

## ASX Announcement

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### **SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT TO RAISE A\$15.5M FROM INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS. ~A\$3M SHARE PURCHASE PLAN, ON THE SAME TERMS AND AVAILABLE TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS, TO FOLLOW.**

**Santana Minerals Limited** (ASX: SMI; ACN 161 946 989) (**Santana** or **Company**) is pleased to advise that it has successfully received commitments to issue 24.8 million fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (**Shares**) pursuant to an oversubscribed placement to sophisticated, professional and institutional investors (**Placement**), at an issue price of A\$0.625 per Share to raise A\$15.5 million.

Funds raised from the Placement will be applied to exploration and infill drilling; technical studies; environmental studies at the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project in New Zealand and for general working capital purposes (including the costs of the offer). Santana currently has 4 rigs in operation at the Bendigo-Ophir Project focused on infill, extensional and regional exploration drilling. The funds raised will enable this effort to continue deep into 2024 as well as facilitating scoping and metallurgical studies to better define the potential production, flow sheet and cost profile of the project. Funds raised will also enable the Company to continue to build out its technical team and advance permitting of the project.

The A\$0.625 issue price represents a 10.8% discount to the volume average market price of Shares traded on ASX in the 5 days on which sales of the Shares were recorded by ASX Limited prior to the close of trading on 2 May 2023.

Bell Potter Securities Limited and Euroz Hartleys Limited acted as Joint Lead Managers to the Placement with Blue Ocean Equities acting as co-manager.

Commenting on the placement, Executive Director Dick Keevers said:

*"We are extremely pleased with the support to the placement from existing shareholders, and the Company is also pleased to welcome new institutional investors to the register."*

*The placement comes at a time where results from drilling are continuing to enhance our confidence in the Bendigo-Ophir Project, highlighted most recently in the announcement of 3 May 2023 where drillhole MDD136 reported an aggregate 46.4m @ 3.7g/t between 169.6m and 302.0m, including 24.4m @ 5.3 g/t Au from 169.6m and 1.0m @ 23.5 g/t Au from 222.0m. These results continue to enhance the resource where we look forward to updating the market in the second half of 2023."*

The Placement will be completed through the issue of 24,800,000 fully paid ordinary shares at A\$0.625 per Share (**Placement Shares**). 10,000,000 Placement Shares will be issued under the Company's existing placement capacity as provided for by ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 14,800,000 Placement Shares will be issued under the Company's existing placement capacity as provided for by ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

In addition to the Placement, Eligible Shareholders, being those Shareholders who are recorded in the Company's register of members as at 7pm (Sydney time) on the Record Date for the SPP and who have a registered address is recorded as being in Australia or New Zealand, will have the opportunity to apply for up to A\$30,000 worth of new Shares pursuant to a Share Purchase Plan (**SPP**) at the same issue price as the placement. The SPP is targeting to raise approximately A\$3 million, although the Company reserves the right to accept oversubscriptions or to scale back applications, subject to compliance with the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act.

The key dates for the SPP are set out below, with further details to be contained in the SPP Offer documentation which is expected to be dispatched to eligible shareholders in the coming days.

<b>Record Date for SPP</b>	4 May 2023 (BD Before Appendix 3B)
<b>SPP Offer Booklet despatched and SPP Cleansing Notice issued</b>	11 May 2023
<b>SPP Offer Opens</b>	12 May 2023
<b>Closing Date for applications under SPP</b>	2 June 2023
<b>Results of SPP Announced</b>	9 June 2023
<b>Issue of SPP shares and Appendix 2A Issued</b>	9 June 2023
<b>Dispatch of Holdings Statements</b>	16 June 2023

*These dates are indicative only and may be varied by the Company. (Subject to the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules)*

An Appendix 3B for the Placement and SPP have been separately released to the ASX.

This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Board.

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### About Santana Minerals Limited Bendigo-Ophir Project

The Bendigo-Ophir Project is located on the South Island of New Zealand within the Central Otago Goldfields. The 292km<sup>2</sup> project area comprises Minerals Exploration Permit (MEP) 60311 (252km<sup>2</sup>) and Minerals Prospecting Permit Application (MPPA) 60882 (40km<sup>2</sup>) issued to 100% owned subsidiary Matakanui Gold Ltd. The Project is located ~90 kilometres northwest of OceanaGold Ltd (OGC) Macraes Gold Mine (*Figure 1*).

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Figure 1 - Bendigo-Ophir Project in the Otago Goldfield, ~90km NW of Macraes

The Company embarked on diamond drilling (DD) and reverse circulation (RC) drilling programmes in November 2020 with the immediate objective to fast-track an increase to the existing Resources by drill testing the down plunge extensions of known mineralisation.

The Company’s vision is to develop the Bendigo-Ophir project into a world class, long life, environmentally sustainable mining project that will bring generational employment and prosperity to the Bendigo Region

The Project contains a new Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) to 0.5 g/t Au lower cut-offs with top-cut, as at Feb 2023 as follows:

Deposit	Category	tonnes (Mt)	Au grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)
RAS	Inferred	31.5	2.4	2,383
	Indicated	2.0	4.3	279
<b>RAS Total</b>	<b>Indicated and Inferred</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2,662</b>
CIT	Inferred	1.2	1.5	59
SHR	Inferred	4.7	1.1	174
SRE	Inferred	0.3	1.3	11
<b>RSSZ Total</b>	<b>Inferred</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2,628</b>
	<b>Indicated</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>RSSZ Total</b>	<b>Indicated and Inferred</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,909</b>

These estimates are based on drill results to Jan 2022 and reported in Feb 2023 which the Company interprets has the potential to be further expanded and developed into a low cost per ounce gravity-leach operation, with ore from bulk tonnage open pits or underground sources.

The Bendigo-Ophir Resources occur in 4 deposits (Figure 2) that are inferred to extend in a northerly direction within the RSSZ which hosts gold mineralisation over a recognised strike length of >20km.

The RSSZ occurs at the contact with TZ3 and TZ4 schist units separated by a regional fault (Thomsons Gorge Fault-TGF) and dips at a low angle (25°) to the north-east. The RSSZ is currently interpreted to have upper shear-hosted gold mineralisation (HWS) 10-40 metres in width above quartz vein and stockwork related gold mineralisation extending >120 metres below the HWS.

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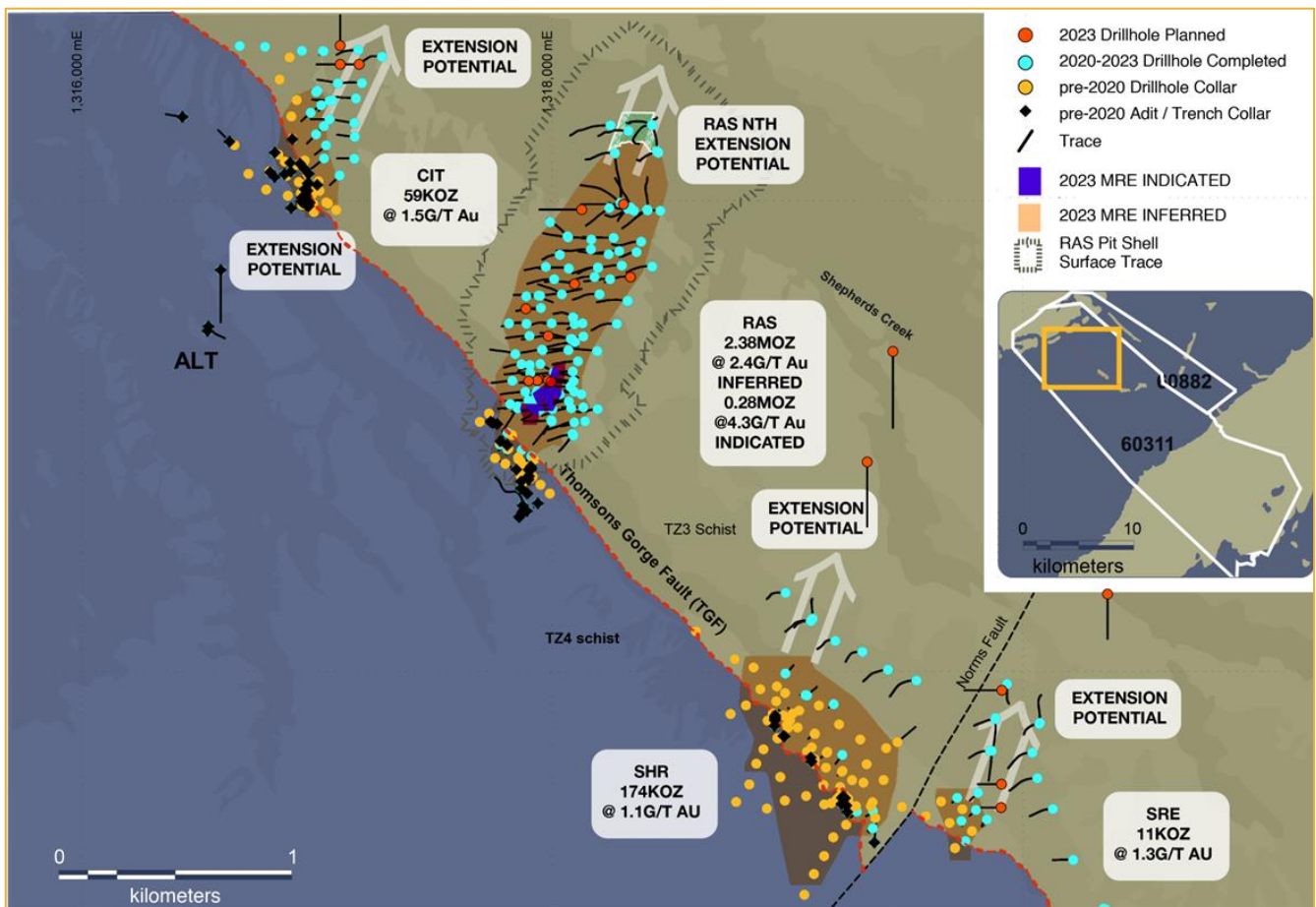


Figure 2 - North Dunstan Range Deposits - February 2023 Resources

### Previous Disclosure - 2012 JORC Code

Information relating to Mineral Resources, Exploration Targets and Exploration Data associated with the Company's projects in this announcement is extracted from the following ASX Announcements:

- ASX announcement titled "RAS Resource Upgrade – One Million Ounces Added at Higher Gold Grades" dated 2 February 2023
- ASX announcement titled "New Infill Drilling Gold Assay Results from RAS" dated 3 May 2023

A copy of such announcement is available to view on the Santana Minerals Limited website [www.santanaminerals.com](http://www.santanaminerals.com). The reports were issued in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the JORC Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

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