

Defense Metals Drills 4.01% Light Rare Earth Oxide Over 58 Metres at Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Deposit

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VANCOUVER, Dec. 12, 2019 - [Defense Metals Corp.](#) ("Defense Metals") (DEFN: TSX-V / DFMF: OTCQB / 35D: FSE) announces assay results for the final two drill holes of the recently completed 2019 resource definition diamond drill program at its 1,708 hectare (4,220 acre) Wicheeda Rare Earth Element (REE) Project located near Prince George, Canada.

Drill hole WI19-30 (-55° dip / 250° azimuth) was drilled to test the northern extension of the Wicheeda REE Deposit and intersected a broad zone of mineralization returning 2.59% Light Rare Earth Oxide (LREO; being cerium, lanthanum, neodymium, praseodymium, and samarium oxides ($\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{La}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Nd}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Pr}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3$)) over a drill core interval of 130.8 metres; including an interval assaying 4.43% LREO over a drill core interval of 27 metres ¹ (Table 1).

Drill hole WI19-32 (-55° dip / 300° azimuth) drilled from the same collar as WI19-30 was the final hole of the 2019 resource definition program and northernmost drill hole testing the Wicheeda REE Deposit returned 4.01% LREO over a drill core interval of 58 metres; within a broader zone of mineralization assaying 3.63% LREO over a drill core interval of 75 metres; in addition to an upper mineralized intercept assaying 2.71% LREO over a drill core interval of 28 metres ¹ (Figure 1).

Table 1: Wicheeda REE Deposit 2019 Diamond Drill Intercepts

Hole ID	Released	From (m)	To (m)	Interval ¹ (m)	LREO (%)	Ce ₂ O ₃ (%)	La ₂ O ₃ (%)	Nd ₂ O ₃ (%)	Pr ₂ O ₃ (%)	Sm ₂ O ₃ (%)
WI19-30	Current News Release	47	177.8	130.8	2.59	1.24	0.91	0.31	0.11	0.03
including		47	74	27	4.43	2.11	1.59	0.50	0.18	0.05
WI19-32		86	114	28	2.71	1.25	1.01	0.30	0.11	0.03
and		142	217	75	3.63	1.74	1.33	0.37	0.14	0.04
including		151	209	58	4.01	1.92	1.49	0.40	0.16	0.04
WI19-20	Oct. 31, 2019	4.6	68.8	64.2	4.32	2.10	1.54	0.46	0.18	0.04
WI19-21	News Release	3.9	114	110.1	3.26	1.57	1.16	0.36	0.14	0.04
WI19-22	Nov. 14, 2019 News Release	7	113	106	2.71	1.31	0.98	0.28	0.11	0.03
WI19-23		4	109	105	3.12	1.49	1.14	0.34	0.13	0.03
WI19-24		2.9	83	80.1	2.43	1.18	0.83	0.29	0.10	0.03
WI19-25	Nov. 20, 2019 News Release	1.1	143.4	142.3	2.22	1.08	0.78	0.24	0.09	0.03
including		1.1	25	23.9	3.87	1.89	1.42	0.39	0.14	0.04
and		60	83	23.0	3.93	1.90	1.42	0.43	0.15	0.04
WI19-26		1.8	128	126.2	2.82	1.34	1.07	0.29	0.10	0.03
including		32	80	48.0	4.21	1.99	1.61	0.42	0.15	0.04
WI19-27		2	120.3	118.3	2.54	1.22	0.92	0.27	0.10	0.03
WI19-28	Dec. 4, 2019 News Release	3.2	72.6	69.5	2.46	1.17	0.90	0.27	0.10	0.03
WI19-29		73.0	162.0	89.0	3.01	1.44	1.07	0.35	0.12	0.04
WI19-31	Nov. 27, 2019 News Release	55.7	138.5	82.9	4.43	2.08	1.60	0.51	0.19	0.05
including		64	97	33.0	5.47	2.58	1.96	0.64	0.23	0.06

Craig Taylor, CEO and President of [Defense Metals Corp.](#), commented, "With the release of our last two holes of the 2019 Wicheeda REE Deposit drill campaign we continue to establish the potential for expansion of the Wicheeda REE Deposit. Significant REE mineralization occurs within WI19-32 our northernmost drill hole completed on the Project to date, which is both open north and at depth."

The 2019 Wicheeda REE Deposit resource definition drill program comprised 13 diamond drill holes totalling 2,005 metres that were completed from three separate drill pads, designed to test the northern, southern and western extent of the Wicheeda deposit where it remains open, and to further delineate the relatively higher-grade, near surface dolomite carbonatite unit.

¹ The true width of REE mineralization is estimated to be 70-100% of the drilled interval.

The analytical work reported on herein was performed by ALS Canada Ltd. (ALS) at Kamloops (sample preparation) and Vancouver (ICP-MS fusion), B.C. ALS is an ISO-IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 9001:2015 accredited geoanalytical laboratory and is independent of the Defense Metals and the QP. Drill core samples were subject to crushing at a minimum of 70% passing 2 mm, followed by pulverizing of a 250 gram split to 85% passing 75 microns. A 0.1 gram sample pulp was then subject to multi-element ICP-MS analysis via lithium-borate fusion to determine individual REE content (ME-MS81h). Defense Metals follows industry standard procedures for the work carried out on the Wicheeda Project, with a quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program. Blank, duplicate and standard samples were inserted into the sample sequence sent to the laboratory for analysis. Defense Metals detected no significant QA/QC issues during review of the data. Defense Metals is not aware of any drilling, sampling, recovery or other factors that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the data referred to herein.

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. of Edmonton, AB, a director of Defense Metals and a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Mr. Raffle verified the data disclosed which includes a review of the analytical and test data underlying the information and opinions contained therein.

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