

# Second Rig on Site and Drilling to Accelerate 50,000m Exploration Campaign

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Second drill rig at Eastmain doubling drilling capacity at the project
- Multiple targets from the 2020 FLEM campaign and ongoing DHEM surveys
- Acquisition of two FLEM surveys completed - processing and interpretation imminent
- Shipping of samples to Australia underway after delays from COVID-19 and industrial action
- 40,000m of drilling budgeted for 2021 still to be undertaken
- First assays for 2021 drilling still awaited with results anticipated shortly

Toronto, April 23, 2021 - [Benz Mining Corp.](#) (TSXV: BZ) (ASX: BNZ) (the Company or Benz) is pleased to give an update on activities at the Eastmain project.

The second drill rig, which had been booked to start in February, is now drilling at Eastmain after delays mostly due to COVID-19 restrictions in Canada and rig and driller availability pressure from increased winter drilling activities in the country over the first quarter of 2021.

CEO, Xavier Braud, commented: "The second rig will certainly help us accelerate our efforts at Eastmain but, more importantly, it will allow us more flexibility to balance our drilling between extensional, infill, step-out and regional drilling. We still have multiple untested and undertested targets from our 2020 fixed loop and down-hole electromagnetic surveys and we are still generating more targets. Additionally, several new discoveries we made last year need follow up. We have recently completed the acquisition of 56 line-km of fixed loop EM and we are looking forward to updating the market on those surveys shortly. The pressure on laboratories and services companies means that we have had to wait longer than expected to get results but we believe that we can restart the news flow from Eastmain where we have been incredibly active since January. We are well on track to continue growing the footprint of the Eastmain project in line with the discovery rate we have had for the past 12 months."

Figure 1: Second drill rig being delivered at the Eastmain project, April 2021

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## Fixed Loop and Downhole electromagnetics

Since January, Benz has been drilling conductors identified by the 2020 fixed loop and downhole electromagnetic surveys as well as targets from the ongoing systematic DHEM surveying of all completed holes.

Two new large regional fixed loop electromagnetic surveys have been recently completed and Benz will update the market as soon as processing and interpretation are completed and available.

Rejects from 2020 drilling shipped for PhotonAssay™ - in transit to Australia

All of the laboratory rejects (the fraction of samples unused in the assays process) from the 2020 drilling campaign have been sent to Australia to be analysed by PhotonAssay™.

This assay method is non-destructive and is better suited to systems where gold is nuggetty (in coarse gold particles). There are multiple occurrences of coarse gold at Eastmain. This innovative analytical methodology is an environmentally friendly replacement for fire assay and allows for a more accurate measurement of gold grades where coarse gold is present.

This technology is not yet available in North America.

Shipping was affected by lockdown measures in place in Canada as well as industrial action at the port of Montreal.

Samples are now in transit and have been booked in the laboratory schedule to be analysed shortly after delivery.

This press release was prepared under supervision and approved by Dr. Danielle Giovenazzo, P.Geo, acting as Benz' qualified person under National Instrument 43-101.

About Benz Mining Corp.

[Benz Mining Corp.](#) brings together an experienced team of geoscientists and finance professionals with a focused strategy to acquire and develop mineral projects with an emphasis on safe, low risk jurisdictions favourable to mining development. Benz is earning a 100% interest in the former producing high grade Eastmain gold mine, Ruby Hill West and Ruby Hill East projects in Quebec.

The Eastmain Gold Project is situated within the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt in Quebec, Canada and currently hosts a NI 43-101 and JORC (2012) compliant resource of 376,000oz at 7.9gpt gold. The existing gold mineralization is associated with 15-20% semi-massive to massive pyrrhotite, pyrite and chalcopyrite making it amenable to detection by electromagnetics. Several gold mineralization occurrences have been identified by previous explorers over a 10km long zone along strike from the Eastmain Mine with very limited testing outside the existing resource area.

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