



Cover Story



Axiom Mining Limited's Diverse Portfolio Strategically Positions the Company within Australia and Vietnam to Capitalise on the Strength in the Gold and Base Metal Markets.

Axiom Mining Limited is in a prime position to capitalise on the strength in the gold and base metals markets due to its strategic portfolio of quality projects in Queensland, Australia and Vietnam.

The Company's strong quarterly results demonstrated the value in its diverse portfolio. The market's interest in Axiom and its future outlook was indicated by its share price's ability to recover lost ground and soar 100% on the 12th of March.

I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Jake Gray, Axiom's Director and CEO, and Mr. Jack McCarthy, the Company's Executive Director Geology. These gentlemen gladly found the time to highlight the key attributes of Axiom that would contribute to its future growth and development.

"Axiom's primary focus is on gold and high value base metals, essentially in the order of gold-copper-silver, followed by zinc and lead," Mr. Gray informed the Australian Investor, "The Company was incorporated in 1992 as Vietnam Resources Corporation (VRC). At the time VRC was one of only few international mining companies to venture into Vietnam – we liked the geology, we liked and respected the spirit and integrity of the Vietnam geologist's, had reservations about the bureaucracy, still have a few, but not many, we are still there and will be for a lot longer. This 16 years presence in Vietnam has resulted in Axiom being the country's leading exploration / mining company.

In 2004, to reflect the company's expanding activities, demonstrated by the acquisition Ozmin, also influenced by the desire to reduce any perception of country risk the company changed its name from Vietnam Resources Corporation to Axiom Mining – in Vietnam we are proudly known as VRC."

As discussed, the company has two centre's of operation in the Asia Pacific region - Vietnam and North Queensland, however, what is not well known nor promoted is that the company has entered into a joint venture agreement with the government of the Solomon Islands and the local land owners to develop one of the worlds largest laterate nickel deposits.

"We acquired these Australian properties before our listing on the Stock Exchange to diversify our portfolio and to take advantage of the company's have projects that were subject to less political risks," Mr. McCarthy explained to the Australian Investor.

However, the Mr. McCarthy noted that the Company's position in Vietnam provided them with a substantial amount of potential upside for the future considering that the country's projected growth over the next 20 years is expected to be around 10% a year, which will increase the demand for metal input.

"In Vietnam we have interests, held through project specific Australian corporate entities, in three projects," Mr. Gray explained to the Australian Investor, "Our main priority and most advanced project in the region is the Quang Binh MEL gold and silver project located

in Quang Binh Province, Central Vietnam although gold and silver are the main minerals we are expecting copper”.

High-grade gold-silver sediment hosted as well as lower grade porphyry style gold mineralisation zones underlie a soil and rock chip gold anomaly and continue to be drilled.

“An application is in process for a new and larger MEL to replace the existing Quang Binh MEL,” Mr. Gray told the Australian Investor, “As soon as this licence is renewed – in about 30 to 60 days – we will continue resource definition drilling at this project.”

The second project in Vietnam that Axiom is particularly excited about is the highly gold prospective Quang Tri area. The company expects to receive a new gold mineral exploration license on this area in the next 30 days. Regional exploration followed by drilling will commence immediately the MEL is granted.

Axiom’s principal areas in North Queensland, are its Cardross and OK Mines projects.

“These projects were acquired in the early part of this century, before the metal prices had taken off,” Mr. McCarthy told the Australian Investor, “They were initially picked up with a strategic land acquisition in mind.”

The Cardross Project is primarily prospective for copper with some gold, silver and zinc. Results from the Phase 1 drilling program were sufficiently encouraging to indicate significant potential for a commercial near surface copper-gold-silver deposit in a 1,600 m long area within the Cardross mining lease.

Detailed data collected from Phase 1 drilling, previous mapping and ground magnetic and gradient array IP surveys have been used to create a 3D model of the Cardross mineral system, which indicates significant potential exists between previous drill holes, down plunge within the mining lease and also SW along strike into the surrounding EPM’s.

“A follow-up Phase 2 drill program based on this model commenced in early December and is continuing,” Mr. McCarthy informed the Australian Investor, “We believe there is a substantial amount of potential to further extend the drilling south and along strike of the structure with the possibility to double the size of our target.”

Drilling at the Company’s OK project intersected zones of significant massive sulphide, with mineralization similar to previous drilling that included intervals of moderate to high grade copper zinc.

“There was a broad zone intersected around the OK Mines historical workings that returned relatively high grade zones,” Mr. McCarthy told the Australian Investor, “We believe there is great potential for the area to host high-grade mineralisation that could develop into a reasonable resource.”

This is Axiom’s primary focus for 2008. The Company intends to aggressively pursue the development of this project as soon as Queensland’s wet season – which has been one of the most severe in recent times – is over.

In January 2008, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary Ozmin Resources Pty Limited, entered an option to acquire 100% of the Nightglower property.

“This will strengthen our existing resource endowment and our strategic land position in the Chillagoe region of Queensland,” Mr. McCarthy commented, “The two Nightflower EPM’s are contiguous with Karagara Zinc’s Mungana-Red Dome holdings and our OK tenements.”

These areas have a strong potential to host both gold-silver-lead-zinc and porphyry gold-copper deposits.

“There have been around 16 holes drilled historically on this area,” Mr. McCarthy informed the Australian Investor, “A few more need to be drilled to bring the project up to JORC guidelines; we are very keen to begin this process.”

There are approximately four to five other known mineralised bodies on the Nightflower structure that have base metal development potential.

Also within the Company's portfolio is a block of land that hosts EPMs with several new targets, including Split Rock that has a historical drill hole that returned a significant low grade copper over a 200 metre intersection.

"The region itself is very similar to Vietnam in the sense that it has been relatively underexplored, but has an exciting amount of potential," Mr. McCarthy told the Australian Investor, "We think it has the potential to be developed into a similar operation to that of Mungana."

Additionally the Company's portfolio includes its White Hills Project, which has a drill program scheduled to commence mid year and its Mt. Molloy Project that has generated excellent drilling results from its first assays. Future results are expected to be released in the next quarterly.

Another area that represents low exploration risk is a project in the Solomon Islands, with a deposit has been defined in the past by International Nickel. Currently, there are political difficulties and license issues, but Mr. McCarthy believes that when these issues are resolved this project has the characteristics to be a transforming event for Axiom.

Mr. Gray concluded, "There has never been a better time to explore. We are excited by the potential in our portfolio, we love talking about it and we are looking forward to aggressively pursuing the opportunities within it to achieve our aim of becoming a substantial mining Company that will capitalise on the strength in the resource sector, our portfolio and the quality of the Axiom team and growing shareholder value."

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