

Sama Resources Initiates Phase 1 Drilling at Its Lola Project (Guinea) and Phase 3 Drilling at Its Samapleu Project (Cote d'Ivoire)

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Update on Exploration Activities and Metallurgical Testing

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Highlights:

- Drilling resumes at the Samapleu Project in Cote d'Ivoire
- Very encouraging metallurgical results for high ratio upgrading potential at Samapleu
- Discovery of additional occurrences of Massive Chromites at the Samapleu Project
- Drilling commences at the Lola Project in Guinea.

[Sama Resources Inc.](#) ("Sama") is pleased to announce that Phase 3 drilling at its Samapleu Project will resume by mid-April to test the mineralization in the northeastern and southwestern extensions of the Samapleu Extension 1 Nickel and Copper deposit. The drilling program will also aim at testing the potential of the Samapleu Main deposit at depth. Drilling will be performed by Global Exploration Services SARL of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Sama is also pleased to announce that Phase 1 drilling has commenced at the Gogota laterite plateau at Sama's Lola Project in neighbouring Guinea, using 2 Sama-owned portable Jacro 175 drill rigs. Sama expects to drill all laterite plateaus discovered at its Lola Project in Guinea. To date, Sama has discovered a total of 15 prospective laterite plateaus in the region. The Jacro 175 drill rigs are capable of yielding HQ size core material (63.5 mm in diameter), down to a depth of 60 to 70 metres. Additional exploration work is ongoing at the Lola Project, aiming at delineating Nickel-Copper mineralization, Nickel-Cobalt laterites and the potential of Massive Chromites associated with layered complexes.

During 2012, the 2 Sama-owned drill rigs will be used at Sama's Lola Project in Guinea and its Samapleu Project in Cote d'Ivoire.

Massive Chromites

During the month of March 2012, Sama outlined additional surface occurrences of Massive Chromites in Cote d'Ivoire that were of similar quality as previously discovered and reported on February 14 and 16, 2012. The latest discovery is an 80-metre long cluster of large Massive Chromite blocks, in the highly prospective 19-kilometre long Bounta-Gangbapleu ridge, which brings the total specific Massive Chromite occurrences to 8. Chromite occurrences discovered to date are grouped into 2 main sectors called Bounta North and Bounta South. Surface mapping continues along the entire ridge.

Exploration work is ongoing using the rock drill percussion Pionjar system, which permits the collection of representative samples at a selected depth ranging from surface to 30 metres. Chromite intersections at the Bounta North occurrence were found at various depths ranging from 9 to 20 metres. Other Chromite occurrences are yet to be tested using the Pionjar system. Conventional drilling will be performed as soon as possible, whereupon additional samples will be taken for chemical analysis. These Massive Chromite occurrences, in addition to having significant potential by themselves as possible candidates for direct shipping of economic material, are indicative of a highly favourable geological environment for additional Samapleu Nickel-Copper style mineralization.

Samapleu Mineral Resources and Metallurgical Tests

Development of the mineral resources at the Samapleu Main and Samapleu Extension 1 deposits is ongoing

using data from the 2010/11 drilling programs.

Metallurgical pre-concentration tests performed by Societe Generale de Surveillance ("SGS") in Lakefield, Ontario, and by Minesense in Vancouver, BC, have returned very encouraging results which establish the potential for high ratio upgrading by separating barren and low grade material prior to processing by milling and flotation. Minesense's electromagnetic separation tests have shown that from a head grade of 0.27% Nickel and 0.21% Copper, 91.8% of the Nickel and 91.2% of the Copper content can be recovered by rejecting 36% of the feed mass, creating a 0.39% Nickel and a 0.30% Copper concentration of material.

Based on upgrading tests performed in 2011 by SGS in Lakefield, the concentrate produced above could be further upgraded using Heavy Media separation, with a further 55% rejection of the mass creating a feed for the flotation circuit grading 0.66% Nickel and 0.53% Copper. Thus, the material for milling and flotation would be considerably reduced. Previous work by SGS on Samapleu material has indicated that a high quality flotation Nickel-Copper concentrate can be produced from such feed. Such potential processing approaches are being examined further as they will allow Sama to investigate the possibility of mining all mineralized material defined using a very low cut-off grade of Nickel.

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

The Samapleu 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 Sama, and 33 1/3% by Societe pour le Developpement Minier de Cote d'Ivoire. The exploration licenses for the Lola Project in Guinea are exclusively held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sama.

Further to Sama's news release dated September 13, 2011, Sama also announces that it has terminated effective February 29, 2012, its investor relations agreement with Brisco Capital Partners Corp.

This news release was prepared by Dr. Marc-Antoine Audet, P.Geo., President and CEO of Sama, and by Dr. Phillip Mackey, P.Eng., a metallurgical consultant, both acting as Qualified Persons under National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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