

# Spruce Ridge Resources Commences Diamond Drilling Program at Great Burnt-South Pond Copper-Gold Project

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Wellington County - [Spruce Ridge Resources Limited](#) (TSXV: SHL) ("Spruce Ridge") is pleased to announce that it has commenced diamond drilling operations at the 100% owned Great Burnt – South Pond copper-gold project which covers a series of copper ± gold rich VMS deposits in south-central Newfoundland.

The Property is host to NI 43-101 compliant mineral resources including Indicated Resources of 442,000 tonnes at 2.50% Cu (24.4 million lbs of Cu) plus Inferred Resources of 829,000 tonnes at 2.11% Cu (38.5 million lbs of Cu) at a 1.0% Cu cut-off at the Great Burnt Copper Deposit.

The company is also planning a revised resource estimate for the South Pond "A" zone after resampling and assaying of historical drill core revealed significant gold content in addition to the copper, which was the only metal assayed for in the 1950s when the zone was originally discovered (see Spruce Ridge news release of November 26, 2015).

The 2016 Phase 1 program will focus on drill testing high priority, coincidental airborne EM +/- soil geochemical +/- geological targets that were not drill tested by previous property owners and that lie within 1.5 kilometers of the Great Burnt Main Zone (GBMZ). A total of 2000 meters are planned in six to eight holes located north of the GBMZ, with most targets lying along the same stratigraphic horizon that hosts the GBMZ. The current program will also recover sufficient core from the GBMZ to facilitate metallurgical testing ahead of a planned Preliminary Economic Evaluation. The program is expected to last from 4 to 6 weeks.

## About Spruce Ridge Resources

[Spruce Ridge Resources](#) has a 100% interest in the Great Burnt Copper/Gold Property in Central Newfoundland which covers a series of copper ± gold rich VMS deposits. The Property is host to NI 43-101 compliant mineral resources including Indicated Resources of 442,000 tonnes at 2.50% Cu (24.4 million lbs of Cu) plus Inferred Resources of 829,000 tonnes at 2.11% Cu (38.5 million lbs of Cu) at a 1.0% Cu cut-off at the Great Burnt Copper Deposit. Spruce recently optioned its Viking/Kramer gold properties in Western Newfoundland to [Anaconda Mining Inc.](#) It also has a gold property in the Beardmore-Geraldton greenstone belt of northwestern Ontario and a 50% joint venture with [Americas Silver Corporation](#) (formerly Scorpio Mining Corporation) on property that contains tailings with low grade gold and silver from the Drumlummon Mine in Montana.

Timothy Froude, P. Geo., a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 has reviewed and approved the technical contents of this press release.

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