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Avrupa recovers 100% ownership of Alvalade VMS Project

- Past Sesmarias results over 1.8 km strike length
- Copper, lead, zinc in drill core, with gold & silver
- 20 km NW of Almina's Aljustrel Mine
- 60 km NW of Lundin Mining's Neves Corvo Mine

Avrupa Minerals Ltd. (AVU:TSXV, AVPMF: US DTC) is pleased to announce that it has recovered 100% ownership of the Alvalade VMS copper/lead/zinc Project, in the Iberian Pyrite Belt of southern Portugal. Avrupa has signed agreements with two former partners that transfer the outstanding 60% ownership of the project back to Avrupa in return for certain debts being forgiven to one partner, and future success-based payments to another former partner. Avrupa now holds 100% of the Alvalade Project.

About the Alvalade Project

Avrupa acquired the Alvalade Project in 2010 and initially optioned it out in 2012, but has been the operator of the project since acquisition. During that first earn-in period (2012-15), an initial hole, **SES002**, was drilled into the Sesmarias target and intersected **10.85 meters of 1.81% copper, 2.57% lead and 4.38% zinc**. Drilling encountered numerous faults, but subsequent holes hit mineralization, on and off, over a 1.8 kilometer strike length, including **SES010 which intersected 58 meters of 0.32% copper, 0.61% lead, 1.95% zinc, 0.45 g/t gold, 25 g/t silver**.

A summary of some of the previously announced results from Alvalade is presented below:

- **SES002** – 10.85 meters @ 1.81% Cu; 75.27 ppm Ag; 2.57% Pb; 4.38% Zn; 0.13% Sn
- **SES006** – 1.5 meters @ 1.66% Cu; 54 ppm Ag; 2.30% Pb; 3.66% Zn; 0.091% Sn -- mineralization cut off by faulting
- **SES008** – 5.0 meters @ 0.64% Cu; 36.8 ppm Ag; 0.94% Pb; 1.54% Zn – mineralization cut off by faulting
- **SES009** – 2.3 meters of massive pyrite (not analyzed)
- **SES010** – 57.85 meters @ 0.45 g/t Au; 25.1 g/t Ag; 0.32% Cu; 0.61% Pb; 1.95% Zn

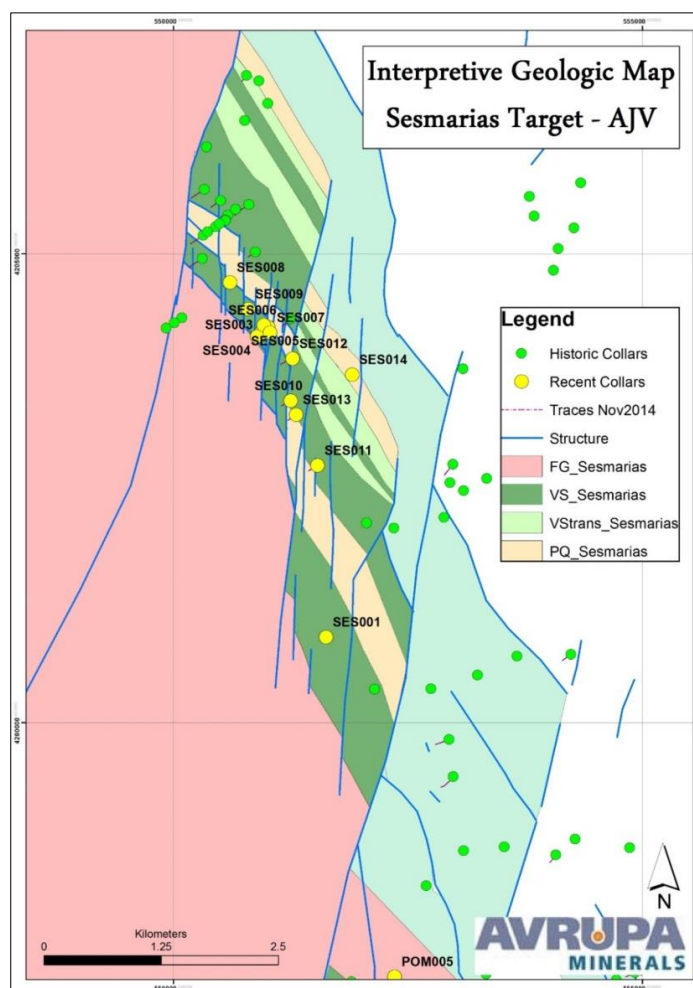


Figure 1. Summary of drilling SES001 thru SES014

The Project was optioned out a second time in Q3 2015. During this earn-in period (2015-17), Avrupa drilled four additional holes into the Sesmarias target area that confirmed and extended one massive sulphide lens in the area to a length of 300+ meters with a 20-40 meter thickness. The lens is open to the northwest and down dip to the northeast. The assays from those four holes are reported below.

Drill hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
SES019	263.50	315.20	51.70	0.44	0.75	2.71	0.40	17.35
including	264.15	299.05	34.90	0.40	0.99	3.46	0.38	20.67
and including	280.45	290.95	10.50	0.36	1.71	5.18	0.37	21.71
SES020	277.85	287.55	9.70	0.25	0.57	0.99	0.47	24.70
	297.70	319.95	22.25	0.55	0.59	0.66	0.53	20.54
	325.00	334.10	9.10	0.32	0.14	0.52	0.68	11.31
	337.85	356.65	18.80	0.33	0.14	0.64	0.26	6.40
SES021	262.85	277.65	14.80	0.36	0.29	0.40	0.43	9.82
SES022	323.90	376.00	52.10	0.43	0.49	0.98	0.62	17.31

Table 1. 2015-16 drill intercepts from the SES010 lens.

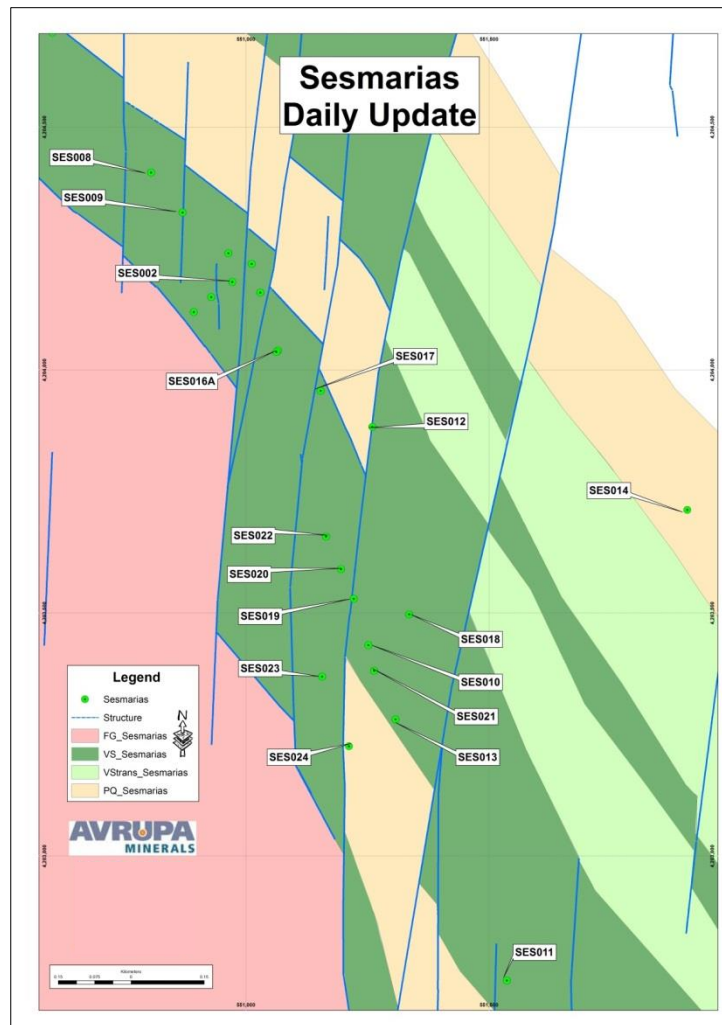


Figure 2. Summary of drilling SES015 to SES022

In 2015, Avrupa conducted downhole geophysics, utilizing the “mise-a-la-masse” (MALM) method, and combined with historic ground magnetics data, suggested that the sulfide lens may continue another 300 meters or more to the northwest from SES022.

To date, 54 holes have been drilled around the license by Avrupa for a total of 21,121 meters. More than 10 of the holes intercepted massive sulfides with various grades of copper, lead and zinc. Details of those results are on the Avrupa’s website at www.avrupaminerals.com under the “Alvalade Project” tab.

Avrupa is in the process of re-assembling and reviewing all of the previous data on the Alvalade project and will report its plans for the project for 2017 shortly.

There are at least four other separate targets in the immediate Sesmarias area, a significant target in the Pombal area located about 15 km southeast of Sesmarias, and several targets at the Monte da Bela Vista stockwork discovery located about 10 km north of Sesmarias, all on the Neves Corvo mineral trend. Numerous general targets exist on the Aljustrel mineral trend, on the São Domingos mineral trend, and in several other areas along the Neves Corvo mineral trend. All three mineral trends cut the

Alvalade license, giving a total of 85 km of prospective Pyrite Belt potential on the license.

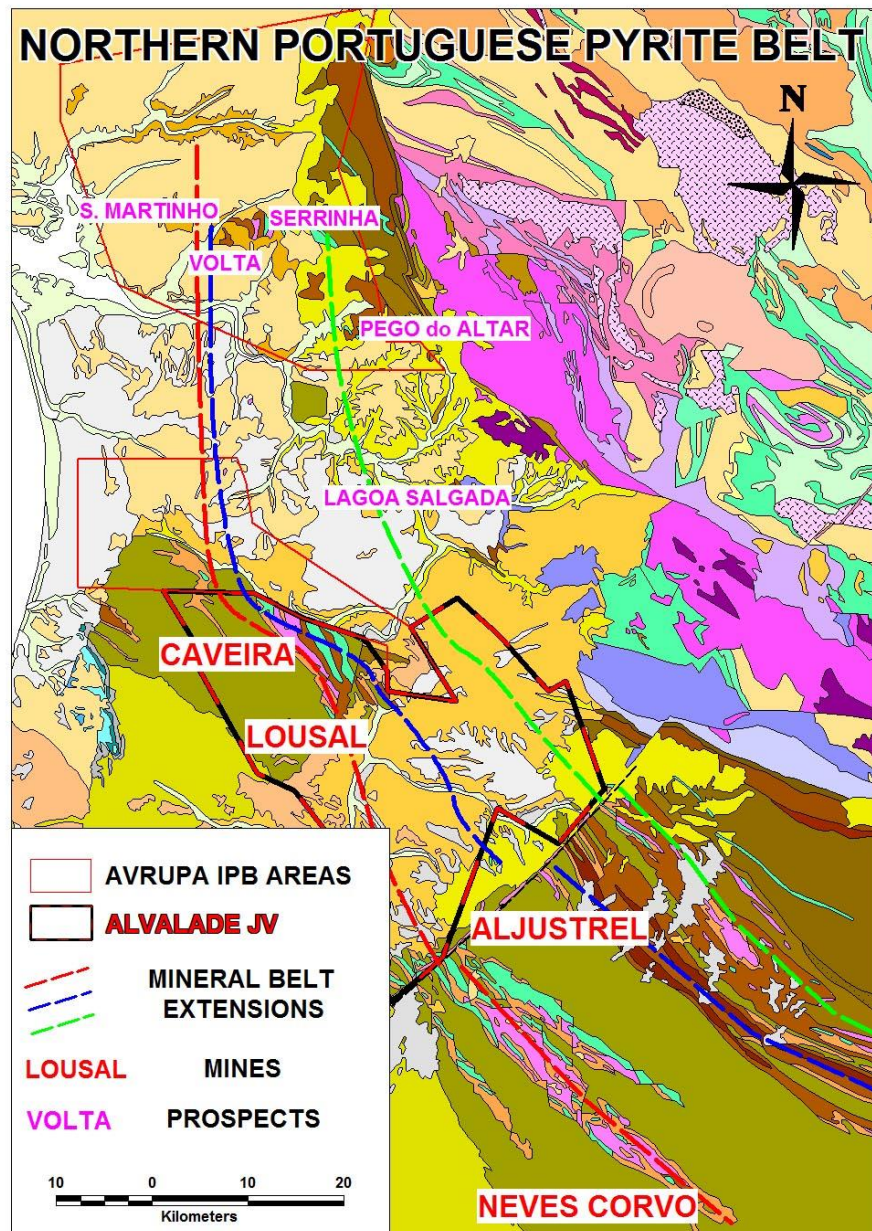


Figure 3. Three Pyrite Belt mineral trends cross the Alvalade Project, noted by dashed red (Neves Corvo), blue (Aljustrel), and green (São Domingos) lines.

Terms of the Agreements with the former Partners

Avrupa has agreed to forgive approximately 160,000 euros in debts, assume a deposit on the project of 75,000 euros, and make the following payments to the initial partner on the project in return for increasing its interest in the project from 40% back to 100%:

- Cash payment of US\$ 250,000 on the filing of an initial NI43-101 compliant resource estimate meeting certain minimum criteria;
- Staged cash payments totaling US\$ 1,000,000 on the completion of a NI43-101 compliant feasibility study meeting certain minimum criteria; and
- Staged cash payments totaling US\$ 3,000,000 on the commencement of commercial production from the project.

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 **Alvito Option Agreement** with Oz Minerals Ltd. covering one license in the Ossa Morena Zone in southern Portugal, for IOCG deposits;
- The **Alvalade Project**, owned 100% by Avrupa.
- 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.

For additional information, contact Avrupa Minerals Ltd. at 1-604-687-3520 or visit our website at www.avrupaminerals.com.

On behalf of the Board,

“Paul W. Kuhn”

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