

# Defense Metals Provides Wicheada Rare Earth Element Drill Update

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 4, 2019 - [Defense Metals Corp.](#) ("Defense Metals") (DEFN: TSX-V / DFMTF: OTCQB / 35D: FSE) is pleased to provide an operational update regarding the current resource definition diamond drill program at its 1,708 hectare (4,220 acre) Wicheada Rare Earth Element (REE) Project located near Prince George, Canada.

Subsequent to announcing the 2019 Wicheada drill program (see the Defense Metals' August 12, 2019 New Release), camp construction and site preparation for all planned diamond drill locations was completed. Core drilling started at the location of the Wicheada 30 tonne bulk sample site, which previously returned composite head assays of 1.77% lanthanum-oxide, 2.34% cerium-oxide, 0.52% neodymium-oxide, and 0.18% praseodymium-oxide, for a total of 4.81% light rare-earth oxide ("LREO"; see Defense Metals' March 14, 2019 News Release for a more detailed description of the results).

To date, eight of a planned thirteen NQ-sized core drill holes totalling 1,165 metres have been completed; an average of approximately 2.5 days-per-hole, progress that Defense Metals considers excellent. All holes drilled to date have intersected significant widths of dolomite-carbonate containing visible REE mineralization.

Defense Metals continues to advance its geologic understanding of the Wicheada Deposit. A detailed review of historical and current drill core indicates the presence of multiple phases of REE mineralized dolomite-carbonatite; one of which contains a visually higher percentage of REE-bearing minerals. Subject to completion of the remaining drilling and receipt of final assays results, Defense Metals will evaluate the impact of these previously unrecognized REE mineralized domains and their potential positive contribution to the Wicheada Deposit mineral resource estimate.

Craig Taylor, CEO and President of [Defense Metals Corp.](#), commented: "We have intersected REE mineralization within every drill hole of the current drill program. Our 2019 resource definition drilling will allow for an updated and enhanced geological model that Defense Metals believes will substantially increase our confidence in the contained REE mineral resources of the Wicheada Rare Earth Deposit."

## Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release as it relates to the Wicheada Rare Earth Element Project has been reviewed and approved by Kristopher J. Raffle, P.Geo. (BC) Principal and Consultant of APEX Geoscience Ltd. of Edmonton, AB, a director of Defense Metals and a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 &#8211; Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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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 Wicheada 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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