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## Solomon kicks off "aggressive" campaign

Solomon Gold (SOLG) has kicked off an "aggressive" exploration campaign at its Guadalcanal joint venture on the Solomon Islands. Solomon, along with partner Newmont Mining, will embark on a 3,000 metre drilling campaign on the copper gold porphyry targets at the Chikora and Levisivisi prospects.

In addition, the duo also plan to carry out geological mapping on the Mbetilonga and Kuma projects over the ensuing months in an effort to define drill targets in the area. Work has also got underway at Solomon's wholly-owned Fauro Island project, with a focus on eight priority targets. The AIM-listed gold explorer has already take a total of 125 soil samples spanning a 100 metre by 100 metre grid, with the aim being to cover the entire peninsular.

The company described its recent run of drilling as "a highly active period with further encouraging results and the recommencement of work at its Solomon Island projects". News of its current ambitious campaign came after the company reported success at the Crunchie deposit within its Australia Rannes Project, where it has identified a 200,000 ounce gold equivalent maiden resource, and Solomon shows no signs of slowing.

The company, which raised £1.6 million through a share placement in last month, plans to begin a new drilling campaign next month at Mount Perry in Queensland after identifying a "significant drill target based on strong gold in soil geochemistry". The best result revealed 24 metres at 0.78 grams/tonne of gold, the company said. Marc Elliot, analyst at Fairfax, commented: "Solomon is clearly pressing ahead with the various projects within the company's extensive portfolio. We hope to see work at Crunchie add resources that could support a mine. It is also encouraging that progress is being made with the Newmont JV that could add significant value to the company."

Investors digesting the news on the Interactive Investor Solomon Gold discussion board were generally pleased with today's announcement.