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## **MUMBWA JV PROJECT – PHASE 4 DRILLING UPDATE**

**Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) (“Blackthorn Resources”) has been advised by BHP Billiton that it does not intend to conduct any further drilling between now and the end of Phase 4 on 30 June 2011.**

Assay results from the five remaining Phase 4 drill holes are pending and are expected to be available in the near future.

BHP Billiton has not yet advised Blackthorn Resources of its intentions regarding future participation in the Mumbwa Project.

Managing Director Scott Lowe said *“We acknowledge BHP Billiton’s decision not to conduct any additional drilling. We remain enthusiastic about the Mumbwa Project and the potential to enhance value, whether or not BHP Billiton elects to continue direct participation. We will inform the market once BHP Billiton informs us of its decision regarding its options under the joint venture.”*

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