

Defense Metals Starts Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Drill Program

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 12, 2019 - Defense Metals Corp. ("Defense Metals") (DEFN: TSX-V / DFMTF: OTCQB / 35D: FSE) announces the start of the 2019 diamond drill program at its 1,780 hectare (4,398 acre) Wicheeda Rare Earth Element (REE) Project located near Prince George, Canada.

Defense Metals expects to complete this 2,000 metre core drilling program in about six weeks. The purpose of the 2019 Wicheeda drill program is to further delineate, and potentially expand the Wicheeda REE carbonatite deposit leading to completion of an updated mineral resource estimate.

The current Wicheeda REE Deposit Mineral Resource comprises an Inferred Mineral Resource of 11,370,000 tonnes averaging 1.96% LREE (Light Rare Earth Elements) reported at a cut-off grade of 1.0% LREE (sum of cerium, lanthanum, neodymium and samarium percentages). The resource is classified according to the CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves Best Practice Guidelines" dated November 23rd, 2003 and CIM "Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves" dated May 10th, 2014. Details with respect to the Mineral Resource Estimate are summarized in the Company's NI 43-101 technical report titled "Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project, British Columbia, Canada" effective date of June 20, 2019 available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The Wicheeda REE Deposit, as defined by previous drill campaigns, comprises an approximately 250 x 200 metre irregular shaped intrusive plug of relatively higher-grade REE-mineralized dolomite carbonatite extending from surface to vertical depths ranging from 30 to 100 metres, below which mixed dolomite carbonate and syenite breccia rocks occur to a currently drilled maximum vertical depth of 184 metres.

- The 2019 drilling program is designed to: test the northern, southern and western extent of the Wicheeda deposit where it is still open; further delineate the relatively higher-grade near surface dolomite carbonatite unit; and address select internal drilling gaps within the deposit.
- The diamond drill rig is currently setup within the southwest quadrant of the deposit where west and southwest oriented inclined drill holes should define the western limits of REE mineralization previously intersected within 2008 drill hole WI08-04 that returned 98.16 metres averaging 1.56% Ce (cerium), 0.72% La (lanthanum), and 0.26% Nd (neodymium) (2.54% LREE) from surface*.
- Drilling will then proceed eastward approximately 75m higher in elevation where a series of inclined drill holes should define near surface higher-grade dolomite carbonatite rocks and the southern margin of the deposit; where 2009 drill hole WI09-07 returned 105 metres averaging 1.50% Ce, 0.63% La, and 0.30% Nd (2.43% LREE) from surface*.
- Drilling at the northern end of the Wicheeda Deposit is designed to define the northern limit of the carbonatite where recently completed geologic mapping has confirmed the presence of carbonatite outcrops 30 metres beyond the northern limit of the current Mineral Resource Estimate block model. Nearby drill holes WI09-10 and WI09-13 completed in this area terminated within REE-mineralized dolomite carbonatite and carbonatite breccia rocks that returned 145.69 metres having grades averaging 1.08% Ce, 0.56% La, and 0.23% Nd (1.87% LREE), and 145.69 metres averaging 1.01% Ce, 0.51% La, and 0.24% Nd (1.8% LREE), respectively both from surface*.

*The relationship between drill intercept and true width of mineralization is not known

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The scientific and technical information contained in this news release as it relates to the Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Property has been reviewed and approved by Kristopher J. Raffle, P.Geo. (BC) Principal and Consultant of APEX Geoscience Ltd. of Edmonton, AB, a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 & Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

About Defense Metals Corp.

Defense Metals is a mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition of mineral deposits containing

metals and elements commonly used in the electric power market, military, national security and the production of green energy technologies, such as, high strength, light weight, rare earth magnets. Defense Metals' primary focus is to exercise its option to acquire 100% of the 1,780 hectare Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project. [Defense Metals Corp.](#) trades in Canada under "DEFN" on the TSX Venture Exchange, the United States, under "DFMTF" on the OTCQB and the German, Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol of "35D".

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