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BrightStar Gains Access to Kitongo

BrightStar Resources Limited ("BrightStar" or "Company") is pleased to announce that illegal miners have left the Kitongo Gold project and that the Company can now commence exploration activities.

Continuous dialogue between BrightStar and various government agencies in Tanzania has finally resulted in the implementation of a Ministry of Minerals and Energy order to remove the illegal miners.

Under government and police direction, the illegal miners began leaving the site on 9 January 2012 and as of 16 January, company personnel had free access to the site. A clean-up operation is required over the coming weeks to rehabilitate the mining area, survey the pits and workings, and to remove any remaining infrastructure used in the illegal operations.

BrightStar Technical Director Mr Paul Payne said "We are pleased that the Tanzanian Government has acted to end the dangerous, illegal mining operations at Kitongo. We now look forward to commencing our first drilling program and rapidly adding ounces to the existing 370,000oz deposit."

It is expected that drilling will commence late in the March Quarter. A 3,000m initial reverse circulation drilling program has been planned and Ausdrill Tanzania Limited (Ausdrill) has been contracted to carry out the work.

Kitongo Gold Project (100% BrightStar)

- 370,000oz gold resource with excellent potential for depth and strike extensions
- High grade prospects defined by RC and RAB drilling
- Exciting regional exploration opportunities
- Removal of illegal miners allows work programs to commence in March Quarter

The Kitongo Project is located in the Lake Victoria Goldfields region of Tanzania, 90km south of the mining service centre of Mwanza. The Location of Kitongo and other BrightStar properties is shown in Figure 1.

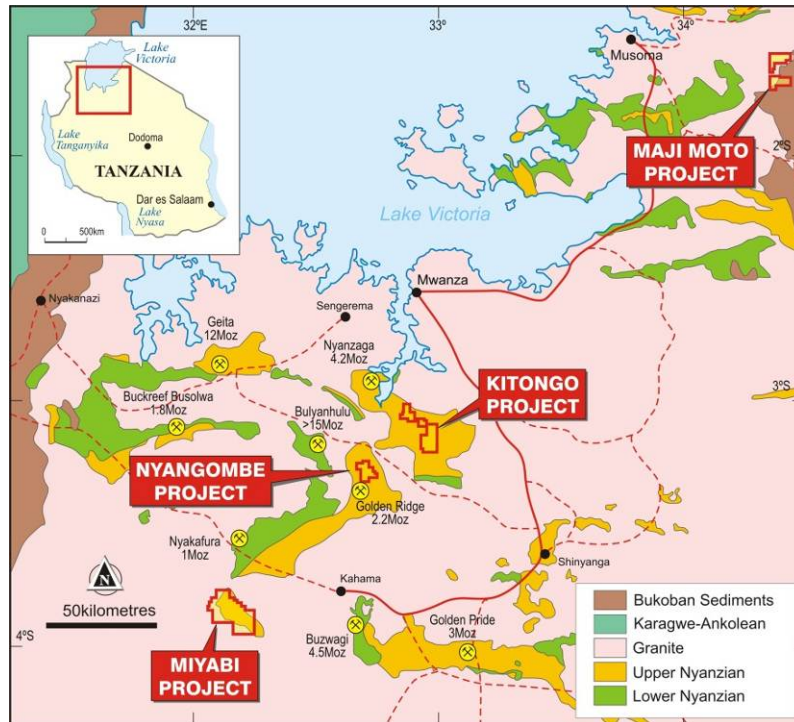


Figure 1: Location of BrightStar Projects

Since acquiring the Project, BrightStar has completed extensive data assessment including in-country verification of earlier drilling, review of original logs, RC chips, assay data and survey records. This has increased confidence in both the database and the Mineral Resource estimate for the Main Zone deposit.

Compelling drill targets have been identified at the project including the partially tested extensions to the 370,000 ounce Main Zone deposit. The geology, prospects and drilling at the deposit are shown in Figure 2.

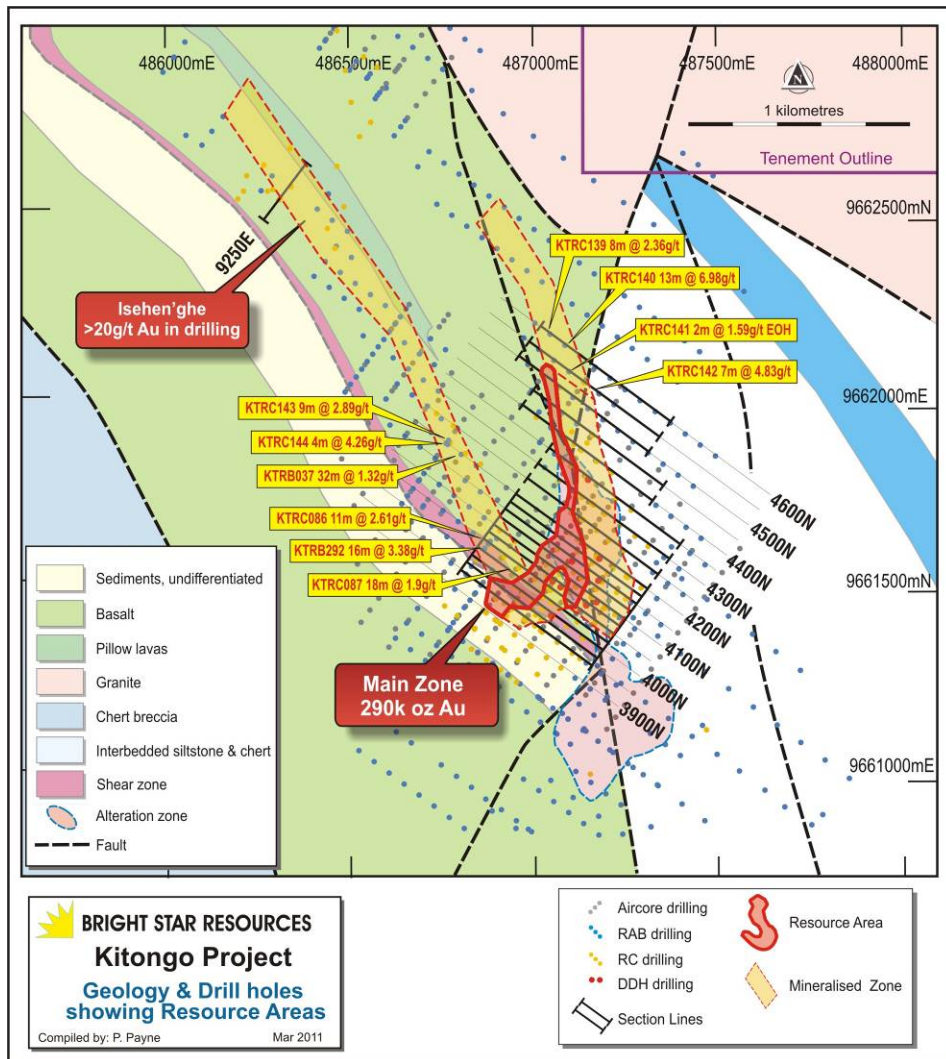


Figure 2: Kitongo Main Zone and Prospects

Current Status

Illegal mining operations had been carried out at the Kitongo project for several years. This had prevented the company from conducting any exploration work at the Project.

After many months of negotiation by BrightStar, the Tanzanian Government authorities began closing down the illegal operations last week. As of Sunday 15 January, company personnel were able to access the site to begin the process of rehabilitating and cleaning-up the area and assessing the physical and environmental damage caused by the illegal operations.

BrightStar has recently signed a contract with Ausdrill Tanzania Limited to provide a rig for a preliminary 3,000m RC drilling program. The main targets are the Main Zone resource extensions and a limited number of holes testing the Kitongo Hill prospect. It is expected that the drilling will commence late in the March Quarter.

Mineral Resources

A summary of the 2006 Hellman and Schofield Mineral Resource estimate at a 1.0g/t Au cut-off is shown below.

Kitongo Gold Project 2006 Inferred Mineral Resource

Type	1.0g/t Au Cut-off			0.5g/t Au Cut-off		
	Mt	g/t	Moz	Mt	g/t	Moz
Laterite	0.4	2.1	0.03	0.8	1.3	0.04
Highly Ox	2.4	2.2	0.17	3.8	1.7	0.21
Moderately Ox	0.4	2.0	0.03	0.7	1.5	0.04
Fresh	1.2	1.7	0.07	2.5	1.2	0.09
Total	4.4	2.0	0.29	7.8	1.5	0.37

*Rounding errors may occur

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The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources and exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Paul Payne, a director and full time employee of BrightStar and a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Payne 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 as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Payne consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.