

# EQS-News: EcoGraf Delivers Gold Results and Strategy including 4.45 g/t Gold Rock Chip Sample

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High-Grade Gold Results at Hazina Prospect from Maiden Exploration Confirms Strong Gold Prospectivity

[EcoGraf Ltd.](#) (EcoGraf or the Company) (ASX: EGR; FSE: FMK) is pleased to announce positive results from the maiden exploration program at the Hazina Prospect. In a low gold price environment, the Company is positioned to unlock value from its gold assets.

Key highlights:

- The Company holds large legacy tenure in the Archean and Proterozoic terrains in Tanzania highly prospective for gold
- Following a gold prospectivity study and a maiden exploration program, priority gold targets have been identified
- The Golden Frontier gold projects include the Golden Eagle Gold Project (Golden Eagle) and 3 Frontier gold projects
- 21 highly prospective gold prospects have been identified at the Southern, Northern and Western Frontiers
- The maiden exploration program, supported by new geological and structural mapping, geophysics and historical data
- Southern Frontier Gold Project (Southern Frontier)
  - 5 highly prospective gold prospects identified, with the maiden program at the Hazina prospect producing encouraging results
  - Results at Hazina includes a 4.45 g/t gold rock chip sample along with strong stream sediment results including a 1.2 g/t gold sample
  - The results show significant prospectivity over a 3 km length with the highest results coincident with a large shear zone
  - New prospecting licence applications covering 573 km<sup>2</sup> submitted to expand the Southern Frontier area
- Golden Eagle Gold Project (Golden Eagle)
  - AngloGold Ashanti (AGA) US\$9.0m farm-in agreement commenced on highly prospective gold project <sup>1</sup>
  - Project is located on the eastern margin of the world class +70 Moz gold Archean Lake Victoria Goldfields in Tanzania
  - Project covers the direct interpreted northeast continuation of the Banded Iron Formation (BIF) that hosts the world class +70 Moz gold Archean Lake Victoria Goldfields
  - Several untested and under-explored gold prospects exist, where shear zones and faults crosscut the BIF units
  - Arising from the commencement of the farm-in agreement, the Company received payment of A\$491.6k from AGA
- Northern and Western Frontier Gold Project
  - New geological and exploration models developed and delineated 16 priority gold prospects including historical data
  - The Proterozoic belts covered by the Northern and Western Frontier Gold projects are considered highly prospective
- Government of Tanzania (GoT) supportive of the mining sector, proactively working with foreign companies and providing incentives
- Positive gold market outlook with gold price surging past US\$4,500 oz <sup>6</sup>

Across the Frontier projects, further potential exists for lithium pegmatite, copper and nickel sulphide mineralisation.

*Figure 1: Golden Frontier Project locations with EcoGraf's major Tanzanian projects and planned operations, and major gold deposits in Tanzania.*

## Southern Frontier Gold Project

Southern Frontier is located approximately 15 km south of EcoGraf's Epanko Graphite Project, within the same Ulanga geological province. The project area is shown in Figure 2.

The following encouraging high-grade results were returned at the Hazina prospect from the maiden exploration program.

*Figure 2: Plots of Southern Frontier stream sediment sampling results (fine -150µm fraction) and interpreted geological map of the Southern Frontier field team. In relation to Figure 2, the stream sediment and rock chip sample assay results in this news release are for samples collected at the location marked on Figure 2. These visible gold samples were not assayed at the laboratory, due to being a panned sample.*

analysis. Visual estimates potentially provide no information regarding impurities or deleterious physical properties relevant to retain this gold. Refer below for the Hazina prospect results.

### Hazina Prospect

The Hazina Prospect is considered largely under-explored and highly prospective given maiden results include 4.45 g/t large geophysical anomaly.

Results demonstrate that this prospect has potential for a significant Proterozoic gold discovery similar to Handani (1.0

The initial reconnaissance program included stream sediment sampling and rock chip sampling of select outcrops. In contrast, mineralisation in the area.

Results of the 16 stream sediment locations area are shown in Table 2, with each location sampled, and a fine, coarse fraction. More than 1,000 ppb and a maximum of 8,820 ppb Au, resulting in a +3 km long anomaly, which remains open in both directions. Samples collected from outcrops from two locations in the Hazina area, with one returning high-grade result of 4,450 ppb Au (or 1.0 g/t).

The Southern Frontier features all the key factors sort whilst targeting gold mineralisation using the Company's own geological and fluid flows. This extensional tectonic terrain, with several intrusions within the metasedimentary bedrock presents multiple targets. The geophysical anomaly has quickly supported the Company's initial mineralisation model for the project. Further work will involve exploration techniques ideal for vectoring into the primary source of gold in the area.

### Golden Eagle Gold Project (AngloGold Ashanti Farm-In)

Following AGA's commencement of the US\$9.0m farm-in agreement in December 2025<sup>1</sup>, the commencement date is set for 1 January 2026.

- The Golden Eagle Project farm-in agreement commenced following the granting of three Prospecting Licences (PLs) in December 2025.
- AGA's highly experienced Tanzanian gold exploration team, combined with their global network of additional expertise.
- The Project covers the direct interpreted northeast continuation of the Banded Iron Formation that hosts the high-grade gold mineralisation.
- Under the farm-in agreement, AGA has a 70% earn-in right by spending US\$9.0m over five years on the licences.
- Company received payment of A\$491.6k from AGA which included reimbursed costs due to the commencement of the farm-in.

### Western Frontier Gold Project

Western Frontier Gold Project (Western Frontier) covers multiple historic gold and copper occurrences, recorded by the Company. The historic gold and copper occurrences. The southern tenure of Western Frontier sits within a similar geological setting to the Hazina Prospect.

#### Figure 3: Western Frontier tenure and historic gold and copper occurrences

Most of the mining in this region involves small-scale artisanal gold and copper mining, with minimal modern exploration.

During a recent Tanzania-South Korea mineral delegation in Seoul, the GST identified this region as a priority focus for further exploration. The high-resolution geophysical surveys currently underway. The combined gold and copper potential of the Western Frontier is significant.

A total of 6 priority gold prospects have been identified and delineated, with these targets ready for in-field assessment. These prospects are previously mapped by the GST and secured by the Company with the majority recorded as hydrothermal in mineralisation.

### Northern Frontier Gold Project

Northern Frontier Gold Project (Northern Frontier) is located in the northwest of Tanzania in the Kagera Region, an area with evidence of structures and alteration favourable for gold mineralisation. This presents a pristine search space with respect to the potential for significant gold discoveries.

- Shear zones
- Gossans

- Quartz veining
- Palaeochannels

A total of 10 priority gold prospects have been identified and delineated, with targets ready for in-field assessment, via Figure 4.

Figure 4: Northern Frontier priority tenure and geomorphological and geophysical gold targeting

In addition to gold, Northern Frontier is highly prospective for nickel sulphide and lithium mineralisation. The project is located in Rwanda, as well as significant artisanal tin and tungsten mining throughout the region, a key indicator of lithium pegmatite potential.

#### Tanzanian Proterozoic Gold Strategy

The Company considers its Frontier Projects; Southern Frontier, Northern Frontier and Western Frontier, hold significant potential.

Tanzania and Western Australia share similar geological frameworks, with Proterozoic units surrounding a large Archean nucleus. Technological advancements and improved geological models have benefited Proterozoic mineralisation understanding in these underexplored terrains.

The limited gold exploration that has occurred in the Proterozoic belts of Tanzania has yielded early success, including the discovery of the Lupa Goldfield (New Luika), Handeni Goldfield (Magambazi) and Mpanda Mineral Field (Katavi), all of which are currently in development.

Tanzania has a long-established gold mining industry, with the majority of mining and exploration to-date situated in the Archean nucleus. Key gold fields include Lupa Goldfield (New Luika), Handeni Goldfield (Magambazi) and Mpanda Mineral Field (Katavi), all of which are currently in development.

Figure 5: Simplified Tanzanian geology with Golden Frontier projects and gold deposits

With almost 2,700 km<sup>2</sup> of exploration tenure in the Proterozoic belts, Golden Frontier is strongly positioned to lead the next generation of gold discoveries in Tanzania.

#### Gold Mineralisation Model

The Company holds an extensive, integrated dataset portfolio that supports advanced exploration and the development of the Gold Mineralisation Model.

The Frontier projects are predominantly prospective for orogenic gold deposits, with potential intrusion related overprinting and evidence for these.

Figure 6: Key factors of the Golden Frontier gold mineralisation exploration model

These datasets feed into the gold exploration model, to ensure a holistic approach which takes into account historic mineralisation and geological models. The model will be refined and updated as more data becomes available, but the "source-pathway-trap" approach remains the primary focus.

#### Tanzanian Gold Industry

Tanzania's modern gold mining industry has been active for nearly 30 years, beginning with the development of the 3.4 million oz Goldfields<sup>4</sup>, complemented by emerging goldfields in adjacent Archean and Proterozoic belts.

Currently, Tanzania hosts three Tier-1 gold mines in operation; two operated by Barrick (North Mara and Bulyanhulu) and one in development, including those shown in Table 1.

Company	Project	Resource (Moz Au)	Status
Perseus Mining (ASX: PRU)	Nyanzaga	3.7	Construction
Shanta Gold	New Luika	1.1	Production
Shanta Gold	Singida	0.8	Production
TRX Gold (TSX: TRX)	Buckreef	1.6	Production

Table 1: Notable Tanzanian mid-tier gold mines in production or construction <sup>3, 8, 9</sup>. See source notes for Resource details.

Tanzania regularly ranks as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest African gold producer, following Ghana, South Africa, and Mali. Its gold sector GDP (recently surpassing 10 %), export earnings, and national reserves, positioning Tanzania as a gold-rich nation with

### Golden Frontier Strategy

The recent farm-in agreement with AGA for the Golden Eagle project underscores the quality and attractiveness of the to ensure shareholders realise the full value of all assets.

The Company has developed a strong relationship with the GoT, built through the development of the Epanko graphite

With current gold price surge and many forecasts anticipating gold prices to surpass US\$5,000/oz <sup>11</sup>, EcoGraf is active to maximise value. While these strategic pathways are under review, the Company is advancing exploration using existing

EcoGraf Managing Director, Andrew Spinks, commented: "Our team is extremely excited to share the latest update from the team's dedicated effort which has been rewarded with the initial strong results from the first gold exploration programs at

Sample ID	Easting	Northing	Au (ppb)	Visible Gold in Pan
SA-001-SF 234758	9004220		4	No
SA-002-SF 234802	9004252		8,820	Yes
SA-003-SF 235479	9004759		2,140	No
SA-004-SF 235093	9005530		4	No
SA-005-SF 235145	9005510		14	Yes
SA-006-SF 235452	9004787		110	No
SA-007-SF 235602	9006149		2	No
SA-008-SF 235524	9006229		237	No
SA-009-SF 235535	9006316		841	Yes
SA-010-SF 235497	9006353		441	Yes
SA-011-SF 235591	9007395		246	No
SA-012-SF 235527	9007384		94	Yes
SA-013-SF 234773	9007174		156	No
SA-014-SF 234813	9007186		7	No
SA-015-SF 236525	9006722		4	No
SA-016-SF 236512	9006726		6	No

Table 2: Southern Frontier stream sampling results (fine -150µm fraction). UTM WGS84 Zone 37S.

Sample ID	Easting	Northing	Au (ppb)
SL-SH-RC-D-1	235494	9006440	16
SL-SH-RC-D-2	235494	9006440	10
SL-MH-RC-E-1	235525	9006151	14
SL-MH-RC-E-2	235525	9006151	4,450

Table 3: Southern Frontier rock chip sampling results. UTM WGS84 Zone 37S.

### References:

Note 1: Refer EcoGraf Limited ASX announcement 17 December 2025.

Note 2: Refer Mineral Resource Estimate and Update to a NI43-101 Technical Report for the Handeni Property (East Africa)

Note 3: Refer [www.minedocs.com/23/Shanta-Gold-PR-MR-212022.pdf](http://www.minedocs.com/23/Shanta-Gold-PR-MR-212022.pdf)

Note 4: Refer Tanga Resources Limited ASX announcement 17 July 2017. Golden Pride Gold Mine was operated by [RNC](#).

Note 5: Refer [www.allafrica.com/stories/202508140463.html](http://www.allafrica.com/stories/202508140463.html)

Note 6: Refer [www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2025-12-24/gold-smashes-4-500-notching-its-best-run-since-the-](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2025-12-24/gold-smashes-4-500-notching-its-best-run-since-the-)

Note 7: Refer [www.shantagold.com/operations/new-luika-gold-mine](http://www.shantagold.com/operations/new-luika-gold-mine)

Note 8: Refer [www.perseusmining.com/nyanzaga](http://www.perseusmining.com/nyanzaga)

Note 9: Refer [www.trxgold.com/news/trx-gold-reports-q4-and-year-end-2025-results](http://www.trxgold.com/news/trx-gold-reports-q4-and-year-end-2025-results)

Note 10: Refer [www.ticql.com/tanzanias-mining-qdp-in-2024](http://www.ticql.com/tanzanias-mining-qdp-in-2024)

Note 11: Refer [www.reuters.com/business/gold-could-hit-5000-an-ounce-first-half-2026-says-hsbc-2026-01-08](http://www.reuters.com/business/gold-could-hit-5000-an-ounce-first-half-2026-says-hsbc-2026-01-08)

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## About EcoGraf

EcoGraf is building a vertically integrated battery anode materials business to produce high purity graphite products for

#### • Epanko Graphite Mine in Tanzania;

&bull; Mechanical Shaping Facility in Tanzania;

&bull; EcoGraf HFfree® Purification Facilities located in close proximity to the electric vehicle, battery and anode manuf

&bull; EcoGraf HFfree® Purification technology to support battery anode recycling.

In Tanzania, the Company is developing the TanzGraphite natural flake graphite business, commencing with the Epank industrial applications.

In addition, the Company is undertaking planning for its Mechanical Shaping Facility in Tanzania, which will process natural material used in the production of lithium-ion batteries.

Using its environmentally superior EcoGraf HFfree® purification technology, the Company will upgrade the SpG to produce

Battery recycling is critical to improving supply chain sustainability and the Company's successful application of the Eco

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## APPENDIX 1 JORC TABLE 1

### JORC Table 1 Section 1 - Sampling Techniques and Data - Southern Frontier Gold Project

Criteria	JORC Code explanation
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, diamond drill core, etc.) and the measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation (e.g. handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as being exhaustive. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representativeness, including details of measurement tools or systems used.
Drilling techniques	Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Resource. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would include information on the type, diameter and depth of diamond drill holes, type of reverse circulation or open-hole hammer drill used, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recovery and measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representativeness. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade/grade-trim. Whether sample recovery has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types may warrant disclosure of detailed information.
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a detail sufficient to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and operational planning. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or representative chip/面芯样) photographs are used to illustrate key features. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.

Subsampling techniques and sample preparation	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether quarter, half or all core taken. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample, including consideration of: Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to ensure that the sampling is representative of the material intended to be sampled. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the intended sample, for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision are achieved.
Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or duplicate testing. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, electronic protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data.
Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drillholes (collar and workings) and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control.
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation. Whether sample compositing has been applied.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of geological structures and, if not, whether this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of geological structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.

JORC 2012 Table 1 Section 2 - Reporting of Exploration Results - Southern Frontier Gold Project

Criteria

JORC Code explanation

Mineral tenement and land tenure status

Type, reference name/number, location and ownership parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding wilderness or national park and environmental setting. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting licence to operate in the area.

Exploration done by other parties

Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other

Geology

Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralis

Drillhole Information

A summary of all information material to the understanding of the following information for all Material drillholes:

- easting and northing of the drillhole collar
- elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level)
- dip and azimuth of the hole
- downhole length and interception depth
- hole length.

Data aggregation methods

If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis of exclusion does not detract from the understanding of explain why this is the case.

In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging and truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grade. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be explained in detail.

The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equ

Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths

These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of inferred resources. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the reported.

If it is not known and only the downhole lengths are reported (e.g. 'downhole length, true width not known').

Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tables for significant discovery being reported. These should indicate locations and appropriate sectional views.

Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results, low and high grades and/or widths should be practic

Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported in a tabular or text format. This may include geological observations; geophysical survey results; method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating

The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. test and large-scale step-out drilling).

Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions and future drilling areas, provided this information is

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