

# Tigray Drills 40.5 m of 3.24% Copper, 1.2 g/t Gold, 25 g/t Silver and 1.19% Zinc at the Harvest Project in Ethiopia

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 6, 2012 - Tigray Resources Inc. (TSX VENTURE: TIG) ("Tigray" or the "Company") is pleased to report diamond drill results for four holes at the Terakimti copper-gold prospect on the Company's 70%-owned Harvest project in northern Ethiopia.

## Highlights

- Continuity of near-surface mineralization in the southern gossan area
- Confirmation of distinctive gold-rich and supergene copper mineralization

## Highlight Drill Results

- Hole TD014 - 40.5 metres of 3.24% copper, 1.19 g/t gold, 25 g/t silver and 1.19% zinc from 53.95 metres down hole, including 23.05 metres of 5.17% copper, 1.59 g/t gold, 39 g/t silver and 2.01% zinc from 57.45 metres

- Hole TD016 - 17.75 metres of 1.61 g/t gold, 2.98% copper and 20 g/t silver from 80.40 metres

Tigray has completed 12,100 metres of diamond drilling in 61 holes to an average depth of 200 metres. Current results include infill drilling near the previously reported highlight hole TD004, which returned 73.8 metres grading 3.8% copper, 1.3 g/t gold and 14 g/t silver (see Tigray's press release dated December 12, 2011). The 13,000-metre first phase drill program is expected to be complete by mid-February.

TD010 was previously released January 16, 2011 as a partial intercept. New results have increased the width of the mineralized zone (see table).

Table: Results for Currently Reported Diamond Drill Holes at Terakimti

Hole	From(m)	To(m)	Interval(m)*	Copper%	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Zinc%	Mineral
TD010	restated		40.75	70.75		30.00	0.09	1
	including	56.00		62.85	6.85	0.03		1.84
TD012		40.28		44.75	4.47	0.03	4.26	
TD013		14.10		23.60	9.50	0.09	3.40	
TD014		53.95		94.45	40.50	3.24	1.19	
Including	57.45		80.50		23.05	5.17	1.59	3
TD016		80.40		98.15	17.75	2.98	1.61	
Including	84.30		92.70		8.40	4.71	1.57	24

\* Mineralized true thicknesses are 60-90% of stated thicknesses.

Drill holes TD012, TD013, TD014 and TD016 were completed up and down dip of previously reported intercepts. The drilling has provided 25 to 70 metre step outs, up and down dip from known mineralization. Specifically, TD014 was drilled 40 metres north of intersections in hole TD004, and illustrates continued robust development in thickness and grade of primary and supergene mineralization in the southern gossan area.

Click here for a plan view map and long section:  
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## Quality Control

The planning, execution and monitoring of Tigray's quality control programs at the Harvest project are under the supervision of Jeff Heidema, P.Ge., Tigray's Vice President Exploration. Mr. Heidema is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Diamond drill core samples have undergone preliminary preparation at the Acme Laboratories facility in Ankara, Turkey, and are crushed to 80% passing 10 mesh, and pulverized to 85% passing 200 mesh (Acme R200-1000package). Analyses are conducted at Acme Laboratories in Vancouver, Canada, utilizing Aqua Regia digestion and ICP-ES. Precious metal analyses are conducted via Fire Assay Fusion with AA finish, and gravimetric analyses for over-limit samples. Blanks and certified reference standards are inserted into the sample stream to monitor laboratory performance.

## **About Tigray**

Tigray is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on advancing early-stage mineral projects in Ethiopia. Tigray's key property is the 70%-owned Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration project, which covers 362 square kilometres in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north-northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa. The Company recently entered into an agreement to acquire the Harvest North properties, which cover 795 square kilometres immediately adjacent north and west of the Harvest project. Tigray is well financed, with \$5 million in cash and no debt. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TIG.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Andrew Lee Smith, P.Ge.  
President, CEO and Director

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