

Independence Gold Intersects Copper, Silver and Base Metals at Ootsa Target, 3Ts Project, BC

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Vancouver, May 22, 2025 - [Independence Gold Corp.](#) (TSXV: IGO) ("Independence" or "the Company") is pleased to report the results of its first-ever diamond drill program at the Ootsa copper-silver target within the Company's 100%-owned 3Ts Project, located in central British Columbia. A total of five holes were completed, reaching a maximum depth of 427 metres ("m"), and spanning approximately 800 m of strike length. The 3Ts Project is located approximately 185 kilometres ("km") southwest of Prince George, British Columbia and is comprised of thirty-one mineral claims covering approximately 35,486 ha in the Nechako Plateau region of central British Columbia. The project is situated 16 km southwest of [Artemis Gold Inc.](#)'s Blackwater Mine and covers a low-sulphidation epithermal quartz- carbonate vein district within which nineteen individual mineralized veins, ranging from 50 m to more than 1,100 m in strike length and with true widths up to 32 m have been identified.

All five holes at Ootsa intersected hydrothermal breccias and altered Jurassic rhyolites, with widespread disseminated and vein-hosted copper and silver mineralization-a style unique to the Ootsa Ridge area. The mineralization appears structurally controlled, occurring within arcuate-shaped fault systems, and includes bornite and chalcopryrite, with associated lead and zinc in select intervals.

Highlights from the program include:

- Hole 3TS-25-15: 5.49 metres averaging 55.74 g/t silver, 0.95% copper, 0.26% lead and 0.56% zinc
- Hole 3TS-25-14: 17.20 metres averaging 3.20 g/t silver, 0.20% lead and 0.22% zinc

Figure 1: Bornite and chalcopryrite hosted in crackle-brecciated rhyolite at a depth of 326.2m (3TS-25-15)

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"These results represent a new style of mineralization for the 3Ts project," commented Randy Turner, President and CEO of Independence Gold. "The Ootsa target has returned strong copper and silver grades over meaningful widths, with associated pathfinder elements including lead, and zinc. We firmly believe Ootsa represents a significant critical minerals opportunity that remains open along strike for several kilometres. The mineralogy and structural setting suggest a robust hydrothermal system, and we are excited to continue advancing this target during the summer exploration program."

Advanced mineralogical studies are currently underway with BaseMet Labs (Kamloops, BC) to characterize the host phases of copper, silver, lead and zinc mineralization, and to refine the exploration model for future drill targeting. Drilling to date has been limited to the Ootsa Ridge, a localized expression within a much larger structural corridor; the mineralized system remains open in all directions.

Figure 2: Ootsa 2025 drill hole locations

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Hole Number	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Silver (g/t)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)
3TS-25-14 and and and including and including and including	30.43	31.20	0.77	3.90	0.14	-	0.17
	38.20	39.67	1.47	1.36	-	0.28	0.31
	135.00	136.00	1.00	5.00	-	-	-
	242.00	259.20	17.20	3.20	-	0.20	0.22
	248.09	248.70	0.61	13.11	-	1.06	1.89
	261.00	266.50	5.50	7.45	-	0.31	0.75
	262.55	263.00	0.45	20.00	-	0.92	2.20
3TS-25-15 and and and and and and including	263.30	263.60	0.30	76.67	-	3.11	7.77
	95.00	96.00	1.00	6.00	-	-	-
	140.56	142.55	1.99	7.54	0.19	-	-
	174.30	176.40	2.10	-	-	0.13	0.12
	224.00	225.00	1.00	11.00	0.21	-	-
	228.00	230.00	2.00	11.00	0.15	-	-
	232.00	233.95	1.95	9.74	0.22	-	-
3TS-25-16 and 3TS-25-17 3TS-25-18 and including	320.56	321.60	1.04	20.19	0.11	-	-
	322.26	327.75	5.49	55.74	0.95	0.26	0.56
	322.26	323.18	1.86	144.09	2.13	0.63	1.49
	337.70	338.25	0.55	14.55	1.14	-	-
	19.00	27.00	8.00	6.00	-	-	0.22
	36.71	39.00	2.29	12.23	-	-	0.10
	368.00	369.00	1.00	16.00	0.23	-	-
3TS-25-18 and including	163.05	163.50	0.45	13.33	-	-	-
	243.00	245.93	2.93	6.14	-	0.20	0.11
	245.16	245.93	0.77	11.69	-	0.43	0.28

Table 1: Ootsa target drill hole results

About Independence

Independence Gold Corp. is a well-financed mineral exploration company with holdings ranging from early-stage grassroots exploration to advanced-stage resource expansion in British Columbia and Yukon. The Company is positioned to add shareholder value through systematic project advancement, while management continues to evaluate additional gold and silver projects for possible acquisition. For additional information, visit the Company's website www.ingold.ca.

Andy Randell, P.Geo., the Company's Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and who is independent of the Company, has reviewed the technical information in this news release.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF INDEPENDENCE GOLD CORP.

"Randy Turner"

Randy Turner, President and CEO

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Drill Hole Location Data

Drill Hole	Target Zone	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Azimuth	Dip	Total Meterage
3TS-25-14	Ootsa	365804	5877551	1160	220	50	402
3TS-25-15	Ootsa	365804	5877551	1160	40	50	351
3TS-25-16	Ootsa	365880	5877427	1144	220	50	327

3TS-25-17 Ootsa	366170 5877125 1094	210	45 427
3TS-25-18 Ootsa	365555 5877310 1135	40	50 350

*All drill hole locations are in NAD83, Zone 10 Datum

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