

## Drilling has re-commenced at Stanley River -Targeting Direct Shipping Ore

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Venture Minerals Limited (**ASX code: VMS**) is pleased to announce the commencement of drilling that targets **DSO (Direct Shipping Ore)** in the Stanley River area within the **Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project, North West Tasmania**.

### Highlights Include:

- **Drilling to target potential DSO (Direct Shipping Ore) iron product**
- **Drill program targeting 800m long zone with Iron outcropping at surface**
- **Previous drilling intersected 31m @ 61.9% Iron and 71m @ 57.1% Iron**
- **Located 1.5kms from a sealed road that accesses existing rail & port**

The Company sees the commencement of drilling at Stanley River as a major milestone in the development of the greater Mount Lindsay Project. With broad intersections of high grade iron mineralisation already identified at Stanley River, the Company believes the current drill program has the potential to define a significant new iron Resource.

The 2,800m drill program targets an area where previous drilling and surface sampling of the hematite rich material returned iron grades in excess of 57% Fe (*see attached map*). These grades, combined with low impurities, indicate the potential for the prospect to host a DSO iron product.

The impact of successfully defining a Resource of direct shipping quality iron ore would be substantial, with the Company potentially able to generate significant cash flow in the medium term with minimal capital outlay.

With drilling near completion on the Main Zone and on the western extensions to both the Main Zone and No.2 Zone, **Venture has now prioritised determining the extent of the potential DSO iron mineralisation at Stanley River**. Drill results will be made available at the earliest opportunity, with systems in place to reduce the assay turnaround time.

### Fast Facts

Share Price 25 September 2008 \$0.225  
Shares on Issue 76,650,000  
Market Cap  
A\$17.2 million  
High/Low (6 months)  
\$0.48 cents/ \$0.20 cents

### Management

Mel Ashton, Non-Exec Chairman  
Andrew Radonjic, Managing Director  
Hamish Halliday, Non-Exec Director  
Bruce McFadzean, Non-Exec Director

### Shareholders

Top 20 Ownership 40.53%

### Projects

Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project, North West Tasmania

- Venture to conduct Scoping/Prefeasibility Study
- Venture doubles Magnetite-Tin Targets at Mount Lindsay Project
  - Maiden Inferred Resource of 20 Million tonnes at 33%Fe - Mount Lindsay Magnetite-Tin Project
  - First drill hole at Stanley River delivers best Iron result to date with 71m @ 57.1% Iron & 0.39% Tin
  - Testwork points to Mount Lindsay potentially being a low cost Iron Producer

Churchill Dam IOCGU Project, SA  
Maitland Channel Uranium & Nickel Project, WA  
Paulsens South Project, WA  
Kingoonya and Harris Bluff, Gawler Craton Projects, SA

Stanley River is extremely well located being only 1.5km from a sealed road which provides direct access to existing rail and port facilities. It is also situated only 3.5km from the Main Zone/No.2 Zone area, where the Company is currently adding to its Inferred Resource of 20 Million Tonnes @ 33%Fe, as well as defining its first tin Resource.

Kind regards

**VENTURE MINERALS LIMITED**



**Andrew Radonjic**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Radonjic, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew Radonjic is a full-time employee of the company. Mr Andrew Radonjic 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 defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Andrew Radonjic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

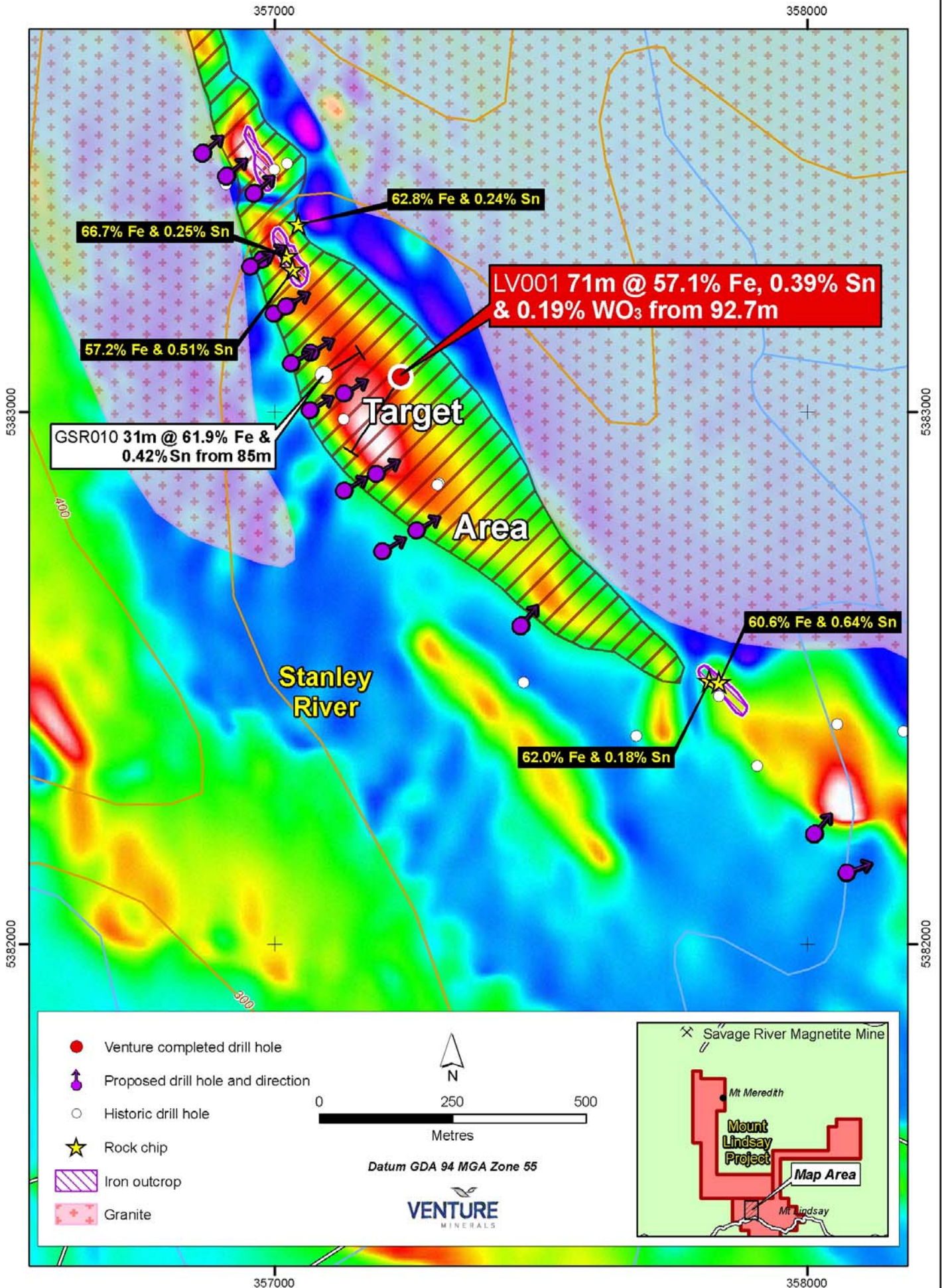


Multipurpose Drill Rig drilling the first Reverse Circulation drill hole at Stanley River

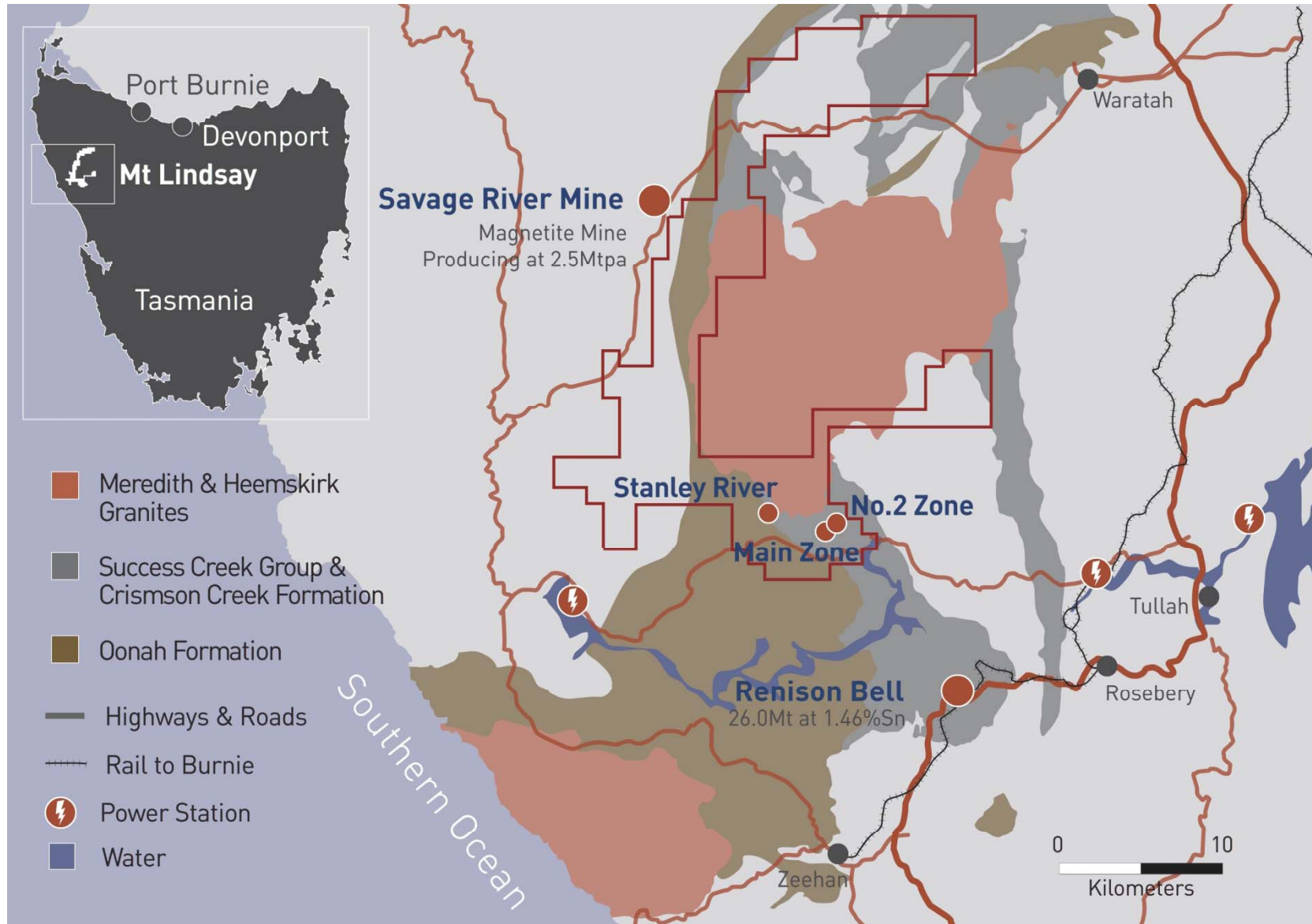


Iron outcropping at surface - Stanley River

**Venture Minerals Ltd - Mount Lindsay Project**  
**Stanley River Drilling and Rock Chip Results on Magnetics**



# MOUNT LINDSAY MAGNETITE - TIN PROJECT NORTH WEST TASMANIA



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## Further Background

The Mount Lindsay project is located 25kms south-east of the currently operating Savage River Magnetite Mine, 15kms north-west of the soon to be re-opened Renison Bell Tin Mine and is **adjacent to existing infrastructure**.

Typical magnetite deposits have in ground iron values of 30 to 37% iron, which is then later crushed and concentrated to a product containing 65 to 71% iron with low impurities.

Magnetite ore is a well-known, viable alternative to hematite ores and can produce high grade concentrate suitable for either pellet or sinter production. Magnetite can be used to produce steel and other iron products, and as an additive to increase the specific gravity of slurries.

## About magnetite - and global demand

The quality of direct shipping hematite ore products from the Pilbara continues to fall as higher grade deposits are depleted. Average iron grades and lump proportion have also been falling while impurity levels have been rising - putting increased pressure on steelmaker's productivity worldwide

High quality magnetite concentrate and pellets typically attract a premium to hematite lump product, ranging from 20% to 30%. Recently, prices on the spot market for lump hematite delivered to China have surged, while China's domestic concentrate price has also increased, representing a large premium to Australian contracted ores. China's steel production continues to rise at an annual rate of around 18%, while production is also lifting in Germany and Japan, after years of steady production.

Rising demand for cars, buildings and railroads is also expected to boost China's iron-ore import demand by up to 15 per cent in 2008.

## Editor's notes

Venture Minerals is an Australian diversified explorer with high quality energy and minerals projects, including magnetite, tin-tungsten and nickel in Tasmania, copper-gold-uranium in South Australia and uranium, nickel and gold in Western Australia.

The **Mount Lindsay** project is located in the magnetite, tin-tungsten and nickel province of western Tasmania within the south-eastern contact metamorphic aureole of the Meredith Granite approximately 10-20 km from the Rosebery Lead-Zinc-Silver-Gold Mine and Renison Bell Tin Mine. The Meredith Granite is part of a suite of Devonian granites which also host other mineral deposits that include the Savage River Magnetite Mine, the Mount Bischoff and Cleveland Tin Mines, the King Island Tungsten Mine and the Avebury Nickel-sulphide Mine.

**Churchill Dam** sits within the Olympic Dam province of the Gawler Craton. It is approximately 65km southwest of the Olympic Dam-Wirrda Well-Acropolis group which is dominated by the world class Olympic Dam deposit. Olympic Dam is currently the world's 16th largest copper and third largest uranium producer. Churchill Dam is also 95km west of the recently discovered Carrapateena prospect.

## Other projects

The Maitland Channel uranium project in Western Australia has potential for the discovery of calcrete-hosted Uranium mineralisation. The project also has potential to host nickel sulphide mineralisation.

The Paulsens South project in Western Australia is prospective for gold discoveries.