

Rye Patch Outlines Program to Expand Oxide Resources and Explore Sulfide Potential at Florida Canyon and Lincoln Hill

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VANCOUVER, Oct. 16, 2017 /CNW/ - [Rye Patch Gold Corp.](#) (TSX.V: RPM; OTCQX: RPMGF; FWB: 5TN) (the "Company") outlines a three-year program to expand oxide resource and delineate sulfide potential along the Oreana trend in west-central Nevada. The program is designed to increase measured and indicated oxide resources at Florida Canyon and Lincoln Hill and quantify and deliver a sulfide resource beneath the Florida Canyon oxide deposit. A Phase 1 10,000 metre expansion drilling campaign at the Florida Canyon mine is planned which seeks to increase the oxide resource and to test for sulfide mineralization beneath the oxide ore body.

The initial drill program will consist of 1,200 metres of core and 8,800 metres of reverse circulation drilling. Drillhole depths will range between 150 to 300 metres for the sulfide program and 60 to 180 metres for the oxide program. The estimated cost of the phase-1 campaign is US\$1 million, and the program commenced in early October.

At the end of the three-year program, Rye Patch anticipates delivering significant additional oxide resources at Florida Canyon and Lincoln Hill, and a sulfide resource beneath the Florida Canyon oxide deposit. A portion of the sulfide body above the table may also lend itself to an accelerated mine and processing option for the Company.

William Howald, the Company's President and CEO noted, "Over the history of the Florida Canyon mine, a total of 3.5-million ounces of gold from oxide material has been placed on the historic leach pad and the Company is currently mining a 1.1-million ounces of measured and indicated oxide gold resource. Based on our exploration model, Management believes the sulfide resource beneath Florida Canyon has a similar number of ounces of gold but at a much higher grade. If our exploration is correct, the combined oxide and sulfide mineralization could make Florida Canyon a world-class deposit in Nevada."

Sulfide Program

The core program will focus on the sulfide deposit beneath the Florida Canyon oxide resource. The objective of the drilling is to establish the overall size, extent and thickness of the sulfide body and collect material for additional metallurgical testing.

In 1996, Pegasus Gold completed an internal report titled "Sulfide Project Pre-feasibility Study" dated July 18, 1996 on mineralization at Florida Canyon. A total of 262 drillholes (241 RC and 21 core) touched or penetrated the sulfide body and yielded an average grade of 2.36 g/t gold in the sulfide with gold values as high as 100 g/t Au (2.93 opt Au) in a northeast structural zone. Pegasus completed a resource estimate within a Whittle pit design at US\$400 gold price, and a series of metallurgical tests including floatation, pressure oxidation, roasting, and bio-oxidation. The metallurgical test work showed an overall recovery of 90% with floatation with 94% of the gold reporting to a sulfide concentrate. Additional metallurgical testing will be done by Rye Patch on material from the drill program. A Qualified Person has not done sufficient work to classify this historical information as a current mineral resource or mineral reserve and the Company is not treating this historical information as a current mineral resource or mineral reserve.

The core program will also test the distribution of the sulfide body and validate the current geologic model and high-grade controls. Core holes will be located to test the down dip extension of sulfides between the Radio Tower and Central pit areas; the down dip extension west of the Main pit; and potential structural zone east of the Radio Tower and Central pit areas.

An additional 2,700 metres of reverse circulation drilling will target the down dip potential and structural controls on the sulfide zone to help validate the geologic model. The RC program will fill in gaps between historic sulfide drilling programs to show that the mineralization connects between areas which, if positive, could have a dramatic impact on the potential size of the sulfide mineralization.

Oxide Program

The objective of the oxide program is to expand and upgrade the current oxide resource and step out along structural zones. A total of 5,500 metres of drilling is planned with drillhole depths ranging between 60 and 180 metres. The program will include upgrading inferred material within the designed pits to measured and indicated adjacent to the Radio Tower and Central pit areas. A major portion of the program will be step-out drilling along low- and high-angle structural trends.

The primary drill target is the contact between Grass Valley siltstone and Natchez Pass limestone. The contact is a low-angle (thrust fault) which controls mineralization in Radio Tower and Central pits. The zone is significant within the mine and may represent a regional exploration target. Drilling will target jasperoid alteration and hydrothermal breccias within the thrust zone.

Mr. William Howald, AIPG Certified Professional Geologist #11041, Rye Patch Gold's CEO and President with a BSc. in Geological Engineering, is a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. He has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

About Rye Patch Gold Corp.

Rye Patch Gold Corp. is a Nevada focused, Tier 1, precious metal mining company engaged in the mining, development and exploration of a 180 square kilometre land package along the prospective Oreana trend in west central Nevada. Leveraging its strong financial position and cash to acquire the Florida Canyon Gold mining operation, Rye Patch now controls a trend?scale platform with mining operations, resource projects and significant exploration potential. The combination of mining and a growth profile along a major Nevada gold trend positions Rye Patch to become an emerging North American mid-tier precious metal producer. For more information, please visit our website at www.ryepatchgold.com.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

'William Howald'

William C. (Bill) Howald, CEO & President

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