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**HIGH GOLD GRADES INTERSECTED AND DEPTH POTENTIAL CONFIRMED BY FIRST DRILL HOLES FROM 2011 PROGRAM AT PELANGAN PROSPECT, WEST LOMBOK.**

**Vancouver, B.C.: Southern Arc Minerals Inc.** (TSX Venture: SA) is pleased to announce the results of the first five diamond drill holes of its 2011 program at Pelangan, West Lombok. These have confirmed that high-grade epithermal gold mineralisation remains open beyond 250 metres depth below surface. All Phase 2 drill holes to date have intersected Mineralised Structural Breccia ("MSB") epithermal mineralisation.

Highlight intersections are described below. All intervals are reported as downhole lengths.

Drillhole PLD003 returned:

PLD003            **16.55 m @ 5.5 g/t Au & 3.7 g/t Ag from 232.95 m**  
**(including 7.70 m @ 10.9 g/t Au & 6.1 g/t Ag from 237.5 m)**  
**(including 4.50 m @ 17.6 g/t Au & 8.0 g/t Ag from 240.7 m)**

PLD003 intersected high-grade mineralisation over 250 m vertically below surface and 100 m below the high-grade intersection of PLD002 thus confirming the depth potential at Pelangan. The mineralisation in this area is exposed at the surface and remains open at depths exceeding 250 m. PLD003 was drilled in the same cross-section as previously reported drill holes RGD01 (**10.70 m @ 2.93 g/t Au & 20 g/t Ag, including 4.7m @ 5.8 g/t Au & 27 g/t Ag**), PLD001 (**4.85 m @ 7.11 g/t Au & 18.5 g/t Ag**) and PLD002 (**17.25 m @ 5.73 g/t Au & 11.7 g/t Ag**).

Drillhole PLD008 intersected MSB mineralisation 50 m southeast of drill holes PLD001, PLD002 and PLD003, approximately 90 m below surface and returned two broad mineralised intervals:

PLD008            **11.55 m @ 9.80 g/t Au & 31.1 g/t Ag from 70.35 m**  
**(including 3.50 m @ 26.1 g/t Au & 96.5 g/t Ag)**

and                **11.80 m @ 1.40 g/t Au & 9.2 g/t Ag from 93.7m**  
**(including 2.00 m @ 3.70 g/t Au & 22.6 g/t Ag)**

Drillholes PLD004 and PLD006 have been completed on a section 150 m southeast of PLD003 down dip from the Phase 1 drill hole RDG04 (**9.5 m @ 6.2 g/t Au & 41 g/t Ag**). These holes intersected MSB's at 75 m and 115 m below surface respectively and returned mineralised intervals grading:

PLD004            **10.95 m @ 2.0 g/t Au & 34.0 g/t Ag from 79.25 m**  
**(including 1.50 m @ 5.6 g/t Au & 166 g/t Ag)**

**PLD006            16.15 m @ 1.4 g/t Au & 12.0 g/t Ag from 110.05 m  
(including 2.45 m @ 4.7 g/t Au & 34.0 g/t Ag)**

Drillhole PLD005 intersected two narrow zones of mineralisation approximately 200 m northwest of PLD003 these have returned:

**PLD005            1.75m @ 1.15 g/t Au & 4.9 g/t Ag from 72.20 m**

**and                1.95 m @ 1.16 g/t Au & 13.7 g/t Ag from 92.90 m**

From President and COO Mike Andrews, “It goes without saying that we are very excited with these results. These first few holes have already demonstrated down dip continuity of both grade and width. It’s important to remember that this Central Raja zone represents less than 10% of strike length established to date for Pelangan alone. Drilling will continue to step out on 50 m spaced sections at Raja to identify further high-grade shoots for aggressive infill drilling. Drilling at the 600 metre long South Raja Zone will commence shortly.”

The Pelangan Prospect is located at the northwest end of the West Lombok Mineralised Structural Corridor, a 13 km long by 7 km wide northwest trending mineral belt containing both epithermal gold and porphyry Cu/Au mineralisation within Southern Arc’s Mining Business Licence or IUP (*Figure 1*).

Surface mapping and Phase 1 shallow drilling has indicated more than 5 km aggregate strike length of outcropping MSB-type gold mineralisation. The 2011 program targeting the gold mineralisation has commenced with three drill rigs testing the deeper portions of the 400 m long Central-Lode portion of the Raja MSB Target.

*Figure 2* shows the geology of the Raja target and locations of the drill holes already completed and those in progress. Drillhole locations, azimuths, dips and depths are summarised in *Table 1* and a long-section projection of drill hole mineralised intervals is presented in *Figure 3*.

**On behalf of the Board of  
Southern Arc Minerals Inc.**

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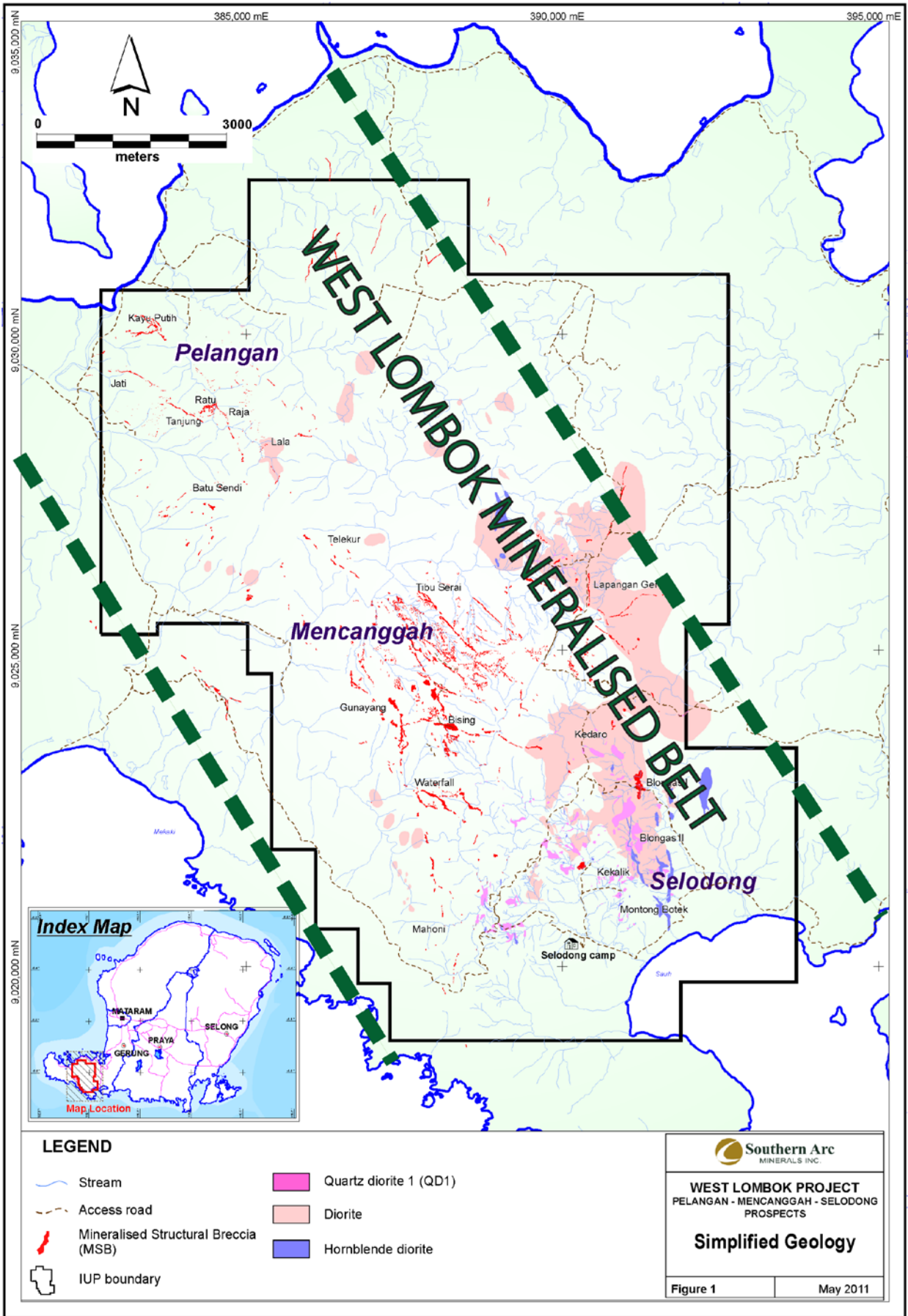
The information in this release has been compiled under the supervision of Southern Arc's Chief Geologist, Andrew Rowe B. App. Sc. Geology, MAusIMM. Mr. Rowe has over 18 years of international mineral exploration experience throughout SE and Central Asia and Australia. During this time he has held such positions as Chief Geologist – Feasibility Studies, Senior Geologist and Consulting Geologist. Mr. Rowe has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralization under consideration and qualifies as a Qualified Person as defined in terms of NI 43-101.

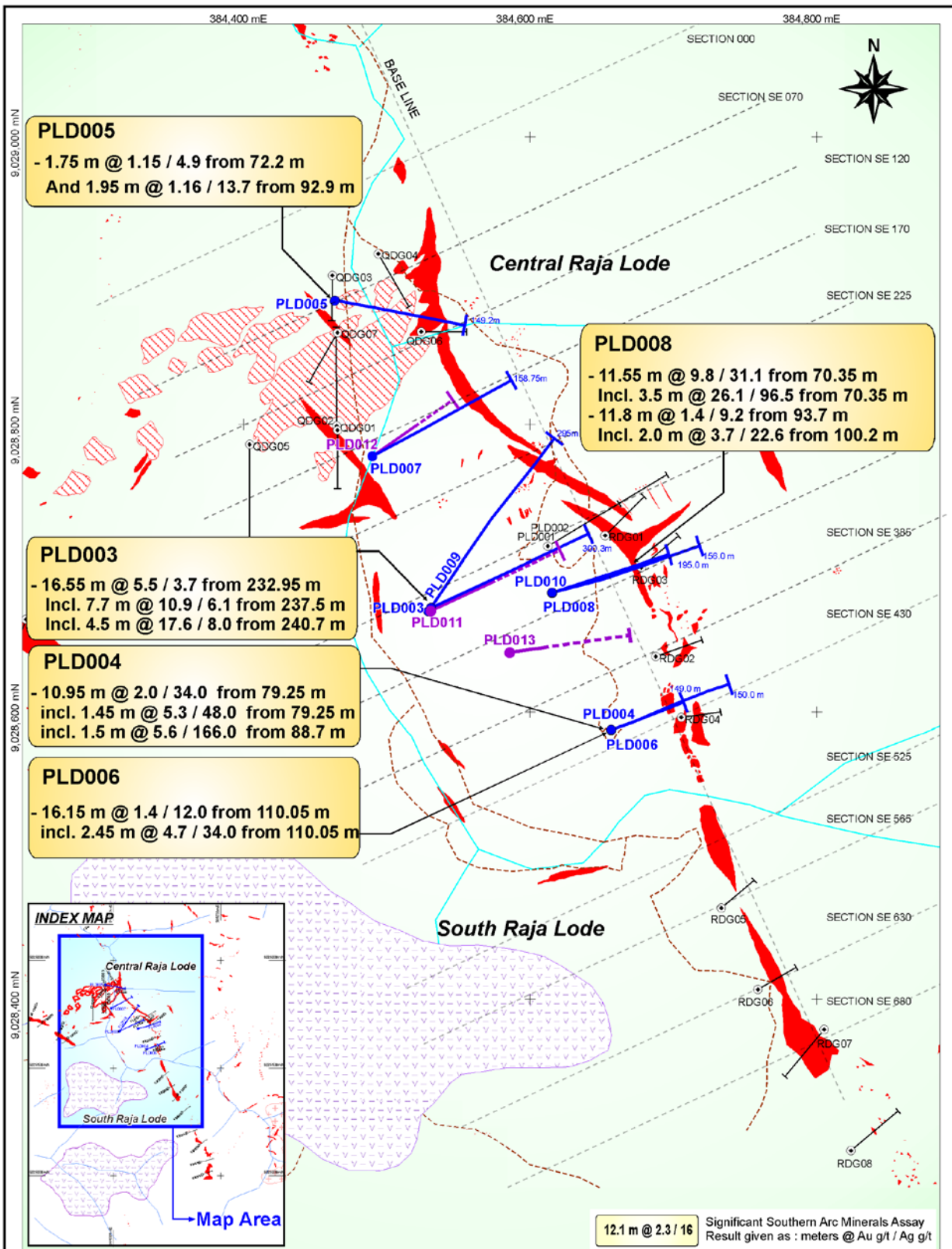
All assaying of samples was undertaken by the ITS laboratory in Jakarta. ITS is one of the world's largest product and commodity testing, inspection and certification organizations. The Jakarta laboratory is ISO 17025 accredited and employs a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for sample tracking, quality control and reporting.

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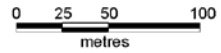
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**LEGEND :**

- Stream
- Access road
- Drill Hole In Progress
- Completed drill hole
- Previous Drill Hole
- Cross Section Line
- Mineralized Structural Breccia (MSB)
- Silicified Boulders
- Andesite Volcanics
- Andesite Porphyry



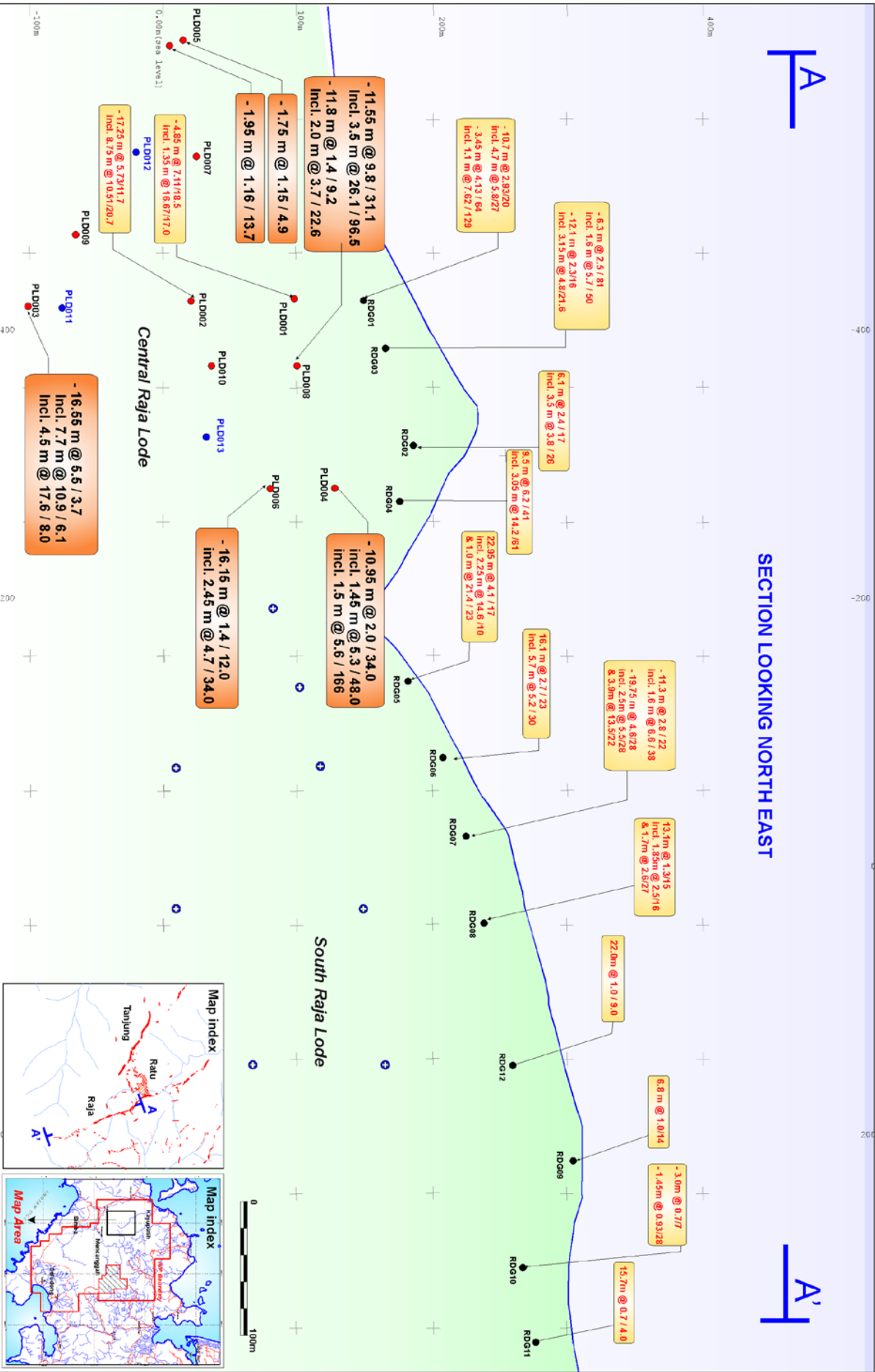
**West Lombok Project  
 Pelangan Prospect  
 Raja MSB Target  
 Phase II Drilling**

**Figure 2** | **May 2011**

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SECTION LOOKING NORTH EAST

A'



West Lombok Project  
Petalangan Prospect

Raja MSB Target Phase II  
Longitudinal Section  
with Vein Pierce-Point

Legend:  
12.1 m @ 23 / 76

Significant Southern Arc Minerals Assay  
Result given as : meters @ Au g/t / Ag g/t

- Planned vein pierce-point
- Completed drill hole
- Drill hole in progress

Scale  
1:2500

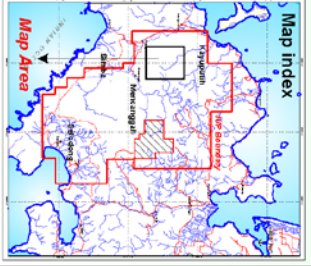
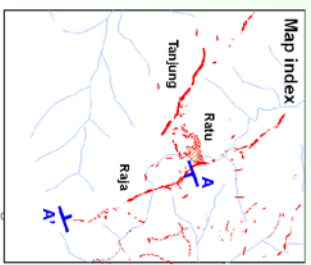


Figure 3

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**Table 1 Pelangan Phase 2 Exploration Drilling, West Lombok**

Drill Hole Number	Easting	Northing	RL	Azimuth	Dip	Drilling Production		
						Collared(start drilling)	Completed	Depth
PLD003	384530.86	9028672.13	120.39	65	-65	27-Mar-2011	11-Apr-2011	300.30
PLD004	384656.23	9028587.23	186.80	70	-50	27-Mar-2011	1-Apr-2011	150.00
PLD005	384463.82	9028885.90	71.64	100	-50	29-Mar-2011	8-Apr-2011	149.20
PLD006	384656.23	9028587.23	186.80	70	-68	1-Apr-2011	9-Apr-2011	149.00
PLD007	384489.97	9028777.55	77.61	62	-45	11-Apr-2011	27-Apr-2011	158.75
PLD008	384615.30	9028682.71	161.19	75	-45	15-Apr-2011	24-Apr-2011	156.00
PLD009	384530.86	9028672.13	120.39	32	-60	13-Apr-2011	26-Apr-2011	295.00
PLD010	384615.30	9028682.71	161.19	72	-70	24-Apr-2011	5-May-2011	195.00
PLD011	384529.00	9028670.00	117.00	65	-60	28-Apr-2011	10-May-2011	282.35
PLD012	384489.97	9028777.55	77.61	55	-70	1-May-2011		190.65
PLD013	384586.00	9028642.00	169.00	82	-65	7-May-2011		15.60