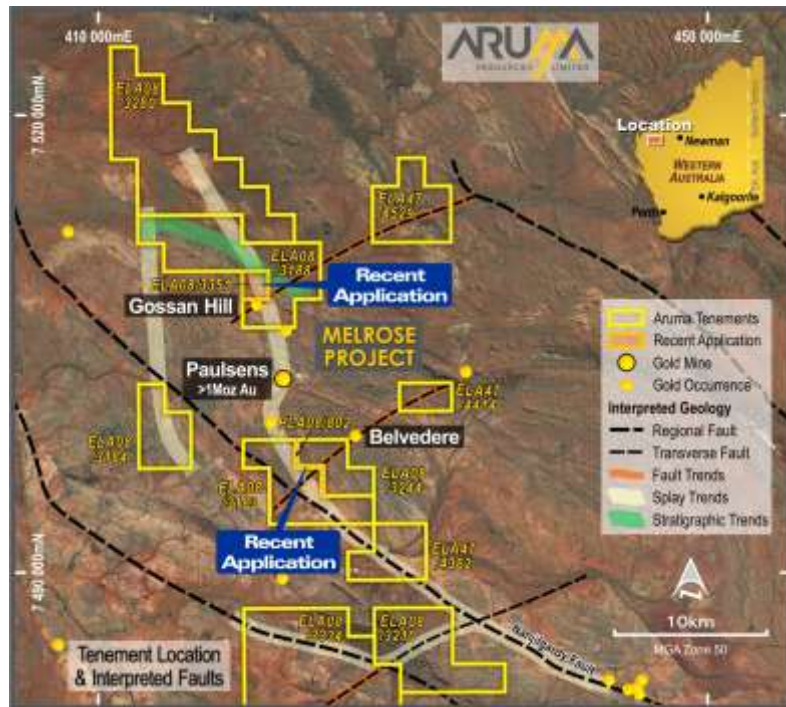
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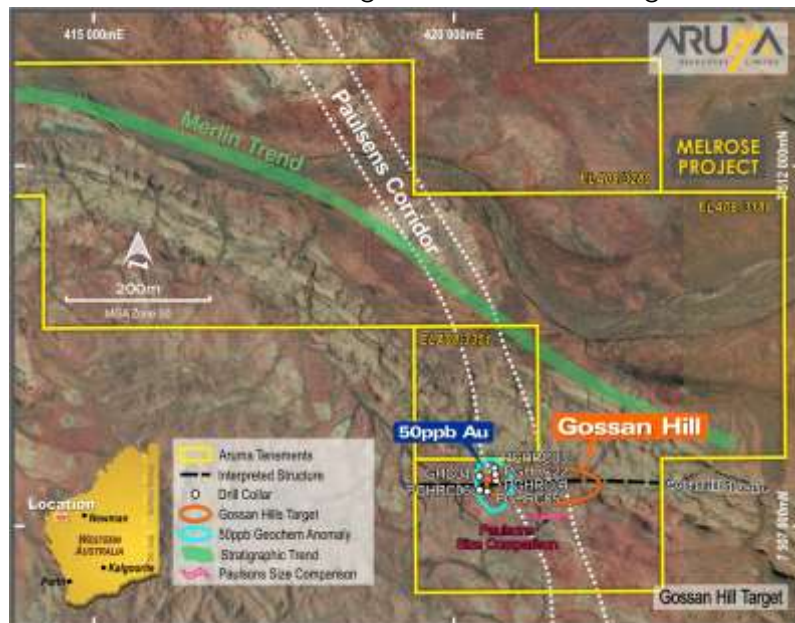
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All of the Project's ELAs have been recommended for Native Title Determination. Aruma will commence on-ground exploration, which will include a maiden drill program once the licences have been granted. Details of proposed works programs will be announced in due course.



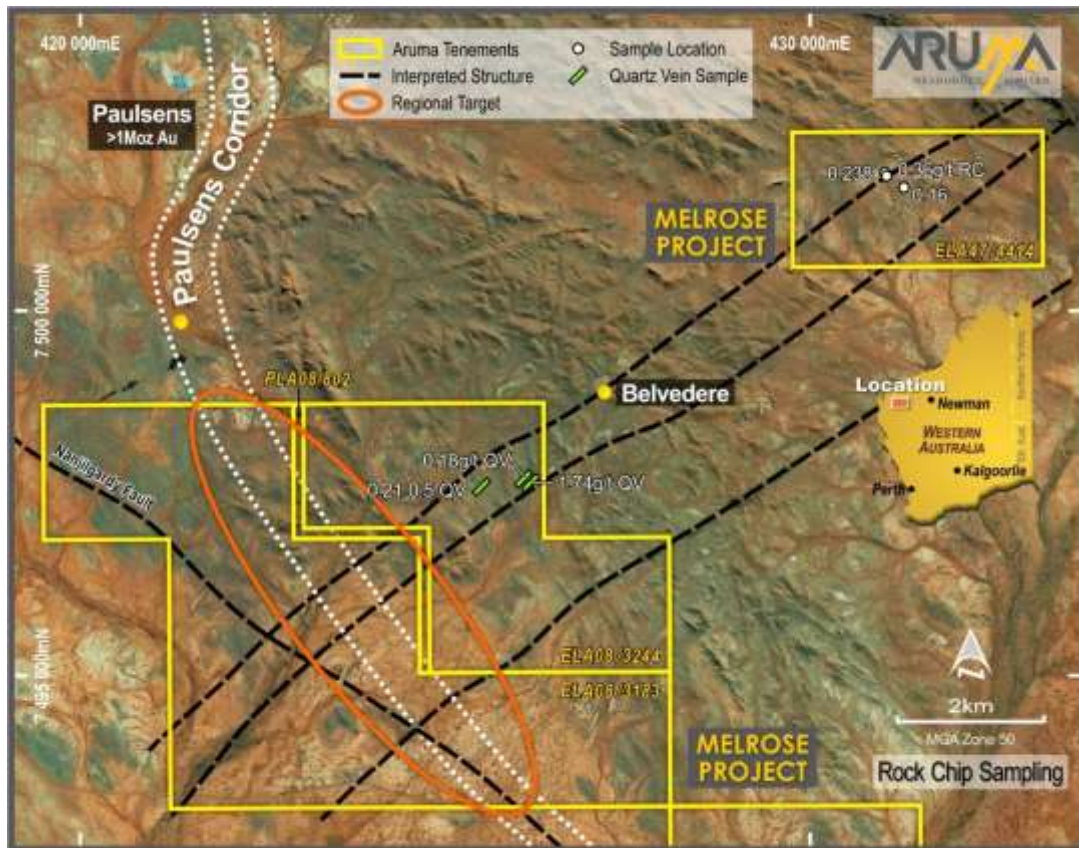
**Figure 1:** The Melrose Project area (yellow outline); the new licences applications are P08/802 and E08/3351 in strategic areas consolidating trends and joining leases.



**Figure 2:** The new ELA (E08/3351) at the Melrose Project showing the strategic location with respect to the Gossan Hill anomaly and the Paulsens and the Merlin trends.



From Figure 2 above it can be seen that the new ELA (EL08/3351) secures the northern extent of the Paulsens Trend, in E08/3188, and links it to extension of both the Paulsens and Merlin anomalies in the lease to the North.



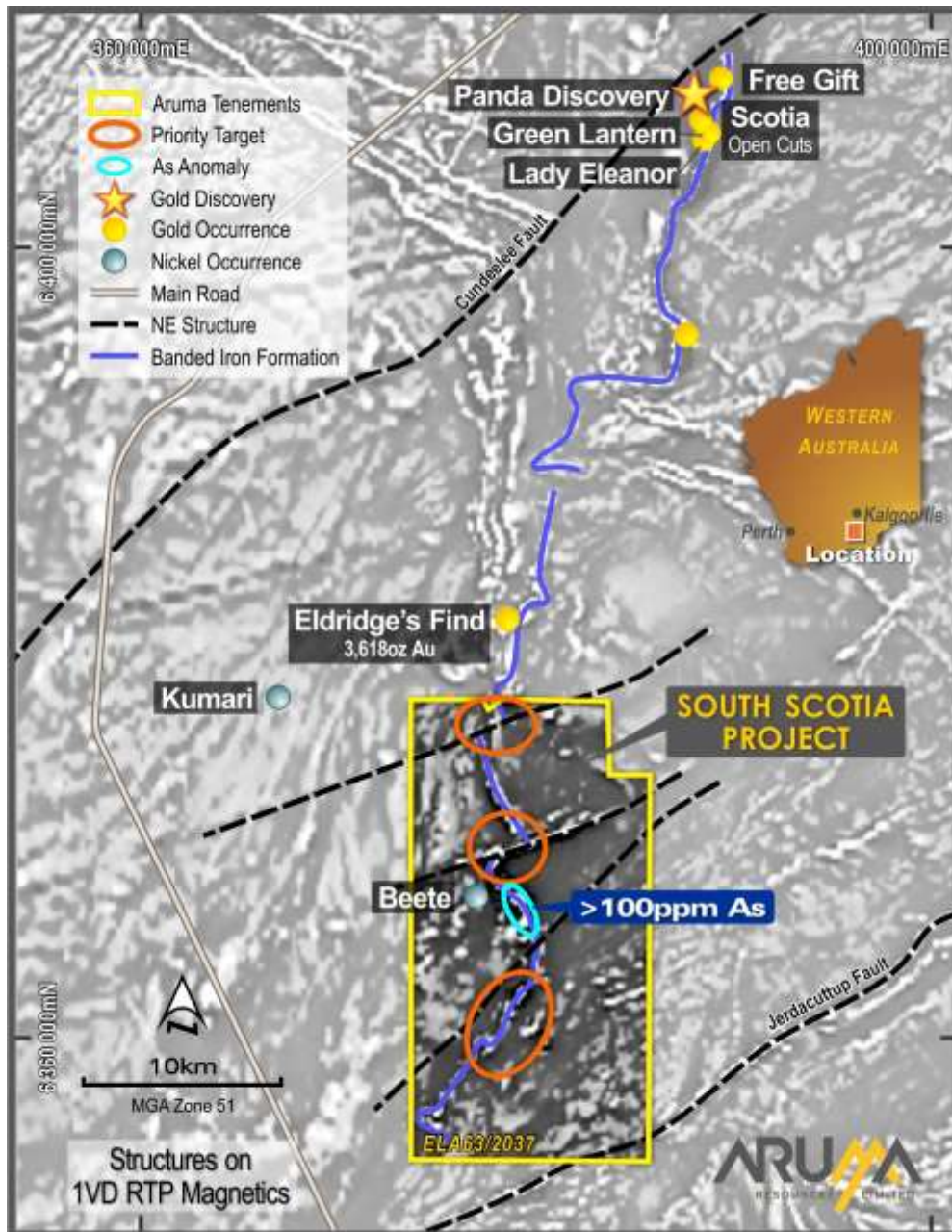
**Figure 3:** The new PL application (PL08/802) at the Melrose Project situated between E08/3183 and 3244 on the Belvedere Structures

The thin PL (PL08/828) can be seen to join the Belvedere West leases, E08/3183 and 3244, so that the Belvedere trend at Melrose is now continuous within the leases as shown in Figure 3 above.

### Scotia South Gold Project

The Scotia South Gold Project consists of Exploration Licence ELA63/2037, and covers an area of 202km<sup>2</sup>. The Exploration Licence has now been granted, and this will now allow access agreements to be reached with the local shire and landholders. An area of approximately 40km<sup>2</sup> will require access agreements.

The Scotia South Project is located approximately 200 kilometres south of the major regional centre of Kalgoorlie, and approximately 60 kilometres south of the mining town of Norseman.



**Figure 4:** Aruma's Scotia South Project on 1VD RTP magnetics showing gold occurrences with stratigraphy continuity

The Scotia South area is yet to be drill tested for gold, but exhibits alteration and quartz veining together with a strong arsenic anomaly in the centre of the Project area.

Aruma's initial assessment of the Project has identified three priority drill targets (circled in Figure 4), which will be the focus of the Company's first phase of exploration at Scotia South. The Company plans to test these initial targets with regional RAB drilling (along roads initially) with follow-up RAB-RC drilling after access agreements give full access to defined anomalies.

## **Capital Gold Project, NSW**

The Capital Gold Project is located in the Goulburn region of NSW and comprises three Exploration Licences (EL9022, EL9023 and EL9027) totalling 358km<sup>2</sup>, within the Lachlan Fold Belt.

All exploration licences at the Project are now granted, and are current for three years. Aruma plans to conduct an initial reconnaissance exploration program in the current quarter.

## **Mt Deans Lithium Project, Norseman WA**

The Mt Deans Lithium Project (PL63/2063) is located near Norseman in south-east Western Australia, and covers an area of 1.44km<sup>2</sup>. It is highly prospective for lithium minerals, as well as tantalum and rare earth element (REE) minerals, and previous exploration has identified swarm pegmatites over a strike length of greater than 1 kilometre.

Aruma recently announced plans for a maiden, 12-hole, RC drill program at Mt Deans, and submitted a Program of Works with the Western Australian Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMRIS) for this drilling (ASX announcement, 24 March 2021)

The Company is currently undertaking Flora and Fauna surveys as required by the WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) prior to a PoW being granted. A new, updated PoW will be submitted upon the receipt of the Flora and Fauna surveys by the DBCA.

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