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Manson Creek Acquires Gold Project Adjacent to 7 Million Ounce Gold Producer

Manson Creek Resources Ltd. ('Manson Creek') is pleased to report that it has entered into an option with Panarc Resources to acquire a 100% interest in the Up Town Gold project located adjacent to the historic Giant mine in the Northwest Territories.

The 3,388 hectare property has 5 known gold bearing zones hosted in an Archean granodiorite adjacent to the Yellowknife greenstone belt which boasts over 12 million ounces of gold production from the nearby Giant and Con mines. Historic work on the Up Town Gold property, done primarily in the 1960's, focused on the narrow quartz filled shears and associated quartz veins while largely ignoring the larger zones of hydrothermally altered host granodiorite. The shear zones, associated fractures and quartz veins vary from millimeter widths to well over 3.0 meters and they commonly are surrounded by a broader alteration halo. Alteration consists of silicification and sericitization with hematite alteration present as well. Mineralization is exposed at surface with exposures of tens of meters common with many stretching for hundreds of meters.

Until recently, gold exploration has focused primarily on volcano-sedimentary greenstone belts, seeking structurally controlled mesothermal lode-gold deposits while the adjacent granitoid rocks have been largely ignored as hosts for gold mineralization. A growing number of significant bulk minable lode-gold deposits have been found in Archean granitic rocks and there is a growing awareness that they constitute a separate deposit class – referred to as Granitoid Hosted Lode Gold deposits.

Several of the gold bearing zones on the Up Town Gold property had historical estimates completed in the 1960's with over 2,500 meters of diamond drilling completed. In many of the historic assessment reports there is mention of hydrothermally altered host rock but no systematic sampling was ever conducted on these altered zones.

Table 1. Historic Gold Zones – Selected Significant Results

Zone	Historic Work	Gold Grades* grams/tonne (g/t)
Rod	Multiple trenches >2,300 m diamond drilling	28.0 g/t to 93.9 g/t
J Group	Multiple trenches Minor diamond drilling	2.0 g/t – 61.0 g/t
C4	Multiple trenches	53.0 g/t to 77.0 g/t
Fox South	Multiple trenches	0.5 g/t – 3.94 g/t
Rose	Multiple trenches	17.1 g/t

*NOTE: Historical reported assays submitted in assessment reports

A due diligence visit conducted by Company personnel in December located many of the historical areas of trenching. Shovelling of snow allowed for limited exposure of the located Rod and J Group trenches and thirteen rock samples were collected from silicified shear and vein material as well as altered wall rock. Nine grab samples were taken at various trenches in the Rod zone and four samples were taken from a trench in the J Group zone with the results summarized below. The Rod samples returned an average of 11.2 g/t gold with two of the grab samples returning high grade gold grades of 49.6 g/t and 19.2 g/t gold. The J Group samples averaged 0.13 g/t gold with trace silver in the limited sampling. The assays show high grade zones occur within broader halos of lower grade mineralization and are consistent with the Granitoid Hosted Lode Gold deposit exploration model.

Table 2. Due Diligence Sampling Summary

Zone	Number of Samples Collected and Type	Gold grams/tonne	Silver grams/tonne
Rod	9 Grab Samples	0.008 g/t to 46.6 g/t	<0.1 g/t to >100 g/t
J Group	4 Grab Samples	0.004 g/t to 0.45 g/t	<0.1 g/t to 0.3 g/t

Samples were forwarded to Acme Labs in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories for analysis with all of the rock samples analyzed using inductively coupled plasma (ICP) together with mass spectrometry (MS) finish. Gold was analyzed by a fire assay preparation with an atomic absorption spectroscopy finish.

Manson Creek may acquire a 100% interest in the Up Town Gold property over a four-year period by expending \$500,000 in exploration and making staged cash payments and common share issuances totaling \$300,000 and 400,000 common shares of the Company respectively. Panarc Resources will retain a 2.5% NSR (Net Smelter Royalty), of which 60% (1.5% NSR) may be purchased at Manson Creek's election for \$1,500,000. An advance payment on royalties totaling \$120,000 would be payable monthly in \$20,000 increments upon acceptance by Manson Creek or its successors of a bankable feasibility study.

The President of Manson Creek Resources Ltd., Regan Chernish P.Geol., is the Qualified Person responsible for the preparation of this news release.

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