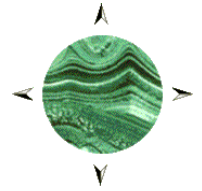


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## DRILLING AT TOOLOOM GOLD PROJECT RESUMES AFTER BUSHFIRE

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Malachite Resources Limited (ASX: MAR) advises that diamond drilling has resumed at the Company's wholly owned Tooloom Gold Project, following suspension of the program in early December due to a bushfire.



Drilling was suspended when a major bushfire, started by a lightning strike nearby, burnt through much of the Tooloom project area. All personnel were evacuated safely but some damage to water pipelines and ancillary drilling equipment was sustained. Malachite's losses were relatively minor and should be covered by insurance.

A significant safety risk was recognised after the fire, due to the possibility of badly burnt trees falling onto access tracks and drill sites. Accordingly, drilling was suspended until the tracks were cleared and the drill pads made safe to resume work.

Assays of samples from two drill holes completed earlier at the Back Creek Prospect and for core produced at Joes Gully before the fire are expected shortly.

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