

ASX Announcement

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Torrens High Court Applications Refused

Argonaut Resources NL (ASX: ARE) (*Argonaut* or the *Company*) announces that the High Court of Australia has refused three applications for special leave to appeal against the dismissal of native title claims over Lake Torrens.

Background:

- The Federal Court dismissed three claims for native title over Lake Torrens in August 2016.
- The Full Federal Court upheld this primary judgement on appeal in March 2017.
- In April 2018, three native title groups filed applications in the High Court seeking special leave to appeal.
- The High Court refused these applications on 19 October 2018.
- A major program of drilling is expected to commence at the Torrens anomaly before the end of calendar year 2018.

The Torrens Anomaly

The Torrens anomaly is a coincident magnetic and gravity anomaly with a footprint larger than that of Olympic Dam. The anomaly is located over the Torrens Hinge Zone, a continent-scale zone of crustal weakness that appears to have been a conduit for mineralising fluids from the Earth's mantle.

Drilling of the Torrens anomaly by Western Mining Corporation in the late 1970s and by the Torrens Joint Venture in 2007 and 2008 confirmed the existence of a major iron oxide copper-gold mineralising system beneath several hundred metres of sedimentary cover.

More drilling is required to intercept the modelled copper-gold mineralisation. In the event of a discovery, Torrens has the potential to host a world-class copper-gold deposit.

The Torrens Joint Venture

The Torrens Joint Venture is between Argonaut Resources NL and Aeris Resources Limited (ASX: AIS) and relates to the Torrens Project, EL5614.

The Torrens Joint Venture is exploring for iron oxide-copper-gold systems in the highly prospective Stuart Shelf region of South Australia. The Torrens Project is located near the eastern margin of South Australia's Gawler Craton (Stuart Shelf), within 50 kilometres of Oz Minerals' Carrapateena copper-gold deposit and 75 kilometres from BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine.

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In its role as manager of the joint venture, Argonaut's wholly owned subsidiary, Kelaray Pty Ltd, secured access to the tenement in difficult circumstances for a planned drilling program targeting areas which have been geophysically modelled as having the physical properties of large iron oxide-copper-gold deposits. In September 2018, Argonaut's partner, Aeris Resources, took over as manager of the joint venture.

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