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Southern Gold 2009-2010 Field Operations Commence in Cambodia

- **Aggressive exploration programmes to commence shortly for 2009-2010 field season in Cambodia, including 4,000 geochemical samples, 8,500m of trenching, 3,000m of RC drilling and 4,000m diamond core drilling**
- **Stream sediment and soil sampling programmes have commenced on Southern Gold's 100% Snoul and Phnum Khnach tenements. Soil sampling on Kratie South JV tenements, Preak Khlong and O'Kthung will immediately follow**
- **Both drilling and trenching activities are expected to commence within the next two weeks**

Southern Gold Limited ("Southern Gold" "the Company") (ASX:SAU) is pleased to advise that the Company's exploration activities for the 2009-2010 field season have commenced on its Cambodian gold and base metals tenements.

Stream sediment and soil sampling has commenced on Southern Gold's 100%-owned Snoul and Phnum Khnach tenements, with the aim of identifying new gold and base metal anomalies which would be prioritised for trenching and/or drill testing. This programme of work will also include infill soil sampling of previously identified targets within these tenements.

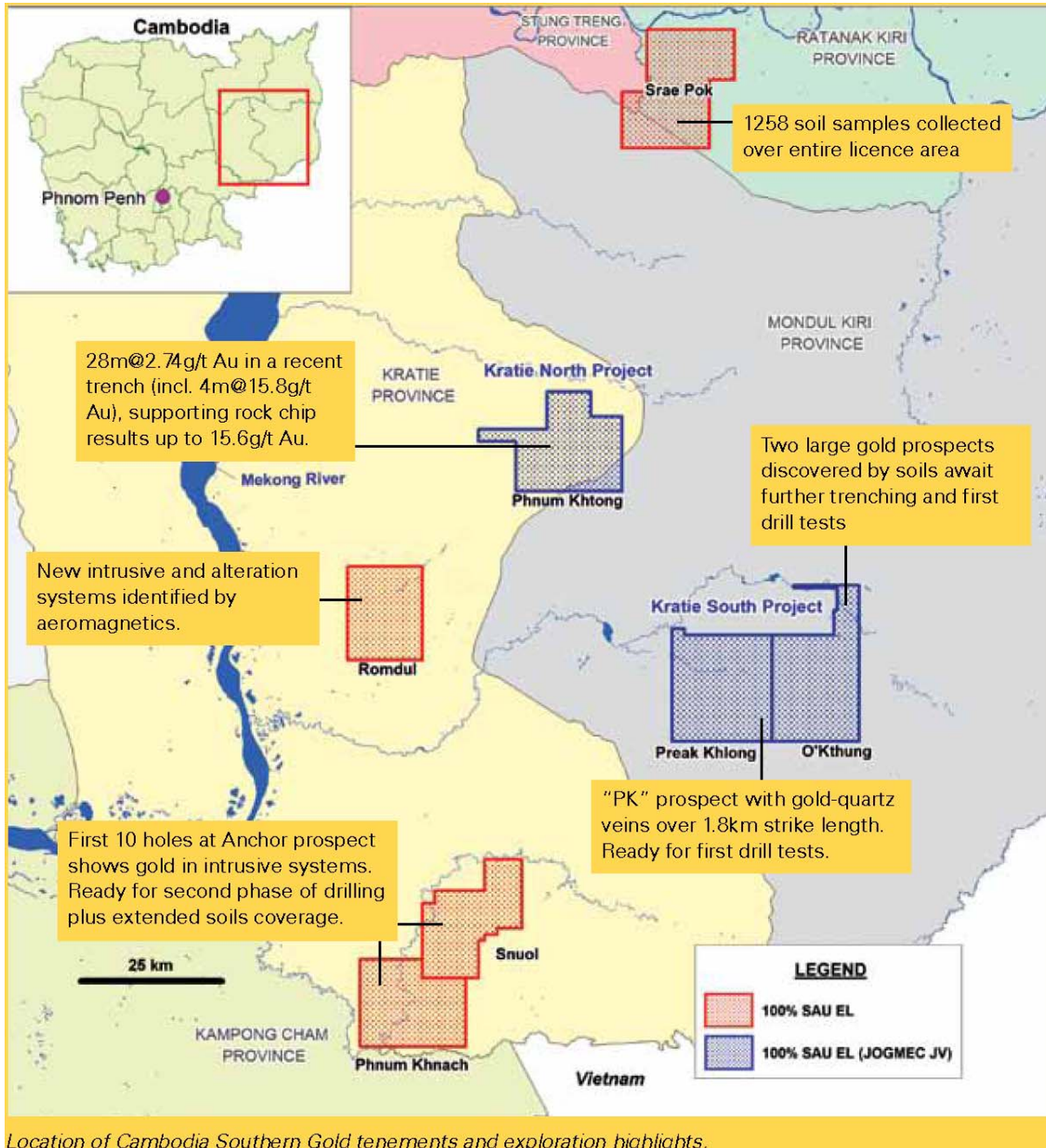
Once stream and soil sampling has been completed on the Snoul and Phnum Khnach tenements, field crews will immediately commence sampling of the Kratie South JV tenements, Preak Khlong and O'Kthung.

Exploration on the joint venture tenements is fully funded by the Japanese Government-backed JOGMEC, pursuant to a Joint Venture agreement. JOGMEC can fully fund exploration activity to a total of US\$4.5 million over 3 years to earn a 51% interest in three tenements – Phnum Khtong (Kratie North Project), and two adjoining blocks, Preak Khlong and O'Kthung (Kratie South Project).

These field operations herald the start of an aggressive exploration programme scheduled over coming months by Southern Gold for its Cambodian Projects. The 2009-2010 field season activities include collecting 4,000 geochemical samples and completing 8,500m of trenching and 3,000m of Reverse Circulation (RC) and 4,000m of diamond core drilling. Both drilling and trenching activities are expected to commence within the next two weeks.

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