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Description

Oriole Resources PLC is an AIM-quoted exploration company focused on early-stage gold exploration in Cameroon. The company also has a JV in Senegal with midtier gold producer IAMGOLD.

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2 new prospects, Bibemi gold system extended by 3km

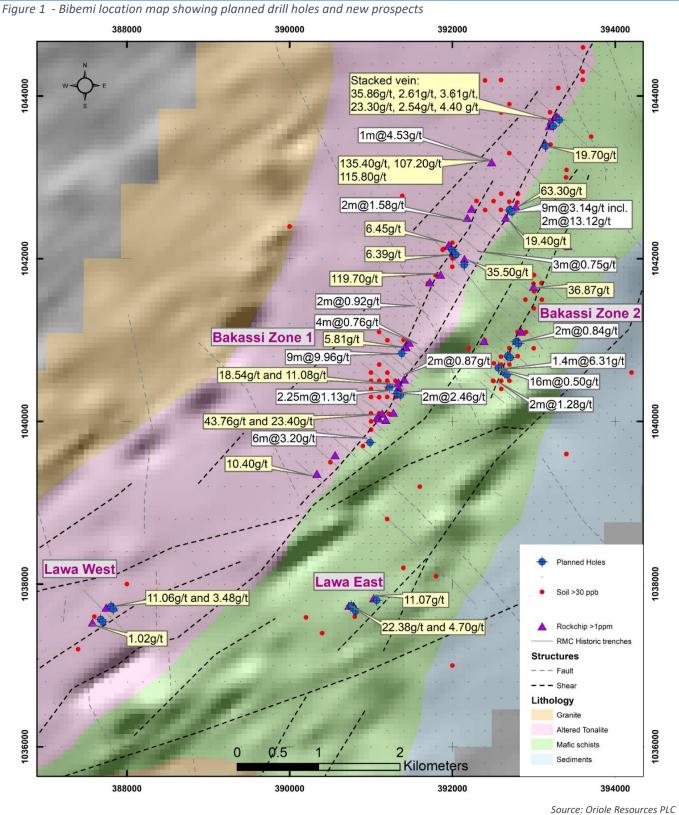
Recent mapping and rock-chip sampling at Oriole's Bibemi gold project in Cameroon has identified two new prospects: Lawa West and Lawa East. Highly encouraging gold grades were returned from rock chips including 11.68g/t Au and 22.38g/t Au. As a result, the known gold system at Bibemi has been extended by 3km to 8.3km and still remains open to the south west. The new prospects will be drill-tested as part of the company's maiden drill programme.

- ▶ Boots on the ground. Oriole undertook detailed mapping to the north-east of the Bakassi area and reconnaissance mapping to the south-east. As a reminder, the Bakassi area is a central portion of the wider 177km² Bibemi licence which has returned high grade gold results from rock chips and trenches and is the current focus of exploration. To the northeast, the system was found to be truncated by a regional fault, but Oriole has had significantly more success to the south-west where two new prospects have been identified: Lawa West and Lawa East.
- New prospects. Oriole believes that the new prospects relate to the intersection of the dominant north-north east shears in Bakassi Zone 1 and Bakassi Zone 2, with a north east structure. 49 rock-chip samples were taken, 6 of which returned gold grades >1g/t Au. At Lawa West the best results were 11.68g/t Au from a 0.60m wide vein and 3.48g/t Au from a 0.40m wide vein. At Lawa East best results were 22.38g/t Au from a c.3m wide vein and 11.07g/t Au from a 0.90m wide vein.
- ▶ Bibemi just got bigger. The new prospects extend the known gold system at Bibemi by 3km to 8.3km with numerous prospective targets identified along this corridor. In addition, Lawa West and Lawa East are themselves c.3km apart demonstrating the wide-spread nature of anomalous gold results in the Bibemi area.
- ▶ Highly encouraging. We view these results as highly significant. Firstly, it's encouraging that high gold grades have been picked up from first-pass recon stage prospecting. Secondly, the geology is starting to hint that Bibemi could have the potential to host a major mineralised system. As Oriole points out at Lawa West, multiple veins, brecciation with fracture-fill sulphides point to multiple phases of fluid flow and deformation. Similarly, at Lawa East, mineralisation is observed within the schist host rock (not just within the quartz vein) which suggests pervasive flow fluid. We view this as an early win for Oriole, not only identifying high-grade gold at surface but validating the company's theories on structural control and starting to undercover evidence of the prerequisites required for the formation of a gold deposit. The possibility of high fluid flow and multiple phases of mineralisation are important factors that can favour the creation of a deposit of economic significance.
- ▶ Drilling upsized. The new prospects will be tested by 8 holes (800m). Along with a new target around the centre of Bakassi Zone 1 (3 holes, 300m) this expands the fully-funded maiden drill programme to 28 holes for 3,080m. Capital Limited is now on site in Cameroon and with the rig due to arrive later this month, drilling is expected to commence in January with results in late Q1 and into Q2. This is marginally later than planned due to Covid-related shipping delays. Completion of drilling should see Oriole satisfy the conditions to earn a 90% interest in the project.
- At Wapouzé 20km to the north, two pilot trenches have been planned and will commence shortly to test key gold-in-soil anomalies identified from previous soil sampling campaigns.

Some excellent results from Oriole. High grade gold at surface identified at two new prospects which can be swiftly drill tested by incorporating them into the maiden drill programme. The area of interest has now been expanded to test beyond the initial central Bakassi area and we are starting to see that Bibemi could support a major exploration programme. Oriole has everything to play for; a dominant land position and first-mover advantage in an underexplored country. That of course doesn't mean much if there's no gold but that doesn't appear to be the case at Bibemi which has proven shallow high-grade gold, compelling geology and an 8.3km gold system. Best of all, it's not even been drilled yet so that's at least one thing to look forward to in January...

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