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Azumah lands some heavy blows with Bepkong drilling

West African-focused gold explorer Azumah Resources Ltd has reinforced the potential for its 100%-owned Wa-Lawra Gold Project in north-west Ghana to achieve its target of establishing a +1 million ounce resource base this year after unveiling some outstanding results from the recently discovered Bepkong Prospect.

Azumah - which is one of the corporate sponsors of tomorrow's clash between namesake former world champion boxer, Azumah Nelson, and Australia's Jeff Fenech - said Bepkong had delivered further excellent results from RC and diamond drilling, including:

- 26m at 6.90g/t gold from 28m, incl. 8m at 15.35g/t gold from 28m
- 40m at 3.45g/t gold from 4m, incl. 20m at 5.45g/t gold from 4m
- 48m at 2.39g/t gold from 64m, incl. 32m at 3.25g/t gold from 76m
- 28m at 3.31g/t gold from surface, incl. 8m at 9.47g/t gold from 12m
- 24m at 2.04g/t gold from 56m; and
- 60m at 1.42g/t gold from 16m.

Bepkong is part of a pipeline of targets surrounding the current 516,000oz Kunche resource being intensively tested by Azumah, with a steady flow of drilling results and resource upgrades expected during the second half of 2008. Other prospects being tested include Kunche East, Basible and Kuo.

"These results are terrific and we should be in a position to announce a maiden JORC resource estimate for Bepkong in early August," said Azumah's Executive Chairman, Mr Stephen Stone. "This would represent a great outcome - considering that we only discovered Bepkong last December - and an important step towards our objective of delineating 1 million ounces of near-surface resources at Wa-Lawra by the end of this year.

"Mineralisation is either at or close to surface, is of good grade and is very wide and we would expect Bepkong to come in at a higher overall grade than the 516,000 ounce Kunche resource (Indicated and Inferred), which lies just a couple of kilometres to the south," he added.

"It's also beginning to look like we have two parallel mineralised systems at Bepkong and we have decided to drill another 6 RC holes to test this interpretation and to see if we can extend the mineralisation even further to the north than the presently defined 400 metres," Mr Stone commented.

The first discovery RC hole at Bepkong intersected 16m @ 4.9g/t Au including 10m @ 7.1g/t Au, with subsequent drilling delineating a 300m open-ended mineralised zone. The current drilling campaign is geared towards the delivery of an initial JORC Code compliant resource and testing for extensions to the mineralisation.

"The mineralisation is clearly still open at 80m depth but our focus is on delineating near-surface, open-pittable resources towards our intermediate objective of defining by year-end a million ounce resource to underpin a stand-alone open-pit mining operation - an objective which we are increasingly confident of achieving," Mr Stone said.