

# Project Overview and Community Engagement Information Sheet

The Pyramid Hill Gold Project, Bendigo, Victoria

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Figure 1. Chalice Gold Mines' drilling activity in progress at the Pyramid Hill Gold Project

## 1. Company Mission Statement

Chalice Gold Mines (“Chalice” or “the Company”) aims to uphold the highest corporate, social and environmental standards and recognises the importance of building respectful and inclusive relationships with our Victorian stakeholders, communities and governing organisations.

Chalice is committed to open and transparent communication with the community in which it operates. The Company aims to actively manage the impact of our activities through the continued consideration and response to the interests and concerns of the local community.

We will respect the rights of all landowners and seek to minimise any potential disturbance associated with our activities as much as possible through the following commitments:

- Provide key information on our exploration activities to local stakeholders.
- Consideration of any social, environmental and economic effects of Chalice’s activities at the local stakeholder level.
- Seek to understand stakeholder values, interests and concerns and address these in a timely manner.
- Ensure our employees and contractors are aware of their obligations with respect to the local community and environment.
- Contribute to the community through local employment opportunities and utilise local contractors and suppliers where possible.
- Communicate effectively through various means, including (in order of preference),
  - one-on-one meetings
  - telephone conversations
  - letter drops
  - email communications
  - newsletter communications
  - local and regional media placements
  - posting on our Company website

This statement is complementary to the regulatory requirements and established procedures governed by the Victorian *Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration*.

## 2. Project Background

The Pyramid Hill Gold Project comprises a combined granted land-holding of 4662km<sup>2</sup> with an additional ~1857km<sup>2</sup> of ground currently in application (Figure 2). The distribution of exploration tenure (both granted and in application) falls within the jurisdictions of the Loddon, Gannawarra, Campaspe, Northern Grampians, Mt Alexander, Buloke and Greater Bendigo local shires.

The majority of these licences are situated over privately-held farmland. Land use is predominantly for cereal and hay crops as well as livestock (mainly sheep). All areas of tenure are readily accessible via a well-connected network of roads and highways. This is useful for the purposes of exploration access, supply/freighting routes, regional sampling, as well as access to emergency facilities such as hospitals, police and fire departments.

The City of Bendigo serves as a central hub to the Pyramid Hill project tenure. Numerous smaller towns are located within and/or proximal to each of the Exploration Licences. These towns may serve as convenient locations to hold community forums as well as locations to accommodate field crews.



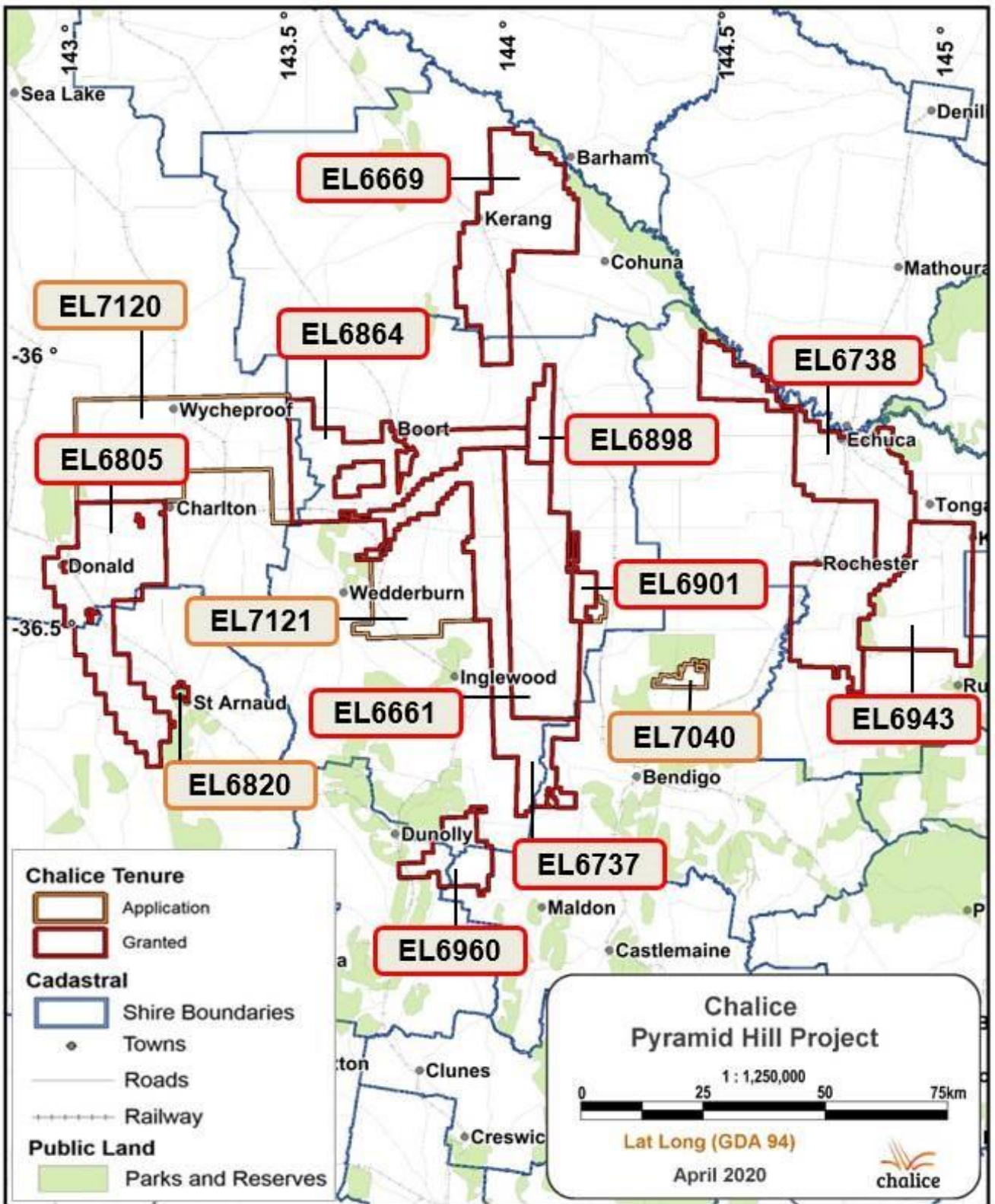


Figure 2. Plan map of Chalice Gold Mines' exploration tenure

### 3. Project Tenure

Chalice is currently exploring for gold within its granted Exploration Licences located in the northern Bendigo Zone, collectively referred to as the Pyramid Hill Gold Project.

The 100%-owned Project covers a number of highly prospective tenements across the northern Bendigo, Tabberabbera and Stawell Zones of Victoria. Table 1 below outlines Chalice's current tenure status.

**Table 1. Chalice Gold Mines Victorian exploration tenure summary**

Exploration Licence	Status	Area	Shire
EL006661	Granted	711 km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon
EL006737	Granted	781 km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon
EL006738	Granted	905 km <sup>2</sup>	Campaspe
EL006669	Granted	683 km <sup>2</sup>	Gannawarra & Loddon
EL006805	Granted	694 km <sup>2</sup>	Northern Grampians & Buloke
EL006898	Granted	85km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon
EL006901	Granted	55km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon
EL006864	Granted	577km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon & Buloke
EL006960	Granted	171km <sup>2</sup>	Mount Alexander
EL006820	Application (merit)	7.8 km <sup>2</sup>	Northern Grampians
EL006943	Application	470km <sup>2</sup>	Campaspe
EL007040	Application	53km <sup>2</sup>	Greater Bendigo
EL007020	Application	834km <sup>2</sup>	Buloke
EL007021	Application	492km <sup>2</sup>	Loddon

## 4. Exploration Activities

Exploration activities have progressed from initial desktop reviews to the commencement of field based activities across selected areas of granted Exploration Licences. Field activities have largely taken place in roadside reserves managed by Loddon and Campaspe shires and the Company has obtained the required permits prior to undertaking any works.

The typical range of exploration field activities includes soil sampling, ground geophysical surveys (gravity, magnetics, passive seismic) and reconnaissance drilling which are described in more detail below.

### *Soil Sampling*

Soil sampling is an effective low impact reconnaissance technique which involves the collection of 1-2kg of material from a small hand-dug hole 20-40cm below surface. Samples are collected by Chalice employees from undisturbed locations along roadside reserves on widely spaced lines 1.6-2.3km apart with samples at 0.5km to 0.1km spacing. The material is sieved on site with various fractions collected for assay of gold and pathfinder elements and the small holes are backfilled once sampling is complete.

Chalice has undertaken this technique across large areas of the tenement holdings to determine if anomalous gold is present near surface which may be an indication of gold mineralisation at depth. The technique has minimal disturbance to both the environment and to local residents (see Figure 3).



**Figure 3. Soil sampling in roadside reserves.**  
The sample hole is backfilled at the completion of sampling.

### *Ground Geophysics*

Ground geophysical techniques (magnetics, gravity, passive seismic etc) are widely used in exploration to assist with target definition undercover and the advantage of these techniques is that these are essentially non-disturbance activities. Field equipment is typically hand held and measurements are taken along selected grid lines and roadside verges provide ideal access for hand-held field survey equipment to facilitate a broader understanding on the propsectivity of the Project.

### *Drill Sampling*

The Company has commenced reconnaissance drilling with Aircore (AC) and diamond drill rigs to test targets that have been defined from a combination of soil geochemistry and ground geophysics. Drilling involves the use of a dedicated drill rig to drill small diameter drill holes (up to 15cm diameter) to collect samples from underlying rock sequences.

Please refer to our '[Drilling Activity Information Sheet](#)' for further information.

## 5. Prior Stakeholder Engagement

Engagement with interested stakeholders has taken place during the company's initial soil sampling program along the public roadside verges. This was an ideal time for the company to introduce itself to local farmers and explain its exploration program and licence holding in the area.

Chalice maintains a detailed Community Engagement Register providing a snapshot summary of prior engagement activities.

## 6. Communication

### *Identifying stakeholders*

Stakeholders will be identified by the following methods:

- Querying GIS spatial datasets to obtain address and/or contact information for plots of land that coincide with a region of proposed work. Stakeholders will then be contacted by phone, by email or in person to discuss the program of work and terms for land access.
- Stakeholders are welcome to approach any Chalice field personnel conducting sampling along public roads. Field personnel will be equipped with documentation regarding the company's exploration activities and policies.
- A factsheet containing information relating to current exploration activities as well as company contact information will be sent to the relevant local shire. Any stakeholders looking for information regarding field activities or seeking to contact the company will be able to collect this document by contacting the shire.

### *Communication with stakeholders*

All communication with stakeholders will be in person as much as possible. Every effort will be made to meet with the stakeholder at their estate or an appropriate location proximal to the area of proposed work.

There may be occasions where no company personnel are active in Victoria. In these cases Chalice welcomes any enquiries via email or phone.

### *Responding to community concerns*

Initial consultation with stakeholders will provide an opportunity to gauge community attitudes and expectation.

All community feedback will be carefully considered when deciding how to proceed with exploration programs and all reasonable measures will be made to ensure a satisfactory solution is achieved for all parties.

Please refer to our '[Community Feedback Information Sheet](#)' for further information.



## 7. Contact us

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