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EXPLORATION LICENCE 9424 - BRUMBY

<u>SECOND ANNUAL REPORT</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED</u> <u>14TH MAY 1998</u>

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1.0 Tenement Status and Location

Brumby (EL 9424) was previously granted to Solomon Pacific Resources (Solpac) on the 15th May 1996 for a period of six years, and consists of 3 graticular blocks. Upon the purchase of Solpac by Acacia Resources in 1996, responsibility for all exploration activities on EL 9424 was assumed by Acacia Resources. Prior to Solpac, the area covered by EL 9424, had been held by Paladin Resources under EL 8355. An application for full waiver of ground reduction was lodged with the NT Department of Minerals and Energy on 14th April 1998.

EL 9242 (Brumby) is located approximately 15 km east of Adelaide River, on Mount Keppler Station and is covered by the Margaret River 1:50,000 topographic sheet. Access to EL 9424 from the Stuart Highway is via either Tortilla Flats Road or Fisher

Road and then Mount Keppler Station roads (Figure 1).

2.0 Geological Setting

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The geology of EL 9424 is mainly concealed by a thick (up to 13m) cover of alluvium, with only minor occurrences of outcrop. Where exposed, the predominant rock types are greywacke and siltstone, which are typical of the Burrell Creek Formation (Figure 2). Foliations indicate tight folds with north trending axial planes. This is similar to the structural setting of the Goodall Mine and mineralisation of the same style may be expected along the hinges of the anticlines present at Brumby.

3.0 Previous Work

Previous work on this lease has been carried out by Paladin Resources in 1994, as part of the Pine Creek Project, under EL 8355. The work carried out by Paladin Resources consisted of 27.1 line km of gridding over which 1689m of shallow RAB drilling was completed. The shallow RAB drilling programme targeted a prominent, north

trending magnetic linear high near the eastern boundary of the tenement. A soil sampling programme was also conducted over areas that were believed to represent a residual soil profile. No soil samples were taken in areas where the soil profile was thought to be transported. Eleven (11) rock chip samples were collected over rare occurrences of outcrop and targeted rocks that exhibited interesting alteration features.

The results of this programme returned only three minor anomalous values from the bedrock RAB programme. The low values and spotty distribution of the anomalous results were considered unprospective by Paladin Resources and EL 8355 (now part of EL 9424) was relinquished.

No reports could be located for any work performed by Solomon Pacific Resources on this tenement.

Acacia - May 1996 to May 1997 (Year 1)

Due to pressing financial commitments in other newly acquired tenements stemming from the purchase of Solpac in 1996, limited field work was undertaken during the first year. The prolonged wet season in the Northern Territory at the beginning of 1997 also saw a two month delay to the start of the field season. Work completed in EL 9424 during the first year included the compilation and entry of previous explorer's data into Acacia's MAPInfo (GIS) database as well as the purchase of multi-client aeromagnetic data for the area covered by EL 9424 (Clark, 1997).

4.0 Exploration Conducted during the Period May 1997 to May 1998

May 1997 to May 1998 (Year 2)

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Work completed during the second year included field reconnaissance over the licence area with the aim of determining the extent of outcrop, drainage and access.

Interpretation of the aeromagnetic data purchased the previous year was also undertaken (Figure 3). This exercise was part of a more regional programme, but unfortunately the data was not of high enough resolution to allow a sufficiently detailed geological interpretation.

The work undertaken to date has tested the eastern portion of the tenement which has both a thinner soil cover and a better magnetic response, but unfortunately the results to date have been disappointing. The western portion of the tenement remains untested due to thicker soil and alluvial cover, and a flatter magnetic response. It is suggested that a detailed aeromagnetic programme be flown across the tenement with the aim of

mapping the covered basement, and possibly identifying prospective stratigraphy and structure. This may be followed up by vacuum drill sampling of the transported soil and residual saprock/bedrock interface, water table permitting, which could then be followed by RC drill testing if the results are encouraging.

4.1 Expenditure Statement

Total expenditure on the licence from May 1996 to end May 1998 is \$10,848. Tabled below is the expenditure for EL 9424 for the current reporting period May 1997 to May 1998:

Office support	\$	587
Geoscientists	\$	2016
Field Assistants	\$	2235
Field Supplies	\$	216
Administration (15%)	\$_	<u>754</u>
Total	\$	6679

4.2 Proposed Exploration and Expenditure

In the3rd year of tenure it is proposed to conduct the following work:

- Complete a detailed aeromagnetic survey over the licence area to delineate areas of favourable stratigraphy and structure. This work had been contracted to UTS at the time of report writing, with a commencement date of 18th June 1998.
- Undertake additional geological mapping and rock chip sampling in areas defined by work carried out in year 2 and across targets defined by the detailed aeromagnetic survey. This may include some posthole sampling of the interface between transported soil and residual saprock/bedrock in areas of thicker cover.
- Complete additional geological interpretation of aeromagnetic, airphoto and TM data.

Proposed expenditure for EL 9424 in Year 3 of the licence is anticipated to be



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Mapping & Compilation (Geologist) 700 \$ 1,850 Survey/gridding \$ 2,450 Assays - Rock chips/ soils Geophysics Camp/consumables

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5.0 Environmental Issues

As no ground disturbing work was carried out on EL 9424 during the reporting period, no substantial disturbance or adverse environmental impact has occurred.

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<u>APPENDIX I</u>

Environmental Register

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TENEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGISTER LAND STATUS RECORD

Loc. Code:

Term: 6 years

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Project:

Brocks Creek (Regional)

Tenement Name: Brumby

Tenement No's: EL 9424

Registered Holder(s): Acacia Resources Ltd

Date Granted: 15/05/96 **Bond/Security:** Nil

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JV Partners (if any): N/A

Land Classification: (Crown, Private, Lease) Pastoral Lease

Land Holder/Occupier: Whites Pastoral Co. Station: Mount Keppler Station 76 Main St Foster Victoria 3960

Contact Address: Station Manager (Noel Hassall) Mount Keppler Station "A Yards" Adelaide River NT 0846

<u>Phone:</u> (08) 8976 0915 (08) 8976 0955

Area:

10 sq. km

Contacted By: Helen Clark

17/06/97 Date:

(Stock, Cultivation, Access, Rainfall) **Pastoral Notes:** Various stock (cattle, horses and buffalo) grazed on the property as well as feed paddocks.

Environmental Notes: (Flora/Fauna, Erosion, Bushfires, Flooding) Annual wet season flooding. Regular burning at beginning of dry season

Groundwater: (Bores/Wells/Dams, streams, drainage, test data) Howley Creek flows through EL 9424. Numerous small dams for watering of stock.

Aboriginal Notes: (Sacred Sites, Cultural) N/A.

Historic Relics: (Mine Workings, Equipment, Homesteads etc.) N/A

Previous Activity: (Mining, Exploration, Forestry, etc.) Previous minerals exploration carried out on EL 9424

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TENEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGISTER PRE-EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DISTURBANCE RECORD

Tenement Name: Brumby

<u>No(s):</u> EL 9424

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Exploration Activity Area: Brocks Creek

Shafts/Pits/Dumps:

None

None

Track/Access:

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Access via Tortilla Flats Road or Fisher Road and Mt Keppler Station roads

Line Clearing:

Contracted to Mt Ringwood Station (approx 27 line km)



141 shallow RAB holes (1689m)

Soil sampling and rock chip sampling

Location Data:

1: 50,000 topographic sheet MARGARET RIVER (14/2-1) 1: 250,000 geology sheet PINE CREEK (SD52-8)

Other Ref: 08.8773, 08.8731

Compiled by: Helen Clark <u>Date:</u> 16/06/97



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TENEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGISTER ACACIA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT RECORD

Tenement Name:

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Brumby

<u>No (s):</u>

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Report Ref No's: 08.8778, 08.8773, 08.8731

Exploration Activities: Nil

Grids & Traverses: Nil

Soil Sampling: Nil

<u>Costeans / Pits:</u>	Nil
<u>Drilling:</u>	Nil
<u>Drill Traverses:</u>	Nil
<u>Drill Pads:</u>	Nil
<u>Ground Geophysics:</u>	Nil
<u>Access Tracks:</u>	Nil
<u>Camps:</u>	Nil





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