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Pacific Niugini granted additional exploration tenements in PNG

Highlights:

- **Four new tenements granted, totalling 2,535km². All tenements are considered highly prospective for the discovery of copper and gold mineralisation.**
- **EL1827 (Dumpu), and EL1869 (Mutzing) are contiguous with EL1615 (Gusap) and cover known prospects including the Munambe prospect to the south west.** Best copper results recorded at Munambe (within EL1615) to date are **9.36% copper, 6.54% copper, 6.17% copper and 3.48% copper** in outcrop rock chip samples and creek float samples.
- **EL2013 (Garawaria) is contiguous and lies south west of EL1614 (Garaina). EL2013 covers the extension of transfer structures hosting the Kusi, Sim, and Kasuma prospects. Regional magnetic survey data suggests the continuation of magnetic high and low features displayed by the known prospects.**
- **Stand alone tenement EL1828 (Pindu) lies on the Finnisterre Range, covering 540km² with high-grade results reported in the 1970's. Best historical grades reported were **23.7 % copper, 37 g/t silver, 1800 ppm chromite, and 369 ppm nickel** from river float samples. The area is virtually absent of modern exploration.**

The Government of Papua New Guinea, has advised the grant of a further four (4) Exploration Licences (EL) to Pacific Niugini Minerals (PNG) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Niugini Limited (ASX: PNR).

EL1827 - Dumpu (1,144 Km²), 1869 – Mutzing (502 Km²), EL1828 – Pindu (547.8km²) and EL2013 – Garawaria (340.97km²) have been granted for a term of two years with total additional tenure of 2,534.77km².

Pacific Niugini's exploration tenement holding now covers some 4,650.3 Km² over a total of 9 exploration leases. Pacific Niugini has successfully identified a number of exciting new prospects within EL1615 (Gusap), and EL1614 (Garaina), and has built on those exploration positions in order to maximise the future potential of the areas for the company.

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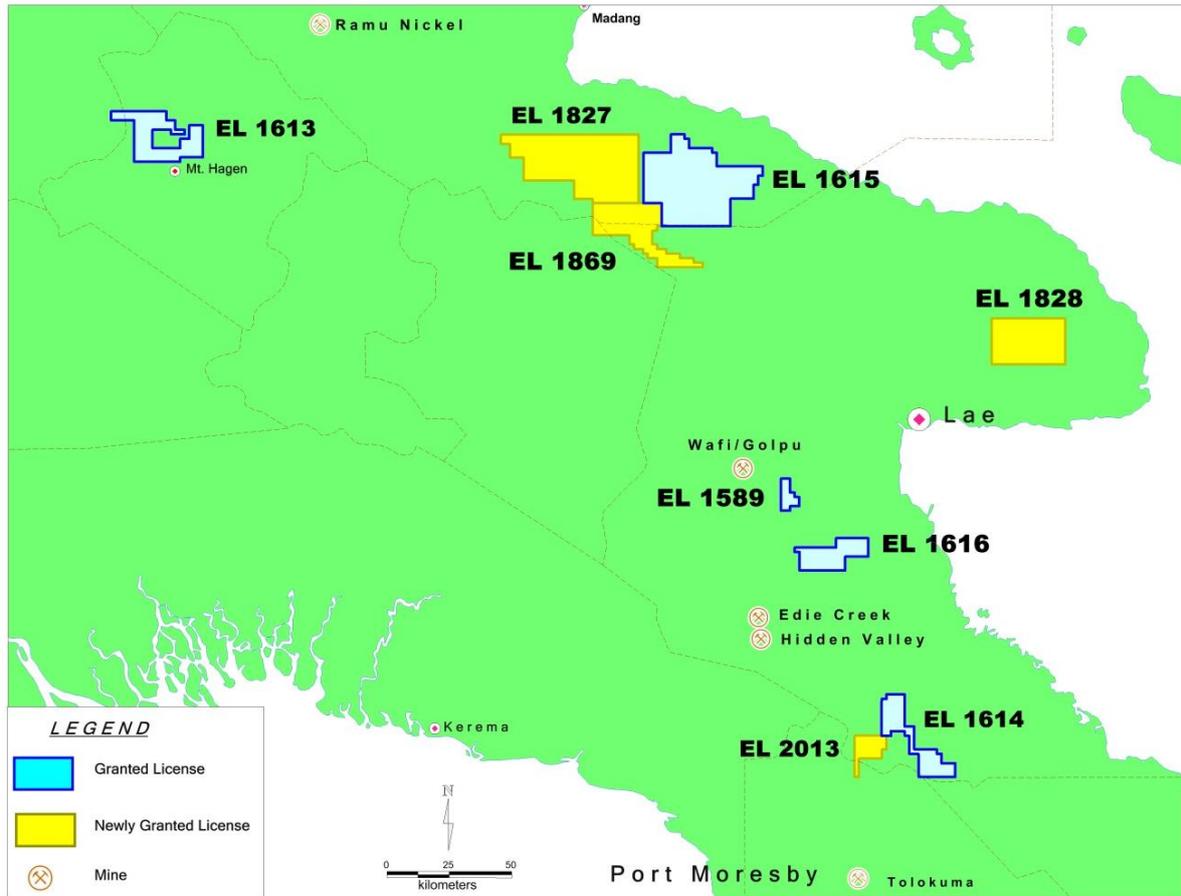
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EL2013 – Garawaria – Morobe Province.

EL2013 adjoins EL1614 (Garaina) to southwest. Pacific Niugini discovered the exciting Kusi Prospect in January 2011, and is continuing to build on its geological understanding of the area. The EL2013 tenement area lies strategically on the same north east trending structures which host the Kusi and Sim targets and is highly prospective for epithermal and porphyry style gold and/or copper deposits. Pacific Niugini considers that tenement has similar geology and prospectivity as for EL1614.

Gold, copper and base metals mineralisation in the area has been previously reported in outcrop at the Kusi Prospect (EL1614), Alans Lode (Newcrest/Harmony) and south of the tenement at the Kau Creek Prospect. Alluvial gold mining by subsistence local villagers continues today at Kau Creek gold prospect.

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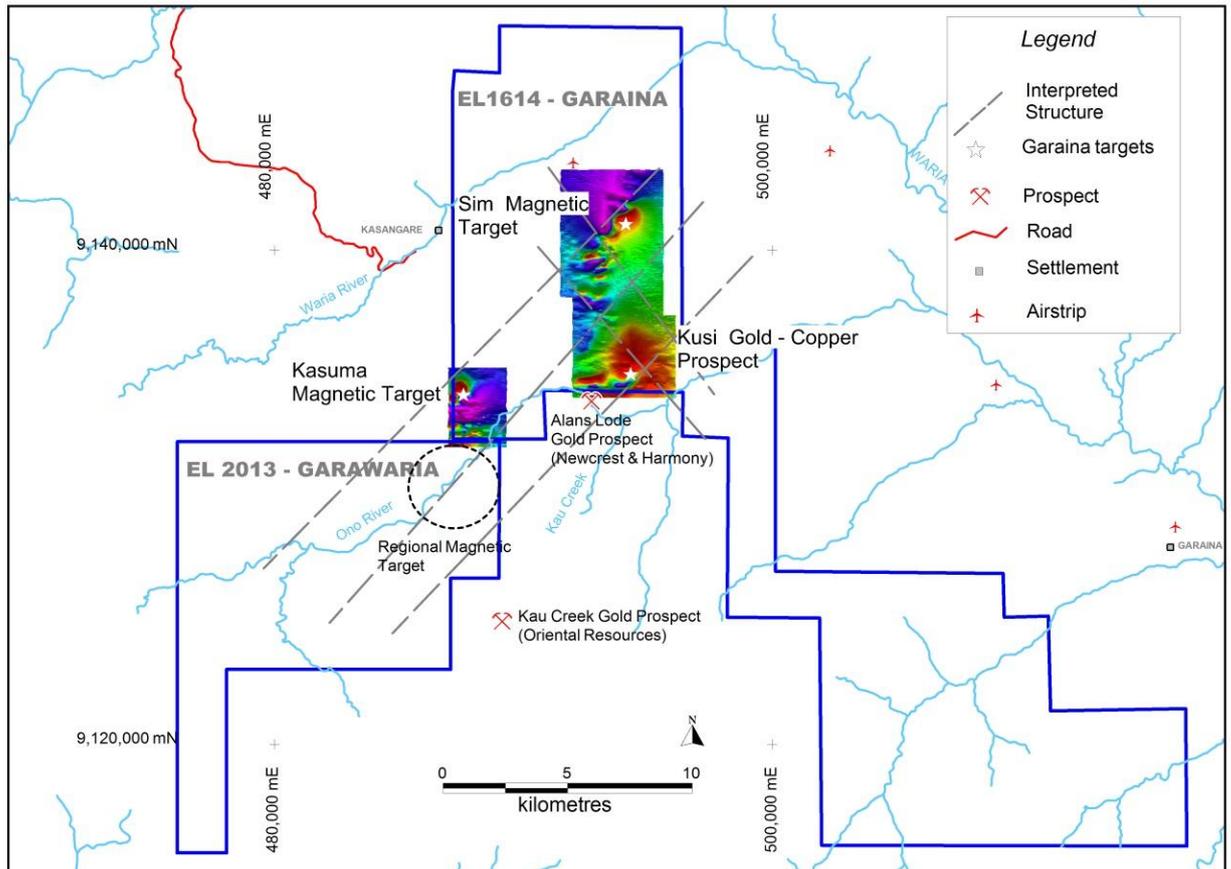
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Circular magnetic highs based on regional surveys completed by the PNG Government shows magnetic highs, preferentially located along this structure. These magnetic highs are interpreted as representing underlying magnetic intrusive bodies which have been confirmed by Pacific Niugini Limited at Kusi prospect. These magnetic bodies have potential to host large porphyry copper deposits or structurally control epithermal gold and silver deposits.

EL1827- Dumpu and EL1869 – Madang Province

EL1827 (1,144 Km²) and 1869 (502 Km²) EL are contiguous with the western and south western boundaries of EL 1615 (Gusap). The ELs are located in the Madang province, of Papua New Guinea. Recent exploration programs by Pacific Niugini have identified outcropping copper-gold and base metals mineralisation in the area, particularly at the Yanganon, Turingopo, Gabana, and Munambe prospects. The Munambe prospect is considered by Pacific Niugini to be a high quality target bordering EL1615, and the company is eagerly preparing to commence reconnaissance exploration in the new tenement.

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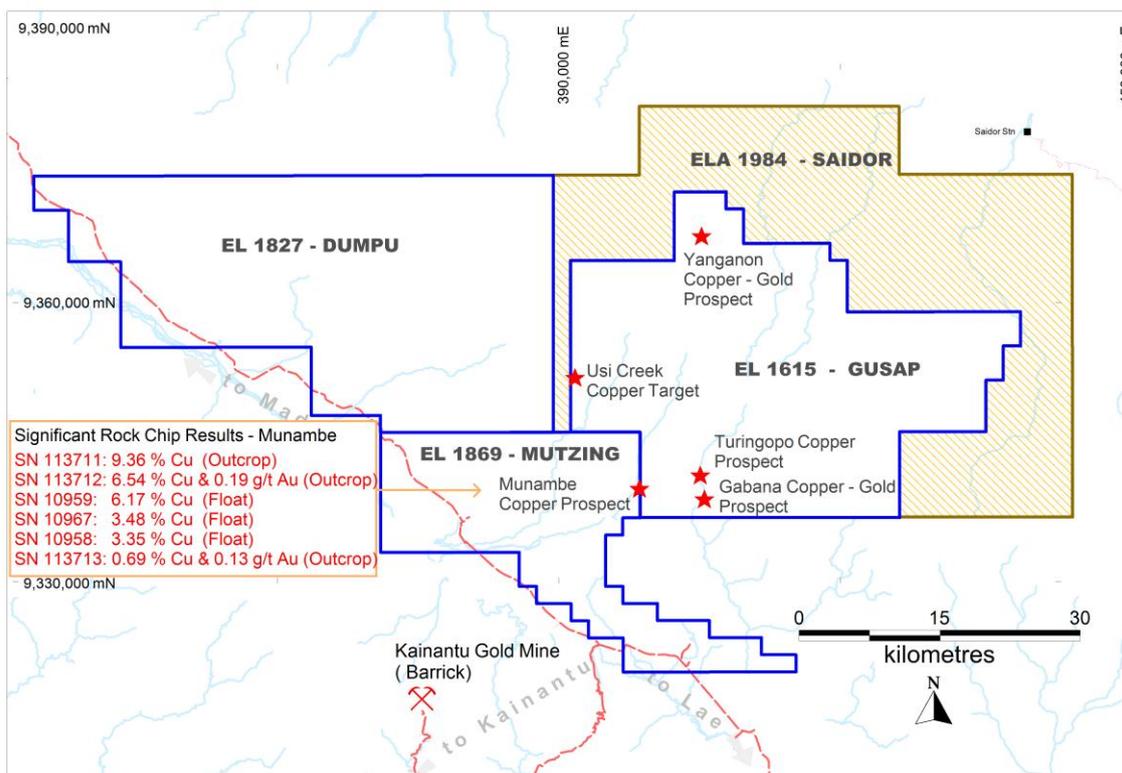
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Pacific Niugini has sampled creek float and outcropping mineralisation in EL1615 at the Munambe prospect previously with samples returning:

- SN113711 – 9.36% Cu (Outcrop chip sample)
- SN113712 – 6.54% (Outcrop chip sample)
- SN 10159 – 6.17% (Creek Float)
- SN 10967 – 3.48% (Creek Float)
- SN 10958 – 3.35% (Creek Float)
- SN113713 – 0.69% Cu, 0.13g/t Au (Outcrop chip sample)

Visual indications indicate that mineralisation extends into EL1869, and now that tenure has been granted follow-up reconnaissance exploration can be undertaken.



EL1828 – Pindu, Morobe Province.

EL1828 (547.8 Km²) is located immediately north of Lae, in the Morobe Province, of Papua New Guinea. The tenement covers 548 square kilometres of the Finisterre – Sarawaga Ranges. This is a Greenfields tenement with very limited modern day exploration work over the areas of the tenement.

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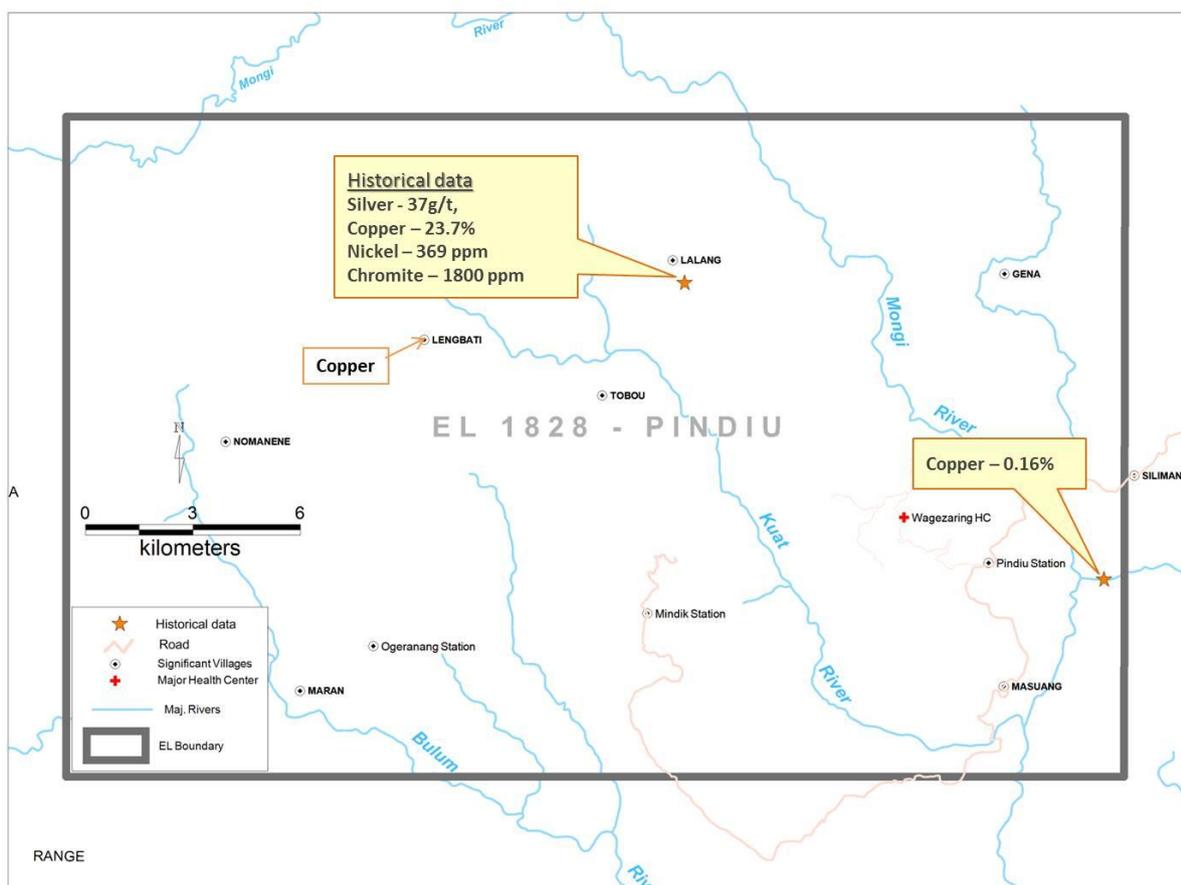
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Basement rocks consist mostly of Miocene Finisterre volcanics and sediments. The basement rock packages were later intruded by ultrabasic rocks with peridotite and serpentinised peridotite composition. It is believed that these intrusive may have introduced copper, silver, gold and nickel mineralisation. Elevated copper values were previously reported at Lengbati, Lalang and at lower Mongi River by the Bureau of Mineral Resources (BMR) of Australia and by the Papua New Guinea Geological Survey.

Best historical grades reported from the tenement area were **copper 23.7 %**, **silver 37 g/t**, **chromite 1800 g/t**, **Nickel 369 g/t**.



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The information in this report that relates to exploration, mineral resources or ore reserves is based on information compiled by Mr. David Osikore (B.Sc. Geol.) MAusIMM who is a full time employee of Pacific Niugini Limited. Mr. Osikore has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a competent person as described by the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr. Osikore consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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