



## MIDLANDS MINERALS CORPORATION - INITIATES TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF SIAN PROPERTY ON THE ASHANTI GOLDBELT IN GHANA

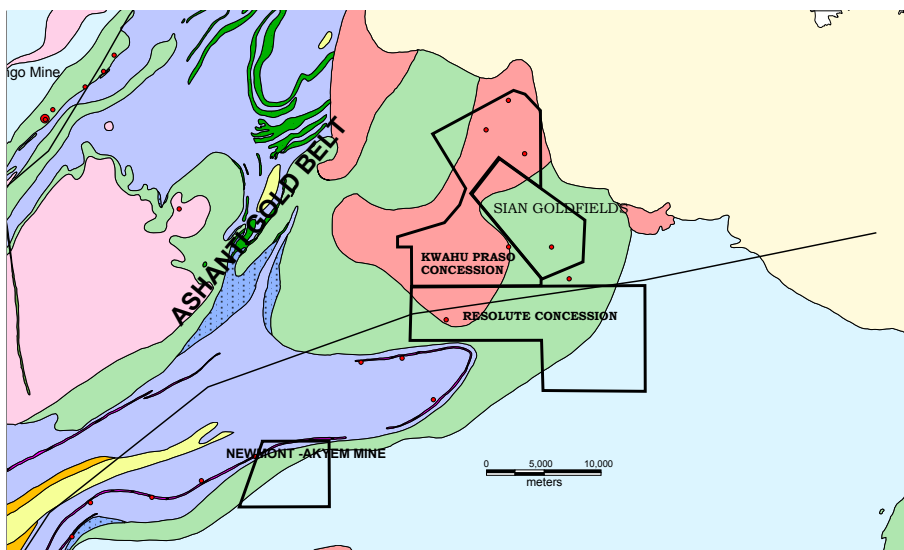
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TORONTO CANADA, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Kim Harris, Chief Executive Officer, Midlands Minerals Corporation ("Midlands" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that a technical evaluation of the Sian Goldfields Limited ("Sian") property and Midlands' Kwahu Praso gold property in Ghana commenced in January 2006. The Sian and Kwahu Praso properties are located on the north-east end of the Ashanti Goldbelt.

Midlands recently entered into an agreement to acquire a 70% interest in the mineral assets of Sian which include 50 square kilometres of ground, a historical resource, an open pit mine, plant and equipment.

Sian Goldfields Limited was actively mining gold on the Esaase open pit mine until July 2004, and there are previous workings on the Besease, an old prospect also on the Sian property. No estimates of Mineral Resources or Reserves (as defined by National Instrument 43-101) have been made since the date NI 43-101 came into effect. Sian ceased its mining operations in July 2004 due to lack of capital and issues related to the management of their mining operations.

Sian, which is contiguous to Midlands' Kwahu Praso gold property, is surrounded by Kwahu Praso on three sides. Midlands holds an 80% interest in the Kwahu Praso gold project, a 109 square kilometre property. Contiguous to Kwahu Praso (to the south) is the Akaose property held by Resolute Mining Company. Both Kwahu Praso and Sian are surrounded by Newmont Mining Corporation and are approximately 30 kilometres from Newmont's Akyem Project, a \$500 million investment which is scheduled to commence production in 2008. Newmont Mining is reporting over 5 million oz of gold on their Akyem property.



The technical work program being carried out on Sian and Kwahu Praso properties was designed by Marc Boisvert, P.Eng. and is being supervised by Marc Boisvert. The 43-101 reports are expected to be available by the end of April, 2006. The work program on Sian includes verification of all gold showing on the Esaase, Besease, Odumesua and Ampeha. Drill logs and cores from Sian will be reviewed and about 10% of the existing drill cores will be re-assayed. Midlands will re-assay approximately 10% of existing duplicate samples, and will re-sample soil, trenches and out crops as part of the technical review and evaluation.

In addition to Kwahu Praso and Sian, Midlands holds 100% of the Kaniago gold project located on the Asankrangwa Gold Belt in Ghana. This project is 45.14 square kilometres and is contiguous to Resolute Mining's open pit Obotan Mine.

The Kaniago property is located approximately 25 kilometres east of AngloGold Ashanti's Bibiani Mine with a recorded historical production of 3.2 million oz of gold and current reserves of 1.9 million oz, and is about the same distance to the south east of AngloGold Ashanti's Ayanfuri/Obuasi Mines with a recorded historical production of 29 million oz of gold and recorded current reserves of 34 million oz.

The company also holds mineral rights on gold properties in Tanzania – The Itilima project in the Lake Victoria Goldfields and the New Kilindi project located in geology similar to Lupa Goldfields.

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**The TSX-V has in no way passed upon the merits of the proposed transactions and has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this press release.**

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