

Columbus Copper Reports 28.2 gpt Gold in an Outcrop at its Kavaklitepe Project and Significantly Expands Soil Gold Anomalies

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 03/01/13 -- [Columbus Copper Corporation](#) ("Columbus Copper") (TSX VENTURE: CCU) (formerly Empire Mining) is pleased to report that the latest assay results from sampling at its 100% owned Kavaklitepe Project in western Turkey have yielded gold grades exceeding 20 gpt in outcrop and significantly expanded the previously identified anomalies in two soil grids.

Columbus Copper reported the discovery of gold mineralization at Kavaklitepe in a news release dated January 17, 2013. The discovery was made by following up a stream sediment anomaly and resulted in 5.2 gpt gold from a rock chip composite. Follow-up trenching averaged 2.67 gpt over 21 metres of exposure and 2.14 gpt at a point along the same direction which suggests some continuity over at least 36 metres while it remains open to the south. The mineralization at Kavaklitepe is with gold/silver/arsenic/antimony geochemical suit, indicative of a shear-related epithermal system.

Follow-up on a soil sample anomaly, peaking at 6.05 gpt gold, led to the discovery of a partly outcropping oxidized unit. The anomaly was expanded by hand digging and four rock chip samples were collected returning 28.2 gpt, 21.7 gpt, 6.7 gpt and 3.66 gpt gold respectively. The gold bearing unit outcrop measures 49 metres and is elongated in the northeast to southwest direction along an anomaly from the soil sampling with the same directional trend, partly coincident with a de-forested area.

The rock chip sampling results are presented in the table below in more detail and complement the original reconnaissance rock sampling by Columbus Copper that was reported in the January 17th news release where five rock samples returned more than 2 gpt gold from the discovery outcrop 1.4 kilometres away to the southeast.

Sample No	Au (gpt)	Ag (gpt)	Sb (ppm)	Sample Description
135786	21.7	6.0	206	Outcrop of oxidized schist
135787	28.2	3.5	118	Outcrop of oxidized schist
135788	3.66	1.5	543	Outcrop of oxidized schist
135789	6.7	4.0	662	Outcrop of oxidized schist

The two previously reported soil sampling areas that returned open gold anomalies in all directions have now been expanded by an additional 345 soil samples collected in a 50 metre x 50 metre grid for a more than doubling of the sampled area. The results show significant expansion of the previously open gold anomalies, mostly elongated in a northeast to southwest direction and remaining open in these directions. On the southern soil grid the gold anomaly has been expanded to 1.8 kilometres, while on the northern grid it measures 850 metres, in both cases along the dominant northeast to southwest trend. To the southeast, the gold anomaly remains open over a length of more than 500 metres. The new sampling brings the total number of soil samples collected on the project to 556, of which 126 return gold grades in excess of 50 parts per billion ("ppb"), 83 greater than 100 ppb and 35 exceeding 250 ppb with 9 of them containing more than 1000 ppb (1 gpt). Eight of these higher grade samples have been collected on the follow-up soil sampling program.

Columbus Copper's Kavaklitepe Project is situated 120 kilometres south-southeast of Istanbul in western Turkey, immediately north of a fertile zone demonstrating copper, molybdenum and gold porphyry systems. Palaeozoic to Triassic sediments and schist and Mesozoic marble are the main geological units within the project area. A set of dominantly dextral strike-slip and cross sinistral faults have been interpreted to form extensional strain anomalies and pre-mineral shear zones and folds in the area. The dextral faults are also parallel to the Eskişehir Fault that is regionally important and is considered to penetrate deeply into the

Earth's crust and probably controls the emplacement of the Gurculer and Muratdere porphyry systems.

To view maps of regional geology, project location, and the updated Gold, Silver and Antimony sampling results, see link below:

www.columbuscopper.com/i/nr/2013-03-01-maps.pdf

Columbus Copper plans to further expand the soil sampling grids in the directions of the open anomalies, open up trenches in the forest where the soil anomalies are defined and conduct orientation IP geophysics. A shallow drill hole campaign is also intended once the follow-up has been completed.

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All sampling was carried out according to procedures described in the Bursa CPR and comprise 'B' horizon soils sent under chain of custody to ALS Chemex in Vancouver after preparation in ALS' preparation facilities in Izmir, Turkey. In addition to the 345 samples, 15 standard reference materials and 14 duplicates were included in the sample batch. All standard reference material samples reported within their respective certified ranges.

In addition, ALS Chemex performed internal check assaying on about 5% of the samples, and also included analyses of internal standards inserted into the sample string.

Columbus Copper's Qualified Person, David C. Cliff, BSc (Hons), MIMMM, C Eng., FGS, also Columbus Copper's President & CEO, has reviewed and approved the content of this news release.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

David Cliff
President & CEO

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