

Sama Resources Intersects 69 Metres at 1.10% Nickel+Copper and More New Results at its Samapleu Nickel-Copper Deposits in Cote d'Ivoire

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Highlights:

- Hole SM25-009620 returned 69.50 m at 1.10% Ni+Cu
- Hole SM44-494350a returned 26.95 m at 1.12% Ni+Cu
- Hole SM44-494350b returned 39.60 m at 1.21% Ni+Cu
- Hole SM24-771588 returned 11.45 m at 1.12% Ni+Cu
- Ni+Cu mineralized material: additional upgrading metallurgical tests ongoing at SGS and MineSense.

[Sama Resources Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: SME) ('Sama' or the 'Company') is pleased to announce assay results for mineralized intersections of 11 holes drilled in October and November of 2011 at its Samapleu project in Cote d'Ivoire.

Assay results for 11 holes drilled at the 'Samapleu Extension 1 poly-metallic zone' and the 'Samapleu Main poly-metallic deposit' have been received. The Samapleu Extension 1 poly-metallic zone is located 1.3 kilometres ('km') north of the Samapleu Main poly-metallic deposit.

Drill hole SM25-009620 returned 69.50 metres ('m') combined highly disseminated and massive sulphides grading 1.10% nickel ('Ni')+copper ('Cu') and 1.06 grams per tonne ('gpt') palladium ('Pd')+platinum ('Pt'), including 2.1 m of massive sulphides grading 2.29% nickel, 0.50% copper, 0.13% cobalt ('Co') and 2.19 gpt palladium. The mineralized intersection starts at 33.75 m from surface, immediately below the overburden. Borehole SM25-009620 was drilled at the northeast end of the mineralized strike of the Samapleu Extension 1 poly-metallic zone, meaning that the mineralized zone is open toward the northeast, as well as depth.

Borehole SM24-627794, located at the southwest end of the Samapleu Extension 1 poly-metallic zone, returned 1.95 m of massive sulphides grading 2.29% nickel and 0.36% copper, indicating that the mineralized zone is also open toward the southwest.

Assay results for 3 more holes are still pending. Table 1 below shows combined mineral intercepts for these new holes.

Flotation test work performed earlier in 2011 by Societe Generale de Surveillance, Lakefield, Ontario ('SGS'), demonstrated that from a mineralized blend grading of 0.53% nickel and 0.52% copper, a bulk nickel+copper concentrate analyzing 18.5% is produced. Based on these excellent results, SGS was commissioned to perform upgrading metallurgical tests. The initial upgrading tests indicated that lower grades of Samapleu mineralized material will produce a higher grade of material as fed to flotation.

Upgrading Tests - 0.35% Nickel Material

Heavy media separation tests showed that in treating material at 0.35% nickel and 0.33% copper, the resultant material grades are 0.66% Nickel and 0.53% Cu, while rejecting 55% of the feed material mass prior to the flotation circuit.

Further tests are currently ongoing with a bulk sample of 44 kilograms using a 0.30% Nickel calculated head grade. Additional upgrading tests are planned using electromagnetic sensor sorting methodology at MineSense's laboratory in Vancouver, BC.

The Company's discovered 19-km long Gangbapleu-Bounta ridge contain several outcropping mafic and ultramafic bodies, as well as newly discovered Massive Chromite occurrences named Bounta North and Bounta South (see News Release dated January 14, 2012). These Massive Chromite occurrences, in addition to having significant potential by themselves as possible candidates for direct shipping economic material, are indicative of a highly favourable geological environment for additional Samapleu Ni-Cu style mineralization.

The Company is actively pursuing surface exploration along the 19 km long ridge and is seeking to perform an approximately 12,000 line/km airborne magnetometre survey over the entire Samapleu property in Cote d'Ivoire and a large part of Sama's Lola Project in Guinea, which is adjacent to Samapleu.

The reader is invited to review Sama's updated compilation of details regarding showings, deposits and locations on its website at www.samaresources.com.

Drilling was performed by Global Exploration Services SARL of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Core logging and sampling was performed at Sama's facility in Yorodougou village. Sample preparations for the nickel-copper sulphide exploration program were performed at Societe de Developpement de Gouessesso's sample preparation facility in Gouessesso village under Sama's supervision. Sample pulps were delivered to Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratory's facility in Abidjan ('BVML') and then dispatched by BVML directly to their assay laboratory, Ultra Trace Pty, in Perth, Australia. All samples are assayed for nickel, copper, cobalt, iron, sulphur, platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold ('Au') using sodium peroxide fusion and determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry.

The Samapleu Nickel-Copper Sulphide Project in Cote d'Ivoire is currently in its exploration phase. Future production will be managed by a joint venture controlled 66 2/3% by Sama Nickel Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and 33 1/3% by Societe pour le Developpement Minier de Cote d'Ivoire.

Table 1: Combined new mineral intercepts for 11 holes drilled at the Samapleu Main poly-metallic deposit. Combined downhole mineral intercepts were defined using 0.20% nickel cut-off grades.

New HOLE-ID	Start From m	Total Downhole Thickness of Mineralization m	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	Pt gr/t	Pd gr/t	Au gr/t
New Interceptions								
SM44-494350a	18.5	26.95	0.72	0.40	0.04	0.10	0.41	0.03
Includes		0.80	1.31	0.69	0.06	0.31	0.62	0.04
Includes		0.50	3.97	0.05	0.17	0.00	0.38	0.00
Includes		1.70	3.04	0.37	0.13	0.03	1.49	0.02
SM44-494350b	11.00	39.60	0.62	0.59	0.03	0.10	0.36	0.04
Includes		2.10	2.93	1.96	0.13	0.02	1.32	0.02
Includes		1.50	1.62	1.33	0.08	0.35	0.85	0.04
SM24-737618a	26.00	10.20	0.65	0.41	0.03	0.16	1.70	0.05
Includes		3.00	1.38	0.52	0.05	0.22	3.63	0.08
Includes		0.40	1.38	3.43	0.06	0.10	4.57	0.09
SM24-737618b	27.00	10.85	0.32	0.26	0.02	0.33	0.93	0.06
Includes		0.30	1.32	0.21	0.08	0.45	3.97	0.16
SM24-772654	34.25	85.95	0.31	0.22	0.02	0.06	0.38	0.01
Includes		1.00	1.11	0.53	0.06	0.22	1.82	0.07
Includes		0.80	1.03	0.29	0.04	0.24	1.48	0.01
Includes		0.45	3.53	0.05	0.16	0.01	2.12	0.00
SM24-721711	93.70	19.75	0.28	0.21	0.02	0.22	0.63	0.03
SM24-631727	33.00	48.35	0.32	0.20	0.02	0.07	0.40	0.02
Includes		1.50	1.42	0.09	0.03			
SM24-665760	34.90	26.50	0.34	0.36	0.02	0.13	0.53	0.03
SM24-627794	35.45	18.80	0.56	0.22	0.03	0.56	0.66	0.02
Includes		1.95	2.29	0.36	0.10	0.27	2.57	0.01
Includes		1.00	1.29	0.26	0.08	0.03	1.64	0.02
SM24-771588	73.00	11.45	0.45	0.67	0.02	0.14	0.84	0.04
Includes		0.45	1.16	3.69	0.05	0.01	2.68	0.21
SM25-009620	33.75	69.75	0.56	0.46	0.03	0.14	0.92	0.03
Includes		1.00	1.00	0.70	0.05	0.04	1.75	0.08
Includes		0.80	1.02	0.63	0.04	0.60	1.73	0.05
Includes		0.75	1.27	0.25	0.07	0.04	1.99	0.03
Includes		0.70	1.11	1.16	0.05	0.05	1.76	0.05
Includes		0.85	1.27	0.26	0.06	0.1	1.45	0.04
Includes		1.00	1.24	0.35	0.05	0.05	1.61	0.02
Includes		0.50	2.57	0.17	0.13	0.02	1.96	0.02
Includes		2.10	2.29	0.50	0.13	0.08	2.19	0.03

Sama's exploration and drill program for the Samapleu Nickel-Copper Sulphide Project in Cote d'Ivoire was designed by Dr. Marc-Antoine Audet, P.Geo., Ph.D., and President and CEO of Sama. The technical information in this release has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Audet of Sama and a 'qualified person', as defined by National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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