

Defense Metals Completes Drilling and Extends Mineralized Zones at Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Deposit

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 23, 2019 - [Defense Metals Corp.](#) ("Defense Metals" or the "Company") (DEFN: TSX-V / DFMTF: OTCQB: FSE) is pleased to announce completion of the 2019 resource definition diamond drill program at its 1,708 hectare Wicheeda Rare Earth Element (REE) Project located near Prince George, Canada.

Subsequent to announcing commencement of the 2019 Wicheeda drill program (see the Defense Metals' August 12, 2019 Release) the Company completed 13 diamond drill holes totalling 2,005 metres. The diamond drill, camp and exploration have now demobilized from the field, and APEX Geoscience Ltd. geologists have transported the remaining drill core to Prince George to complete the balance of logging and sampling. The Company will provide additional updates as work progresses.

The 13 diamond drill holes were completed from three separate drill pads, designed to test the northern, southern and western extent of the Wicheeda deposit where it is still open, and to further delineate the relatively higher-grade near surface dolomite-carbonatite unit.

All 13 drill holes intersected significant intercepts of visibly REE element mineralized dolomite-carbonatite rocks. The key takeaways from the highly successful 2019 Wicheeda REE Carbonatite Deposit diamond drill program were:

- Diamond drilling at the northern margin of the 2019 Wicheeda Deposit Resource area was successful in delineating and expanding the northern margin of the deposit a distance of 100 metres, which represents an approximately 40% increase in the drill defined north-south strike extent of the Wicheeda Deposit (Figure 1).
- Significantly, the final hole of the 2019 program (WI19-32) intersected a 130 metre core length interval of visibly REE element mineralized dolomite-carbonatite leaving the deposit still open for expansion to the north. The true width of the intercept is interpreted to be approximately 80% of the drilled intercept.
- Infill drilling in the east central area of the deposit resulted in expansion of the edge of the deposit 45 metres beyond the 2019 Resource Model (WI19-29).
- Delineation drilling in the southwest area of the deposit extended the limit of dolomite-carbonatite rocks a further 20 metres beyond the 2019 Resource Model (WI19-20 and WI19-21).
- Resource definition drilling successfully increased confidence in the geometry of REE mineralized dolomite-carbonatite at higher elevation with the deposit, in addition to providing multiple pierce points from which to further refine the Wicheeda carbonatite envelope.

Defense Metals looks forward to receipt of assay results, and incorporating these new diamond drill results into an updated and potentially expanded mineral resource estimate for the Wicheeda Deposit.

Craig Taylor, CEO and President of [Defense Metals Corp.](#), commented, "We have intersected REE mineralization with the final hole of the 2019 drill program. Our 2019 resource definition drilling has exceeded our expectations in significantly expanding the drilled extent of REE mineralized dolomite-carbonatite, and meeting our primary goal of increasing drill hole density with the higher REE grade upper portions of the Wicheeda Mineral Resource"

Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release as it relates to the Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project has been reviewed and approved by Kristopher J. Raffle, P.Geo. (BC) Principal and Consultant of APEX Geoscience Ltd., Edmonton, AB, a director of Defense Metals and a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 and NI 43-101 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 minerals commonly used in the electric power market, military, national security and the production of green energy technologies including high strength, light weight, rare earth magnets. Defense Metals' primary focus is to exercise its option to acquire 100% of the 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 DMC.

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