

McEwen Mining: Grey Fox is Bulking Up

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TORONTO, July 25, 2019 - [McEwen Mining Inc.](#) (NYSE: MUX) (TSX: MUX) is pleased to announce the growth of its Grey Fox deposit Indicated resource estimate by 22% and Inferred resource estimate by 35%, as a result of a new geological and structural interpretation of the 147 Zone, and an initial resource estimate for 147NE. MUX keeps advancing with a major exploration program and expects to be generating a stream of updates throughout the balance of the year.

The Grey Fox deposit resources are contained in three zones that are referred to as: 147, Contact, and South (see Figure 1). A total of 70 additional drill holes have been completed in this area since the previous resource estimate in October 2017. The 147NE zone was discovered in 2018 and currently extends from surface to a depth of 250 m and over 250 m along strike.

Highlights of the updated resource estimate include:

- The Grey Fox deposit resource estimate is now 567,000 gold ounces at a grade of 7.10 grams per tonne (g/t) in the Indicated category, with an additional 135,000 gold ounces at a grade of 6.19 g/t in the Inferred category; an increase in gold ounces of 22% and 35%, respectively (see Tables 1 & 2);
- The 147 Zone (including 147 Main and 147NE) resource estimate is now 369,000 gold ounces at a grade of 8.10 g/t in the Indicated category, with an additional 53,000 gold ounces at a grade of 5.59 g/t in the Inferred category.
- Recent exploration drilling highlights from 147NE include: 33.0 g/t gold over 3.14 meters (m); 95.2 g/t gold over 0.82 m; 47.4 g/t gold over 1.08 m; 23.0 g/t gold over 1.80 m; and 3.4 g/t gold over 36.8 m (see July 10, 2019 news release). It is significant that mineralization widens up to 36 meters in areas where structures intersect.
- A study is underway to evaluate the economics of mining the Grey Fox deposit via a central underground ramp system.

Sylvain Guerard, Senior VP Exploration for McEwen Mining said, *“The highest grades and best widths of mineralization at Grey Fox are concentrated at the intersections of NE-SW trending structure and favorable iron rich host rocks. This has been an important geological observation because we believe there are numerous other similar targets on our property that will be tested this year.”*

Geological Explanation

Gold mineralization at Grey Fox is strongly controlled by sets of NE-SW trending structures (solid black lines on Figure 2) where they intersect the N-S trending host rocks (shaded green). At these intersections, gold grades and widths increase significantly to create mineralized shoots. Visible gold is often observed in these high-grade shoots. Drilling is currently testing the 147NE shoot at depth (yellow star), and upcoming drilling is planned in target areas with potential for similar mineralization (blue dashed ovals).

Economic Assessment

We expect that this larger resource estimate will enhance the economic viability of the Grey Fox deposit. MUX has initiated economic assessments of both satellite deposits that exist on the Black Fox property, the Froome and the Grey Fox deposits. Preliminary results regarding the economics and potential development plans of these deposits will be presented later in Q3.

Table 1: Mineral Resource Estimate, Grey Fox Deposit, July 2, 2019

Indicated Mineral Resource	Cut-off Grade Gold (g/t)	Quantity (‘000 tonnes)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Contained
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	Contact Zone	3.60	773	5.88	146,000
	<i>147 Zone including:</i>	<i>3.60</i>	<i>1,416</i>	<i>8.10</i>	<i>369,000</i>
Underground	147 Main	3.60	1,281	8.38	345,000
	147 NE	3.60	135	5.48	24,000
	South Zone	3.60	296	5.48	52,000
Total Indicated		3.60	2,485	7.10	567,000
Inferred Mineral Resource					
	Contact Zone	3.60	326	6.84	72,000
	<i>147 Zone including:</i>	<i>3.60</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>5.59</i>	<i>53,000</i>
Underground	147 Main	3.60	134	5.57	24,000
	147NE	3.60	162	5.56	29,000
	South Zone	3.60	56	5.40	10,000
Total Inferred		3.60	678	6.19	135,000

Table 2: Mineral Resource Estimate, Grey Fox Deposit, October 31, 2017 (previous estimate)

Indicated Mineral Resource	Cut-off Grade Gold (g/t)	Quantity (–000 tonnes)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (000 tonnes)
Underground	Contact Zone 3.60	782	5.91	149,000
	147 Main 3.60	1,096	7.49	264,000
	South Zone 3.60	298	5.48	53,000
Total Indicated	3.60	2,177	6.64	465,000
Inferred Mineral Resource				
Underground	Contact Zone 3.60	302	7.12	69,000
	147 Main 3.60	95	6.74	20,000
	South Zone 3.60	56	5.40	10,000
Total Inferred	3.60	453	6.83	100,000

The updated and new resource estimates presented here are based on domain-constrained wireframes that used detailed structural interpretations from MUX's recent oriented core drill program, as well as detailed logging of the drill core. Geostatistical analysis of the data included compositing samples, grade capping and variography for the remodeled zones. A total of 7,657 samples was sent for specific gravity determination at ALS Chemex labs. Incorporation of these new values into the lithological and mineralogical domains have improved the density and tonnage estimates for the 147 Zone and have also slightly modified the tonnages at Contact and South zones; block model grades in these locations remain the same.

Figure 1: Grey Fox Deposit Location at Black Fox Property

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Figure 2: Grey Fox Resource Block Model (projected to surface) and Key Geologic Controls

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McEwen has approximately 362 million shares outstanding. Rob McEwen, Chairman and Chief Owner, owns 22% of the shares.

QUALIFIED PERSON

The mineral resource statement for the Grey Fox 147 zone contained in this news release has been prepared by Dan Downton, P.Geo., McEwen Mining Senior Resource Geologist under the supervision of Luke Willis, P.Geo. McEwen Mining's Director of Resource Modelling. Mr. Willis is a "qualified person" within the meaning of NI 43-101.

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