

Introducing Black Gaharish with Mr. Javier Orduña \$AAN Aton Resources

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Read on for the story of Javier’s first visit to the Black Gaharish prospect, a new target for Aton Resources.

Mr. Javier Orduña is the Exploration Manager for Aton Resources (TSXV:AAN) and his visit to Black Gaharish yielded a grab sample with 16.5 g/t Au, as in the news release from September 13th, 2017. Find the full results in the release here: <https://ceo.ca/@nasdaq/aton-announces-new-regional-exploration-results-from>

Peter Bell: Hello Javier.

Javier Orduña: Hi Peter. I’ve got a little story for you here today about the Abu Gaharish prospect that we discussed recently. The day we went to Abu Gaharish, Abdallah, our driver, who is a fairly senior member of the local Bedouin tribe, told us that there were some old workings up a side wadi as we drove past. That was news to us at the time, so we asked him to take us there. We figured we might as well have a look on our way to Abu Gaharish. This ended up being a three-hour diversion to a new target area, Black Gaharish.



Javier Orduña: The photo shows a fairly major working that we visited there. There are ancient workings at Black Gaharish, as in other places, but this one was different. This place sits at the end of a valley and there is a shallow but significant excavation that dips back into the hillside. You can see it on the right side of the picture behind Abdallah. There are several other workings in the immediate vicinity, and after having gone back afterwards and further inspected the imagery in detail, we have identified more workings to the north of this one.

You can also see the structure that they were mining in the picture is fairly flat lying, but it continues and contours round and over the hillside to the left side of the picture. Abdallah told us that there was something up there, based on his local knowledge, and we just went out there to have a look. It was a completely new place for us and we didn't really know anything about it when we first went up there.

We took a single sample of the quartz. It looked like pretty poor stuff, to be honest with you. It looked barren, no iron oxides, no sulphides, no copper staining – it looked rubbish, frankly. We took it for assay and it came back at 16 grams, which is pretty exciting.

This is another one that needs to be followed up - this general area. And that story helps give you an idea for the sort of things we're looking at and how we need to approach exploration.

Peter Bell: 16 grams per ton gold?

Javier Orduña: Yes.

Peter Bell: Was that a chip sample?

Javier Orduña: Yes, we just grab sampled some vein quartz. In fact, we took it from a rotting bag of quartz that we found below the workings. There had obviously been some illegal miners in there at some point. Judging by the state of the bag, it looked like it had been there ten or more years. They were obviously mining it, but it looked like rubbish to us at first. We thought, "well, we might as well take a grab sample of it while we're here." I'm glad we did.

Peter Bell: Thank you, Javier. Great to hear that you are actually benefitting from those who came before you there.

Javier Orduña: Abdallah and our other Bedouin are an important store of local knowledge. Abdallah is the longest serving member of staff at Aton, and is a very useful guy to have around. I suspect that the local Bedouin have been mining this sort of stuff for generations – they know where all the workings are. They don't speak a word of English, but they can drive around and show us what they know. They know this country like the back of their hand. They know where to drive their camels at certain times of year and they know where all the ancient historical workings are located. They are certainly a very valuable tool to us.

Peter Bell: Thank you, Javier, for introducing us to Black Gaharish!

Javier Orduña: You're welcome, Peter.



Check out this extended quote from the September 13th news release for more, “The new Black Gaharish prospect was identified from investigation of remote sensing imagery, and the presence of ancient workings in the area was confirmed by local Bedouin who have extensive knowledge of many ancient workings in the whole region. A brief initial field visit to the prospect area revealed the presence of numerous ancient working sites, and ancient miners huts. A single grab sample of vein quartz from one of the ancient workings returned an assay grade of 16.5 g/t Au. Further field follow up is planned at Black Gaharish, and also at Zeno when the cooler temperatures of autumn and winter will facilitate access to this rather remote site.” And watch out for news of the next field trip to Black Gaharish, guided by the company’s studies of satellite imagery of the area.

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