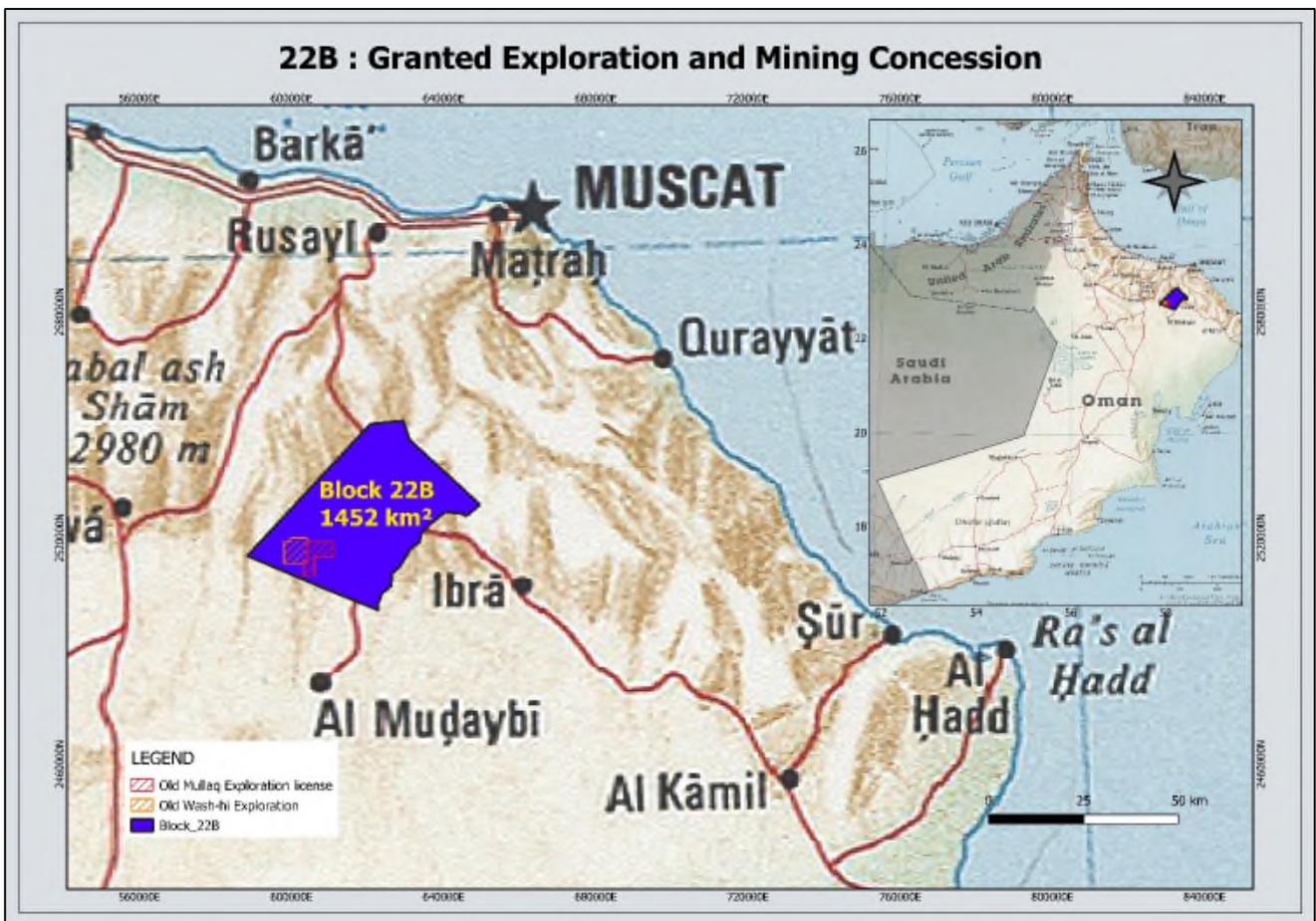


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Alara Omani JV Awarded new Exploration Block

Perth, Australia: Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ), a base and precious metals developer and explorer with projects in Oman, is pleased to announce that the Omani Ministry of Energy and Minerals has granted an Alara JV company an additional 1452 km² of exploration ground titled “Block 22-B” and invited the JV to negotiate and execute an Exploration and Mining Concession Agreement covering this area (**Concession Agreement**). The map below shows the area of Block 22-B.

Map 1 – Block 22-B location



On execution of the Concession Agreement the Omani Government will grant the JV the exclusive right to explore, appraise, develop and mine designated minerals within Block 22-B. The Concession Agreement will comprise an initial two-year Exploration Phase followed by an Exploitation phase extending up to fifteen years. Extensions of both phases may be considered for reasonable justification. The Concession Agreement will detail the obligations of the concession holder and the Government and address issues such as minerals covered, royalties and taxes.

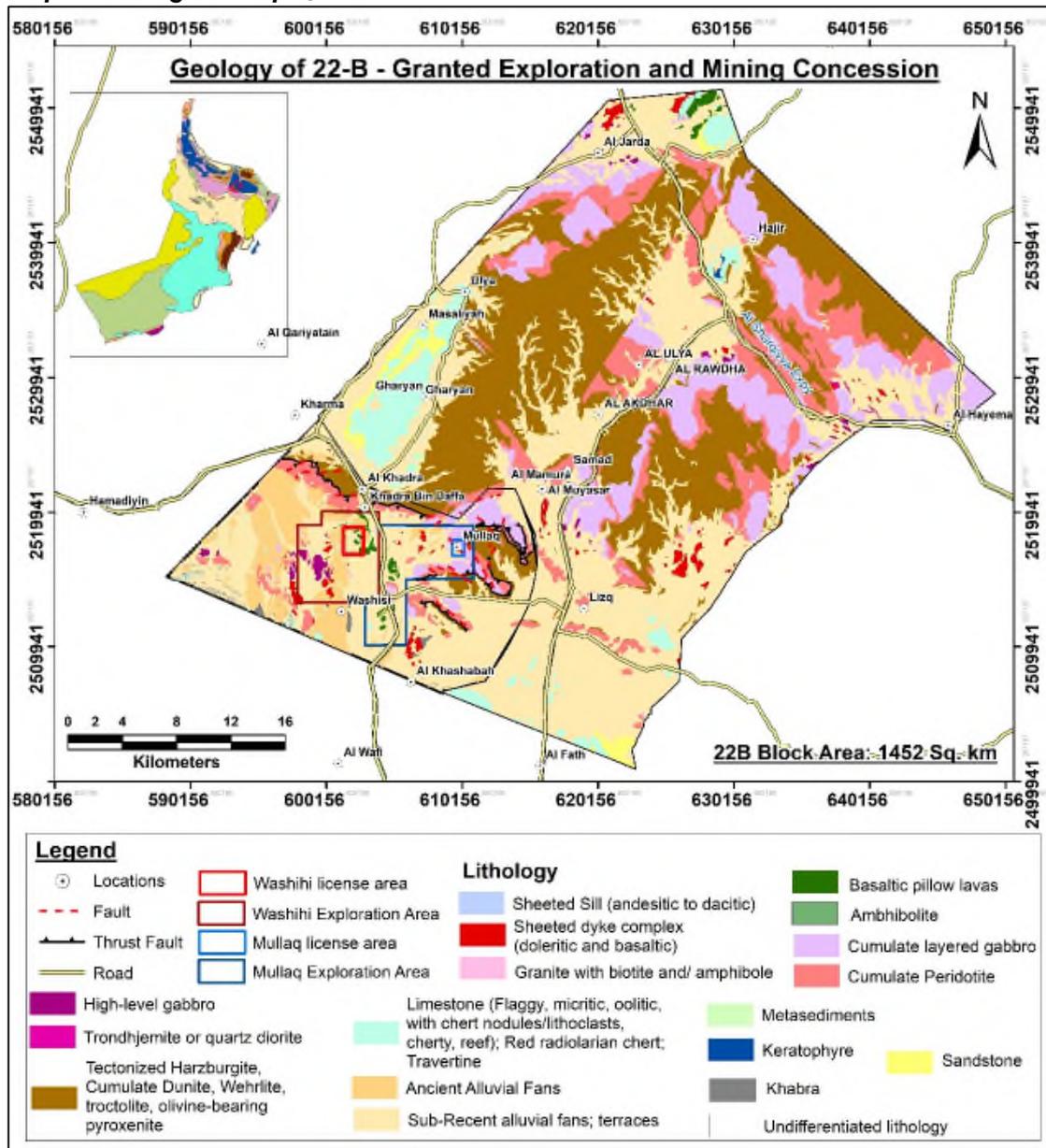
Significantly, the Ministry approved combining former Blocks 22-A and 22-B, renaming the combined Block as 22-B. The combination of two blocks into one means the newly consolidated Block includes exploration licenses previously granted to Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (AHRL) in which Alara holds a 51% interest.

The remainder of Block 22-B will be held by a new JV company being formed in which Alara will hold 27.5%. Alara’s other partners in the JV will be its two existing partners in AHRL, Al Naba Group and Al Tasnim Group (each also holding 27.5%) with the remaining 17.5% to be held by South West Pinnacle, an existing Alara JV Partner in Alara Resources LLC, an Omani mining services company.

Brief geological description of Block 22-B:

Nearly 20% of the area in the southern and central-north and along the north-western margin of Block 22-B is occupied by recent alluvial sands interspaced by dry river channels, known as wadis. More than two-thirds of the area in the northern half of Block 22-B is mountainous, with low NNE-SSW to NNW-SSE trending hills. The Company’s existing Washi-hi copper-gold deposit and an ancient Mullaq copper mine are located in the south-western corner of the Block. The geological characteristics of Block 22-B overlaid with existing exploration licenses are shown in Map 2, below.

Map2 – Geological Map of Block 22-B



The Company's existing Wash-hi project (covering an area of 39 km²) and Mullaq project (covering an area of 4.1 km²) fall entirely within Block 22-B. Importantly, areas already explored by Alara constitute a substantial part of the upper-crustal rocks of Block 22-B. This is significant as the Semail Ophiolite upper-crustal rocks are considered to contain nearly all the VMS-type base metal prospects in Oman.

Geologically, the mountainous areas of Block 22-B include the Semail Nappe. The Semail Nappe is now recognized as a Cretaceous ophiolite, exposing the world's best-preserved section of upper mantle, lower-oceanic crust and upper-oceanic crust. The Semail Nappe (the Semail Ophiolite) covers almost the entire area of Block 22-B (excepting some pre-Ophiolitic sedimentary rocks in the north-western section) and exposes the upper-mantle section, lower-crustal rocks and upper-crustal rocks of the ophiolite sequence, with the upper-crustal rocks mainly being covered by alluvium.

There are reports of several old copper workings in the north-western section of the Block, old gold and chromium workings in the northern section and a small number of old iron workings in the western section. In general, the upper-oceanic crust of the Semail Ophiolite is known to host copper and gold deposits, whereas the lower-crustal parts and the upper mantle sections are known to host some chromite deposits with minor incidences of PGE mineralization.

There is no assurance that any new mineralisation will be discovered in Block 22-B in economically mineable quantities.

Alara Managing Director Atmavireshwar Sthapak said: "Alara securing an additional area for mineral exploration in Oman demonstrates the Government's faith and trust in the Company and its JV partners. This exciting moment is the result of Alara's strong, decade-long commitment and unwavering effort, in alignment with the Omani Government's vision for mining, by investing in and conducting state-of-the-art mineral exploration campaigns, discovering multiple instances of base metal mineralisation in the country and developing an operating copper mine. Extended Block 22-B, which includes the existing Wash-hi – Majaza copper-gold mine and an ancient mine and copper mineralisation intersected at Mullaq, has tremendous potential for further mineral discoveries adjacent to the Company's existing processing facility. The timing of the grant of this concession fits well into Alara's overall Oman copper development strategy."

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About Alara Resources

Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) is an Australian-based precious and base metals explorer and developer.

Alara is currently focused on operating the recently completed 1Mtpa¹ Al Wash-hi Majaza copper concentrate and gold mine in Oman. The Company is also continuing exploration activities at its other

¹ Alara's ASX Announcements dated 1 April 2016 (Definitive Feasibility Study Results initial announcement), 24 January 2017 (Definitive Feasibility Study update), 28 June 2018 (Project Net Present Value update) and 29 March and 7 April 2021 (Project Net Present Value NPV update) contain the information required by ASX Listing Rule 5.16 regarding the stated production target. All material assumptions underpinning the production target as announced on those dates continue to apply and have not materially changed, except to the extent that a relevant assumption in an earlier announcement referred to above has been updated by an assumption in a later announcement referred to.

Oman projects, the Block 7 exploration licence under the Daris JV and the Mullaq and Al Ajal exploration licences under the Al Hadeetha JV.

Alara's mission is to become a mid-tier minerals producer which will deliver maximum shareholder value through profitable growth driven by low-cost, sustainable operations.

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