

# Ongoing Drilling of Kiena Deep a Zone Confirms Multiple High Grade Lenses and Extends Zone Down Dip

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TORONTO, May 17, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd.](#) (TSX:WDO) ("Wesdome" or the "Company") is pleased to provide the results from the ongoing underground drilling of the Kiena Deep A Zone completed from the exploration ramp at its 100% owned Kiena Mine Complex, in Val d'Or, Quebec.

Kiena Geology Map

Detailed Composite Plan View of Kiena Deep A Zone

Cross Section

Development of the Kiena Deep exploration ramp and associated drilling platforms from the 1000 metre level was recently completed and drilling of the Kiena Deep A Zone is ongoing with three drill rigs. The initial drilling of 7 holes returned a number of encouraging intersections, including 39.6 g/t Au over 18.2 m core length (12.6 g/t cut, 10.4 m true width) in hole 6275 (See news release dated April 24, 2018). Drilling is ongoing and to date a total of twenty holes totaling approximately 6,850 metres have been completed into the A Zone.

Results Highlights:

Kiena Deep A Zone

- Hole 6295: 9.9 g/t Au over 8.9 m core length (6.2 g/t cut, 6.4 m true width)
- Hole 6296: 43.3 g/t Au over 6.5 m core length (6.8 g/t cut, 5.5 m true width)
- Hole 6290 - Zone A: 28.8 g/t Au over 3.2 m core length (10.5 g/t cut, 2.7 m true width)
- Hole 6290 - Zone A1: 26.0 g/t Au over 25.7 m core length (7.3 g/t cut, 20 m true width)
- Hole 6299 &ndash; Zone A1: 29.6 g/t Au over 10.2 m core length (9.8 g/t cut, 7.7 m true width)
- Hole 6299 &ndash; Zone A2: 77.4 g/t Au over 14.4 m core length (12.8 g/t cut, 10.8 m true width)

All assays cut to 34.28 g/t Au. True widths are estimated.

Mr. Duncan Middlemiss, President and CEO, commented "Assay results of Kiena Deep Zone A continue to return high grade results and further confirm continuity in this area. We are particularly excited that the drilling has extended the known mineralization at least 50 metres down plunge, and confirms the presence of three high grade lenses. This hole may represent a new style of mineralization at Kiena Deep and it indicates the potential for discovering additional mineralization in this wider and higher grade geologic horizon, that remains open down plunge and down dip. We plan to drill a twin hole in the near term to test this highly prospective area of the Kiena Deep deposit, and test for additional lenses within the A Zone. Additionally we have just moved a drill to a new platform which will concentrate on the Upper Quartz Vein Zone interpreted to be located above the ramp elevation. A fourth drill rig continues to test the VC Zone and S-50 Extension Zone auxiliary targets. Our goal remains to continue to better define the extent and geometry of gold mineralization in these areas in advance of an updated resource estimate by the end of the

year.&rdquo;

Drilling continues to trace the Kiena Deep mineralized system along an altered and deformed north-northwest trending ("NNW") basalt-komatiite contact zone in order to better define the known mineralization and possible extensions, and also to identify new zones. Visible gold was observed in majority of the drill holes within predominantly shear zone hosted quartz veins. The drilling has confirmed the continuity of the mineralized zones, and one hole has extended the known mineralization at least 50 metres down plunge in an area that was previously thought to be truncated at the mafic-ultramafic contact. The dip of the contact is now interpreted to flatten to the east and provides additional potential for down plunge mineralization as mineralizing fluids pooled against the mafic-ultramafic contact. This drilling, intersected alteration, veining and gold mineralization over a down hole length of over 100 metres and is host to three main mineralized zones. Additionally, the degree of alteration in this hole is amphibolite, which may represent a higher degree of metamorphic grade than previously identified. It is interpreted that these potentially different mineralizing fluids contributed to the higher grades being encountered in multiple zones. This area remains open down plunge and remains a focus for ongoing drilling. The results are highlighted below and summarized in Table 1 and illustrated in Figures 1, 1b and 2.

With completion of the ramp development and drilling platforms, drilling has commenced to test the Upper Quartz Zone, where previous drilling encountered an intercept of 94.4 g/t Au ( 18.03 g/t Au cut) over 17.4 m core length (See news releases dated August 24, 2016).

In addition, one drill continues to follow up on near-mine, auxiliary targets including the VC and S-50 Zones, as they are important components of any potential re-start plan since they are located close to existing mine infrastructure and development. Cross-cut development on the 670 metre level has commenced and is scheduled to be completed in June 2018 to provide drilling platforms to test the VC1 and VC6 zones.

## THE KIENA COMPLEX

The Kiena Mine Complex is a fully permitted, integrated mining and milling infrastructure which includes a 930 metre production shaft and 2,000 tonne per day capacity mill. From 1981 to 2013 the mine produced 1.75 million ounces of gold from 12.5 million tonnes at a grade of 4.5 g/t. The bulk of this production came from the S-50 Zone between depths of 100 and 1,000 metres. In 2013, operations were suspended due to a combination of declining gold prices and lack of developed reserves. The infrastructure has been well preserved on care and maintenance status. An independent 43-101 report dated December 16, 2015 for the first time assessed the exploration potential and known resources for the entire property. Measured and Indicated resources below a 100 metre crown pillar total 2,500,600 tonnes at 5.59 grams per tonne for 449,000 ounces. Additional inferred resources below a 100 metre crown pillar total 1,563,300 tonnes at a 7.97 grams per tonne for 400,400 ounces.

Technical Report for the Quebec Wesdome Project (according to National Instrument 43-101 and Form 43-101F1) dated December 16, 2015 prepared by Bruno Turcotte, P.Geo., Denis Gourde, Eng., Pierre-Luc Richard, P.Geo. of InnovExplo Inc.

## TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE

The technical and geoscientific content of this release has been compiled, reviewed and approved by Bruno Turcotte, P.Geo., Consulting Geologist for InnovExplo Inc. in Val d'Or, and Michael Michaud, P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration of the Company and both "Qualified Persons" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

Analytical work was performed by Techni-Lab (ActLabs) of Ste-Germaine-Boulé (Quebec), a certified commercial laboratory (SCC Accredited Lab #707). Sample preparation was done at Techni-Lab (ActLabs) in Val d'Or (Quebec). Assaying was done by fire assay methods and all samples with visible gold were assayed by metallic sieve method at Techni-Lab (ActLabs) laboratory in Ste-Germaine-Boulé (Quebec). In addition to laboratory internal duplicates, standards and blanks, the geology department inserts blind duplicates, standards and blanks into the sample stream at a frequency of one in twenty to monitor quality control.

## ABOUT WESDOME

Wesdome Gold Mines has had over 30 years of continuous gold mining operations in Canada. The Company is 100% Canadian focused with a pipeline of projects in various stages of development. The Eagle River Complex in Wawa, Ontario is currently producing gold from two mines, the Eagle River Underground Mine and the Mishi Open pit, from a central mill. Wesdome is actively exploring its brownfields asset, the Kiena Complex in Val d'Or, Quebec. The Kiena Complex is a fully permitted former mine with a 930 metre shaft and 2,000 tonne per day mill. The Company has further upside at its Moss Lake gold deposit, located 100 kilometres west of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The Company has approximately 133.9 million shares issued and outstanding and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol 'WDO'.

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Table 1: Kiena Deep Zone A Drilling Results

Composites

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Core Length (m)	Estimated True width (m)	Grade (g/t Au)	Cut Grade (g/t Au)	Name Zone
6295	186.3	195.2	8.9	6.4	9.94	6.16	A Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>193.0</i>	<i>195.2</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>34.93</i>	<i>19.65</i>	<i>A Zone</i>
6296	216.5	223.0	6.5	5.5	43.32	6.84	A Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>216.5</i>	<i>218.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>181.38</i>	<i>23.29</i>	<i>A Zone</i>
6290	292.1	295.3	3.2	2.7	28.77	10.47	A Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>292.1</i>	<i>292.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>107.47</i>	<i>34.28</i>	<i>A Zone</i>
6290	303.0	328.7	25.7	20.0	25.95	7.27	A1 Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>314.0</i>	<i>322.9</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>44.36</i>	<i>15.15</i>	<i>A1 Zone</i>
6291	385.0	385.6	0.6	0.5	155.81	34.28	A2 Zone

6299	364.8	365.5	0.7	0.5	90.16	34.28	A Zone
6299	376.5	387.9	11.4	8.2	3.22	3.22	A1 Zone
6299	397.0	407.2	10.2	7.7	29.58	9.75	A1 Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>399.0</i>	<i>405.6</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>44.75</i>	<i>14.10</i>	A1 Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>399.0</i>	<i>403.3</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>65.86</i>	<i>18.80</i>	A1 Zone
6299	429.0	443.4	14.4	10.8	77.37	12.78	A2 Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>433.0</i>	<i>442.2</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>119.28</i>	<i>18.19</i>	A2 Zone
<i>Including</i>	<i>438.8</i>	<i>442.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>304.77</i>	<i>34.28</i>	A2 Zone

Assays

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Grade (g/t)
6295	186.3	187.0	0.82
6295	187.1	188.0	0.83
6295	188.0	188.9	0.83
6295	188.9	189.7	0.86
6295	189.7	190.6	0.91
6295	190.6	191.1	0.92
6295	191.1	192.0	0.93
6295	192.0	193.0	1.02
6295	193.0	194.1	0.93
6296	216.5	217.2	1.16
6296	217.2	218.0	1.18
6296	218.0	219.0	1.22
6296	219.0	220.0	1.28
6296	220.0	221.0	1.24
6296	221.0	222.0	1.26
6290	292.1	292.9	0.95
6290	292.9	293.7	0.95
6290	293.7	294.5	0.96
6290	294.5	303.0	1.00
6290	303.0	304.0	1.05
6290	304.0	305.0	1.07
6290	305.0	306.0	1.07
6290	306.0	307.0	1.08
6290	307.0	308.0	1.09
6290	308.0	309.0	1.10
6290	309.0	310.0	1.12
6290	310.0	311.0	1.12
6290	311.0	312.0	1.10
6290	312.0	313.0	1.10
6290	313.0	314.0	1.10
6290	314.0	315.0	1.10
6290	315.0	316.0	1.12
6290	316.0	316.9	1.18

6290	317.9	<del>318.9</del> one
6290	318.9	<del>318.9</del> one
6290	319.4	<del>319.4</del> one
6290	320.1	<del>320.1</del> one
6290	321.0	<del>321.0</del> one
6290	322.0	<del>322.0</del> one
6290	327.0	<del>327.0</del> one
6290	327.6	<del>327.6</del> one
6290	328.1	<del>328.1</del> one
6291	354.0	<del>354.0</del> one
6291	355.0	<del>355.0</del> one
6291	356.0	<del>356.0</del> one
6291	356.7	<del>356.7</del> one
6291	385.0	<del>385.0</del> one
6299	364.8	<del>364.8</del> e
6299	376.5	<del>376.5</del> one
6299	378	<del>378</del> one
6299	379.3	<del>379.3</del> one
6299	380.6	<del>380.6</del> one
6299	381.1	<del>381.1</del> one
6299	382.1	<del>382.1</del> one
6299	382.8	<del>382.8</del> one
6299	383.7	<del>383.7</del> one
6299	384.7	<del>384.7</del> one
6299	385.7	<del>385.7</del> one
6299	386.8	<del>386.8</del> one
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6299	398.0	<del>398.0</del> one
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6299	400.9	<del>400.9</del> one
6299	401.8	<del>401.8</del> one
6299	403.3	<del>403.3</del> one
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6299	404.8	<del>404.8</del> one
6299	405.6	<del>405.6</del> one
6299	406.4	<del>406.4</del> one
6299	429.0	<del>429.0</del> one
6299	430.0	<del>430.0</del> one
6299	430.8	<del>430.8</del> one
6299	432.0	<del>432.0</del> one
6299	433.0	<del>433.0</del> one
6299	434.0	<del>434.0</del> one
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6299	436.3	<del>436.3</del> one
6299	437.6	<del>437.6</del> one
6299	438.1	<del>438.1</del> one
6299	438.8	<del>438.8</del> one
6299	439.5	<del>439.5</del> one
6299	440.0	<del>440.0</del> one

6299	441.1	<del>36236</del> e
6299	442.2	<del>1284</del> one

\* Composite intervals include assay values cut to 1 oz / ton or 34.28 g/t Au

NSA = No significant value

ABD = Hole abandoned

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