

Avrupa Minerals Begins Exploration at Alvito IOCG Targets, Portugal

Avrupa Minerals Ltd. (AVU:TSXV) is pleased to provide an update on project activities to date in 2017. The Company has progressed two of its projects in an effort to make them more ready for joint venture possibilities and has begun the exploration program at the Alvito iron oxide copper-gold (“IOCG”) project in Portugal.

Alvito IOCG Exploration Underway, Portugal

The Company’s partner for the Alvito Project, OZ Minerals Limited (“OZ Minerals”), has provided funding for the first phase exploration program which is designed to identify and refine IOCG drill targets. IOCG deposits are characterized by large volumes of iron oxide-dominated alteration and associated copper and gold mineralization. Examples of IOCG deposits include the Olympic Dam Mine in Australia owned by BHP Billiton Ltd. and the Candelaria Mine in Chile operated by Lundin Mining Corporation. OZ Minerals owns two IOCG projects in South Australia: the Prominent Hill Mine, currently in production, and the Carrapateena project, currently in feasibility study.

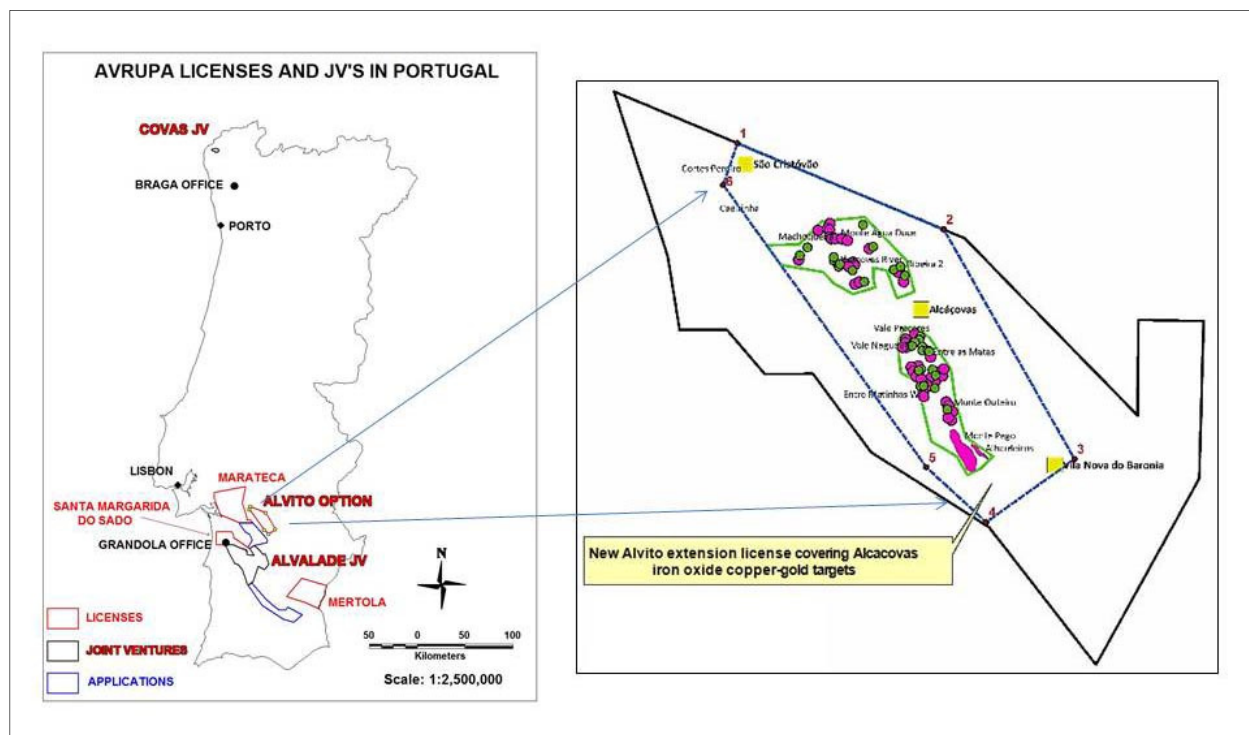


Figure 1. Location and outline of the new Alvito extension license covering the entire Alcaçovas iron oxide copper-gold target area.

The Alvito project is located approximately two hours from the Portuguese capital of Lisbon (Figure 1). Exploration is focused on an area containing a large copper-in-soil anomaly with a strike extent of 24 kilometers. The first phase of the program will consist of geological mapping and prospecting, and large, license-wide, gravity and magnetic geophysical surveys. The detailed geological and geophysical data will be integrated with results from historical work, and used to identify and rank drill targets for the second phase of the exploration program.

The exploration program will be managed by Avrupa's Portuguese geological team based in Grandola, Portugal, and led by Mr. Josh Coder, MSc. Geo, formerly with Polish copper producer KGHM.

Marateca VMS Project exploration program results, Portugal

Also in southern Portugal, Avrupa drilled two holes to test stratigraphy and for possible mineralization in the late fall of 2016. The results from these two stratigraphic holes at the Pego do Altar gossan target on the Marateca project indicated anomalous base metal geochemistry over 38.25 meters (from 23.35 to 61.6 meters) in PDA01, and over 18.1 meters (from 22.50 to 40.60 meters) in PDA02, and then again for 5.4 meters at the bottom of this hole (from 71.45 to 76.85 meters--TD).

Most importantly, the blind intersection of stockwork sulfide and quartz mineralization, up to 100 meters downdip from the outcropping gossan, indicates continuity of the sulfidic zone. The stockwork zone at Pego do Altar is located in the target stratigraphy of the upper levels of the Volcano-Sedimentary (VS) Formation, host to massive sulfide mineralization throughout the Iberian Pyrite Belt, including at Avrupa's discovery at Sesmarias in the Alvalade Project, some 40 kilometers south of Pego do Altar. There are at least eight other un-drilled target areas identified to date on the Marateca license where upper VS stratigraphy subcrops or outcrops while hosting anomalous zinc and copper soil geochemistry.

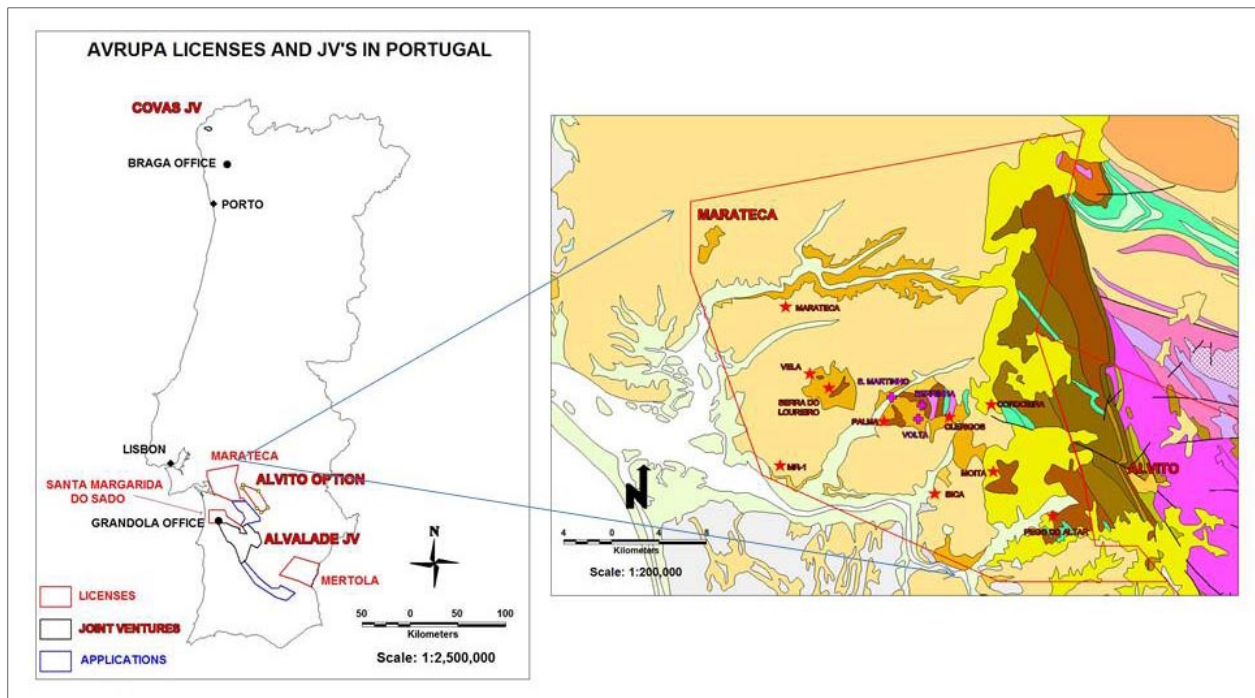


Figure 2. Location and outline of the Marateca license, with all presently known target areas. Pego do Altar is located in the southeast corner of license. All target areas cover windows of outcropping upper VS Formation and anomalous copper and zinc in soils geochemistry. We assume that areas between the VS windows, covered by recent sediments, also contain buried VS stratigraphy and targets.

The data from the Marateca exploration programs is currently being assembled for review by potential partners on the project.

Metovit Pb-Zn-Ag-Au License soil sampling, Kosovo

In Kosovo, results from widespread soil sampling on the Metovit license, located less than 15 kilometers NE of the Slivovo Gold Project, indicate several new target areas for further groundwork. The strongest and most widespread gold-in-soil anomalism occurs in the area of Grbes village near where Avrupa drilled a shallow test hole in 2011. That hole intercepted de-calcified shales, but no geochemical anomalism. The second area of widespread soils' anomalism occurs in the northern and northeastern portions of the license where geologists discovered an outcropping gossan zone carrying elevated Au, Ag, As, Pb, Zn, Ni, and Cr values. A third area of interest covers a widespread molybdenum-in-soil anomaly around the Metovic village area, also drilled by Avrupa in 2011. This hole bottomed for technical reasons in stockwork sulfide veining and strong argillic alteration, but has not yet been followed-up.

Avrupa plans to conduct follow-up work at Metovit later in 2017.

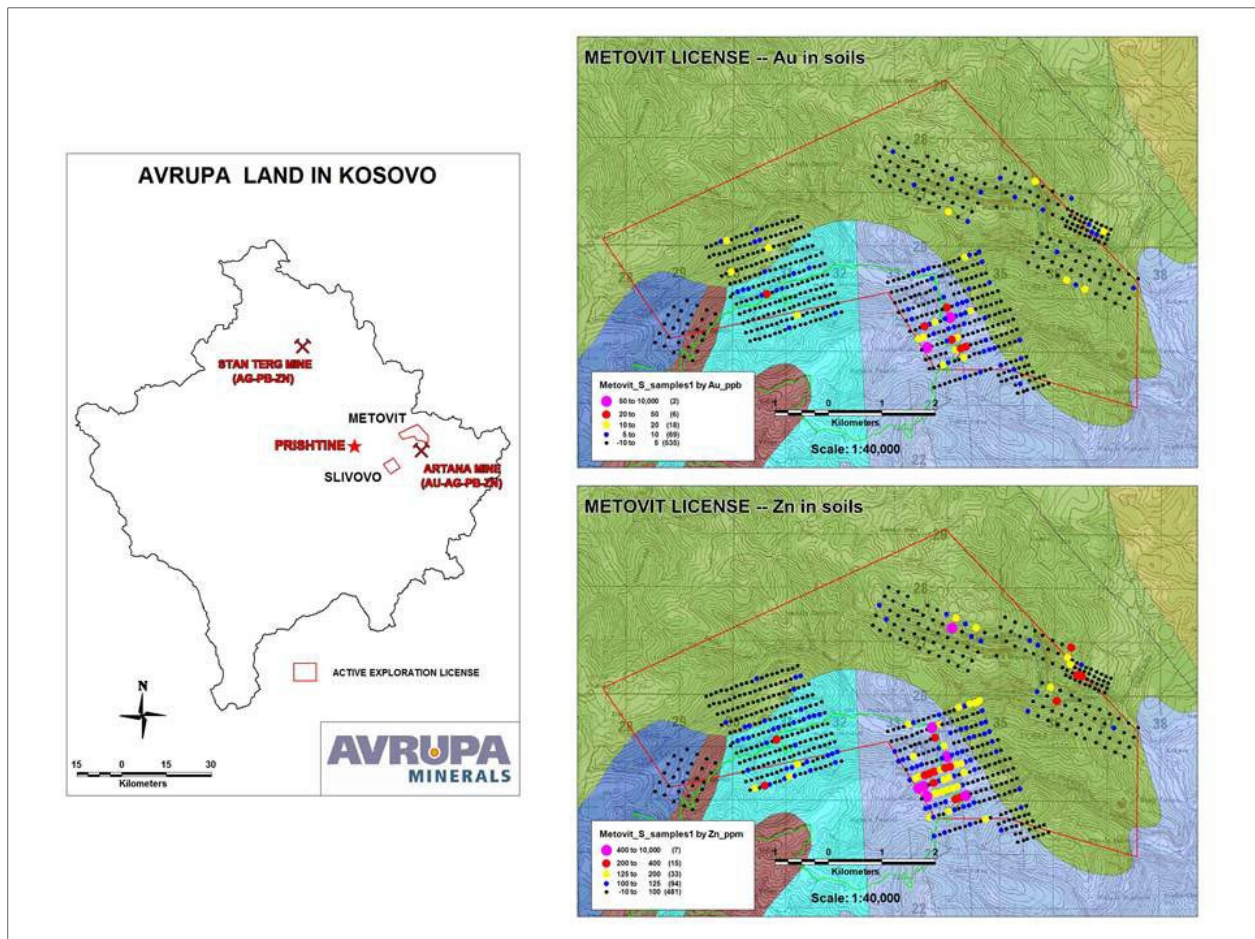


Figure 3. Location of Metovit license in Kosovo, with gold and zinc in soils geochemistry.

Avrupa Minerals Ltd. is a growth-oriented junior exploration and development company focused on discovery, using a prospect generator model, of valuable mineral deposits in politically stable and prospective regions of Europe, including Portugal, Kosovo, and Germany.

The Company currently holds nine exploration licenses in three European countries, including six in Portugal covering 3,268 km², two in Kosovo covering 47 km², and one in Germany covering 307 km². Avrupa has three joint ventures, two in Portugal and one in Kosovo, including:

- The **Oz Alvito Option Agreement** with Oz Minerals Ltd. covering one license in the Ossa Morena Zone in southern Portugal, for IOCG deposits;
- The **Alvalade JV**, with Colt Resources, covering one license in the Iberian Pyrite Belt of southern Portugal, for Zn/Cu-rich massive sulfide deposits. The partner is currently in default according to the terms of the JV agreement, and Avrupa is working on a route to consolidation of the program;
- The **Covas JV**, with Blackheath Resources, covering one license in northern Portugal, for intrusion-related W deposits; and

- Avrupa's partner at the **Slivovo Gold Project** in Kosovo is fully funding the program, allowing Avrupa to dilute its ownership in the JV operating company Peshter Mining JSC. If AVU ownership goes below 10%, the interest in the project converts to a 2% NSR.

Avrupa is currently upgrading precious and base metal targets to JV-ready status in a variety of districts on their other licenses, with the idea of attracting potential partners to project-specific and/or regional exploration programs.

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