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Attached is an announcement regarding the commencement of our drilling programme for mineral sands at Coburn in WA.

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### **COBURN MINERAL SAND PROJECT DRILLING PROGRAMME**

Drilling commenced today to test for major heavy mineral sand deposits south of Shark Bay in Western Australia.

This programme is being guided by the results of digital photogrammetric mapping from high resolution colour aerial photography recently flown over the area. Computer processed images of this data have confirmed several wind blown sand dune sets which are transected by a series of NNE trending sub parallel linear features up to 15 kilometres in length. These previously unknown gently arcuate linear features are spaced several kilometres apart and are interpreted to be fossil shorelines beneath the sand dunes.

Drilling to test for high grade beach strand mineralisation will be focused along the western or seaward side of the fossil shorelines and the programme will also test for larger lower grade deposits within the overlying sand dunes.

Approximately 400 holes are planned, mainly along east-west traverses 2 kilometres apart. The average hole depth is expected to be 25 metres and drilling should be completed in late August.

**D N Harley**  
Managing Director

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