

## Mining Weekly

### Aim Resources to start drilling at Zambian copper/gold project

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Australian-listed AIM Resources said on Tuesday that it would start drilling on the Mumbwa copper/gold project, in Zambia, this month.

The company has engaged three drilling rigs to complete 13 cored holes for a total of about 9 100 m.

This drilling programme is the follow-up to previously intersected mineralisation, announced in May last year, which yielded 655,4 m at 0,46% copper and included some gold.

Higher-grade intersections within this hole included 42 m at 2% copper, and a zone of 4 m at 5% copper. Gold was intersected over an 18 m and 12 m interval yielding 0,20 g/t and 0,17 g/t, respectively, which was vertically contiguous to the zones yielding higher copper, AIM Resources explained.

From the proposed 13 drill holes, the average hole depth would be 700 m and samples would be routinely collected and analysed for copper, gold, uranium and a range of 14 other elements including cobalt, arsenic and silver.

"Based on previous results achieved in the last programme, I am looking forward to further advancing this exciting project and presenting these results as they become available," MD **Marc Flory** said,

Boart Longyear and Ox Drilling Services, based in Zambia, are expected to start drilling in late January. Ground personnel have already inspected the drill sites and logistics management is under way.

Johannesburg-based MSA Geoservices (MSA) is engaged as technical advisers for the programme, providing geological consultancy to the project in conjunction with the AIM Resources and BHP Billiton.