# **Company Announcement**

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# RESOURCE BASE IPO FOCUSING ON VICTORIAN COPPER-GOLD EXPLORATION CLOSED

## **Highlights**

- Offer closes over-subscribed for IPO to aggressively explore and develop Eclipse Prospect within the Black Range Project
- Focus on copper exploration with opportunity to test potential of 4km strike of defined volcanic graben which is host to the recognised Volcanic Hosted Massive Sulphide System (VHMS), Eclipse prospect, along with an additional 100km of untested volcanics.
- Targeting initial inferred JORC compliant resource from existing geological data within 6 months
  of listing

Resource Base Limited (**Proposed ASX:RBX**) (**Resource Base** or the **Company**)is pleased to announce that it has now closed its Initial Public Offer (**IPO**).

The IPO Offer closed significantly over-subscribed, with strong support from Australian institutional and retail investors. The Company will now continue working to finalise the process of admission to the ASX.

### Commenting on the closing of the IPO, Resource Base Executive Chairman, Shannon Green, said:

"We are pleased to receive robust support from investors for Resources Bases' IPO. The Company will be targeting an aggressive exploration program at the promising Black Range base metals project in north-west Victoria on completion of the IPO.

"We intend to test the potential of a 4km strike of the defined volcanic graben with an initial air core drilling campaign planned for the second half of 2021 with reverse circulation and diamond drilling proposed for the first quarter of 2022. We are targeting an initial inferred JORC 2012 resource from existing geological data by the end of the calendar year."

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#### **About Resource Base**

#### **Black Range Project**

The Black Range Project (124km²) includes multiple, largely untested, targets over approximately 100 kilometres of Stavely Arc volcanics, including the Eclipse, Lexington, Glenlyle and Pollockdale prospects. The volcanics within the Project area are mostly concealed by more recent cover rocks. Small windows of basement exposure have led to the discovery of a number of copper and gold prospects such as Eclipse, Lexington and Pollockdale.

The Stavely Arc is recognized as a series of volcanic rocks deposited within a continental margin arc setting, similar to the Andes in South America and host to some of the world's largest known porphyry copper deposits.

Historic work programs, completed by Navarre, have targeted large volcanic-hosted massive sulphide (VHMS), porphyry copper – gold and epithermal deposits within the region and have successfully intercepted mineralized units within defined geological settings.

Review and research by Navarre has concluded that the area of potential mineralisation is large, as a 4km long volcanic basin has been defined and is modelled to have potential for Cu / Au and base metal sulphide mineralisation. A series of geophysical surveys and geochemical reviews have confirmed anomalous zones and exhibiting high levels of hydrothermal alteration.

The Black Range Project is located within the Mount Stavely Volcanic Complex (MSVC), considered an analogue of the Mt Read Volcanics in Tasmania, which is host to:

- Mount Lyell
- Rosebery
- Henty

The MSVC is classified into the Grampians – Stavely Zone in western Victoria. The Moyston Fault separates the Delamerian Grampians – Stavely Zone, to the west, from the Lachlan Fold Belt containing the Victorian goldfields to the east. West of the Moyston Fault are fault-bounded belts of Mount Stavely Volcanics within a sequence of quartz-rich turbidites (Glenthompson Sandstone) deforming during the Late Cambrian period to form the basement of the Grampians-Stavely Zone.

The Dalamerian rocks are unconformably overlain by an Ordovician-Silurian shallow marine to fluvial sequence of the Grampians Group. The Mount Stavely Volcanics consists of a basal ultramafic unit and then a suite of andesitic lavas at the base of the pile, conformably overlain by felsic volcanics/tuffs, shales and sandstones, with plugs of tonalite and rare slices of ultramafic rocks.



The Black Range Project captures three fault-bound segments of the Stavely Arc volcanics. The Project area includes the advanced Eclipse prospect where a supergene blanket of enriched copper (chalcocite) mineralisation is developed above widespread copper, gold and zinc mineralisation, interpreted to be associated with a potential volcanic-hosted massive sulphide source.

In 2014, Navarre undertook an induced polarisation (IP) geophysical survey which highlighted a large anomaly beneath the shallow chalcocite mineralisation that is also coincident with a gold-in-soils anomaly. The IP target zone was wide and extended under areas of cover adjacent to the chalcocite mineralisation that had been confirmed by a prior series of reverse circulation drill holes. A portion of this target has had a small diamond drill program (3 drill holes for 1,497m) completed to depth and anomalous gold, copper and other base metals have been intercepted. Within the diamond drill core, clasts of massive sulphides were noted indicating the possible proximal nature of the works to more in situ ores deposited within a VHMS. All drill holes were limited to the area of chalcocite outcrop, and as such did not test many areas with cover rocks and as such was limited in its scope. Further work is required to determine size and extent of the mineralisation and to define further exploration targets



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