

Tunkillia Pre-Feasibility Study Begins

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Expanded programs targeting Q1 CY27 completion & ML application

HIGHLIGHTS

- GR Engineering appointed to lead Pre-feasibility Study (PFS) for Tunkillia Gold Project; targeting Q1 CY27 PFS completion to include prospective Resource upside in open pit optimisations
- Ongoing upgrade drilling has already infilled highest value 'S1' and 'S2' optimised open pit areas with broad, high-grade mineralisation and identified higher-grade extensions of 'Area 51' open pit area; Phase 2 drilling has now expanded, targeting Resources and grade upside mineralisation in open pits^[1]

ADELAIDE, June 21, 2026 - [Barton Gold Holdings Ltd.](#) (ASX:BGD)(OTCQB:BGDFF)(FRA:BGD3) (Barton or Company) is pleased to announce that a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) has started for its South Australian Tunkillia Gold Project (Tunkillia). GR Engineering Services Limited (GRES) has been appointed to lead the PFS. GRES is a highly regarded Australian engineering consultancy and contractor with global mineral processing expertise.

During May 2025 Barton published an Optimised Scoping Study (OSS) for Tunkillia which outlined a compelling development for ~120,000 gold and ~260,000oz silver production annually, with a rapid project payback profile. At current gold and silver prices, Tunkillia is modelled to produce approximately \$1.75 billion operating profit during the first ~27 months alone, paying back up-front development capex ~4x over during this short time.^[2]

Multiple work programs are underway to support the PFS and Mining Lease (ML) application. A total ~60,000m reverse circulation (RC) and ~3,000m diamond (DD) drilling are now scheduled for completion during September 2026 to support JORC Resource upgrades and PFS analyses, following expansion of 'Phase 2' drilling targeting an increased quantity, grade and classification of materials in the 'S1' and 'S2' Starter Pits.^[3]

On the basis of expanded drilling targeting valuable prospective Resource upgrades within the existing optimised open pit areas, Barton now anticipates PFS completion during Q1 CY2027. Full details can be accessed in the complete announcement on the ASX website or directly by clicking here.

Commenting on the start of the PFS, Barton Managing Director Alexander Scanlon said:

"Tunkillia's OSS demonstrated the financial and capital leverage available to large-scale bulk processing operations, with robust economics driven by higher-grade 'Starter Pits' modelled to generate A\$1.75bn operating profit during the first 2.5 years at current gold and silver prices and thus paying back development costs ~4x over during this time.

"With recent 'Phase 1' upgrade drilling confirming the mineralisation behind these compelling economics, and ongoing 'Phase 2' drilling identifying new extensions and higher grade mineralisation in these valuable early pits, we are excited to be formally starting a PFS in parallel with expanded drilling programs targeting potentially material value upside.

"We are pleased to be working again with GR Engineering, who delivered Tunkillia's 2025 Optimised Scoping Study to a very high standard. Following PFS completion we will work with all stakeholders to advance a Mining Lease application, project finance, and development approvals. Our goal is to advance Tunkillia as quickly as possible."

Tunkillia background & PFS focus

Tunkillia's May 2025 OSS outlined a compelling development project combining scale and rapid capital payback:^[4]

- Annual production: ~120,000oz gold and ~260,000oz silver
- Total LoM operating cash: ~A\$2.7 billion (unlevered, pre-tax)
- Net Present Value (NPV7.5%): ~A\$1.4 billion (unlevered, pre-tax)
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR): ~73.2% (unlevered, pre-tax); and
- Payback period: ~0.8 years (unlevered, pre-tax)

Notably, within the project the S1 and S2 pits are modelled to produce 365,000oz gold, 923,000oz silver and \$1.75bn operating free cash during the first ~27 months alone (assuming current gold and silver prices). 4 These proceeds would therefore repay up-front development capex more than 4x over in this short time.

Upgrade drilling to support a high quality PFS is underway. An 18,900m 'Phase 1' RC drilling program was completed during November 2025, and a 'Phase 2' RC drilling program is currently underway.^[5]

Interim analysis of 'Phase 1' and 'Phase 2' RC drilling assays published to-date has identified potential to extend total Tunkillia mineralisation, increase JORC Mineral Resources within the May 2025 OSS optimised pit outlines, and increase the grade profile and classification of 'Starter' pit mineralisation. ^[5]

'Phase 2' drilling has therefore been expanded to include ~40,000m RC, targeting upside opportunities in key 'S1' and 'S2' optimised pit areas. Drilling is now targeting completion during September 2026. ^[5]

Following the analyses completed during the May 2025 OSS, priority areas of focus for the PFS will include:

- Detailed analysis of expanded geological, metallurgical and geotechnical data sets;
- Validation of plant throughput and comminution options identified during the OSS;
- Scenario analyses for plant throughput capacity, strategic mine scheduling, and energy solutions;
- Updated Process Design Criteria (PDC) for selected development case;
- Updated capital cost estimate to a Class 3 ($\pm 25\%$) accuracy for the selected development case;
- Updated operating cost estimates by mineralisation domain;
- Open pit re-optimisation, equipment selection and strategic scheduling of mine plan / mill feed; and
- Conversion of JORC Mineral Resources to JORC Ore Reserves.

On the basis of expanded drilling and metallurgical programs, Barton is now targeting PFS completion during Q1 of calendar year 2027, to enable inclusion of prospective Mineral Resource upside in the PFS. The PFS will inform a detailed ML application thereafter, and project finance discussions, during 2027.

Fig. 1 - Tunkillia 'Area 223' optimised open pit long section showing high value S1 / S2 pit zones ^[4]

Authorised by the Managing Director of Barton Gold Holdings Limited.

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About Barton Gold

Barton Gold is an ASX, OTCQB and Frankfurt Stock Exchange listed Australian gold developer targeting future gold production of 150,000ozpa with 2.2Moz Au & 3.1Moz Ag JORC Mineral Resources (79.9Mt @ 0.87g/t Au), brownfield mines, and 100% ownership of the region's only gold mill in the renowned Gawler Craton of South Australia.*

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The information in this announcement that relates to the historic Exploration Results and Mineral Resources as listed in the table below is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by the Competent Person whose name appears in the same row, who is an employee of or independent consultant to the Company and is a Member or Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) or a Recognised Professional Organisation (RPO). Each person named in the table below has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he has undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code 2012 (JORC).

Activity	Competent Person	Membership	Status
Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Stockpiles)	Dr Andrew Fowler (Consultant)	AusIMM	Member
Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Perseverance Mine)	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Tarcoola Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant)	AIG	Member
Tarcoola Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Marc Twining (Employee)	AusIMM	Member
Tunkillia Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant)	AIG	Member
Tunkillia Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Marc Twining (Employee)	AusIMM	Member
Tunkillia Mineral Resource	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Challenger Mineral Resource (above 215mRL)	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Challenger Mineral Resource (below 90mRL)	Mr Dale Sims	AusIMM / AIG	Fellow / Member
Wudinna Mineral Resource (Clarke Deposit)	Ms Justine Tracey	AusIMM	Member
Wudinna Mineral Resource (all other Deposits)	Mrs Christine Standing	AusIMM / AIG	Member / Member

The information relating to historic Exploration Results and Mineral Resources in this announcement is extracted from the Company's Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 or as otherwise noted in this announcement, available from the Company's website at www.bartongold.com.au or on the ASX website www.asx.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Exploration Results and Mineral Resource information included in previous announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates, and any production targets and forecast financial information derived from the production targets, continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the applicable Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the previous announcements.

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[1] Refer to ASX announcements dated 2 / 16 December 2025, and 21 January and 27 May 2026

[2] Refer to ASX announcement dated 5 May 2025

[3] Refer to ASX announcement dated 16 June 2026

[4] Refer to ASX announcement dated 5 May 2025

[5] Refer to ASX announcements dated 18 Sep, 29 Oct and 25 Nov 2025, and 16 Mar, 23 Apr and 16 Jun 2026

* Refer to Barton Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 and ASX announcement dated 8 September 2025. Total Barton JORC (2012) Mineral Resources include 1,049koz Au (39.7Mt @ 0.82 g/t Au) in Indicated category and 1,186koz Au (40.2Mt @ 0.92 g/t Au) in Inferred category, and 3,070koz Ag (34.5Mt @ 2.80 g/t Ag) in Inferred category as a subset of Tunkillia gold JORC (2012) Mineral Resources.

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