



Impact takes first gold sample

A FIRST pass program of bulk samples weighing about 8.5 tonnes in total has been collected from Impact Minerals Limited Blackridge conglomerate-hosted gold project located about 30km north of Clermont in central Queensland.

The samples have been collected at or near the gold-bearing contact between an upper younger unit of Permian conglomerates and a lower unit of Schist, part of the older Anakie Metamorphic Group.

The samples were chosen on the basis of the presence of gold nuggets discovered by prospectors and also for their rock mechanics properties to help determine likely processing routes for larger sampling programs.

Three main sample types have been identified: free digging samples; hard indurated (solid) rock; and clay-rich samples.

The majority of the samples comprise free digging material of friable conglomerate and it is evident that large volumes of this material are present on Impact's licences.

These samples will be wet processed in a facility in Queensland within the next month.

Further consideration will be given to the other sample types in due course.

Work by companies such as Novo Resources Corporation in the emerging conglomerate-hosted gold province of the Pilbara region of Western Australia, has shown that very large

samples may need to be processed in order to overcome the significant "nugget effect" that is a major factor in the exploration for this style of deposit.

Impact has shown that the nugget effect was an important factor in previous exploration drilling at Blackridge.

Impact's Blackridge project now includes one granted mining lease and four mining lease applications, which, when the appropriate Plan of Operations and the applications are approved, will allow the collection of very large samples and early trial mining if results warrant.

Impact's work at Blackridge is concurrent with drill programs at the flagship Commonwealth project in NSW.