

# Orford Updates 2021 Exploration Activity on its Qiqavik Gold Project

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TORONTO, Sept. 1, 2021 - [Orford Mining Corp.](#) ("Orford") (TSXV: ORM) is pleased to provide an update on its 2021 exploration activity at the Qiqavik property. Exploration during 2021 has been focused around the IP Lake Shear Corridor (IPLS) after work in 2019 identified the shear corridor over a strike length of 7 kilometres and detected three high-grade boulder trains assaying up to 648 g/t, and a gold grain anomaly in till, with up to 560 gold grains to the north of the IPLS (Figure 1). In early July 2021, 85 additional till samples were collected south of the IPLS define the source of these anomaly trains. Results received to date have successfully delineated a southern cut-off to the 2019 gold in till anomaly and suggest the IPLS is the likely source of gold grains. (Figure 1). Based on these results, drilling in 2021 is focused on the IPLS.

David Christie, President and CEO of Orford, commented, "The successful delineation of a southern cut of the glacial gold in till dispersion train has given Orford the focus it needed. The strike extensive and thick IP Lake Shear Corridor appears to be the source for the high gold in till dispersion anomaly discovered in 2019. We are extremely encouraged by what we have seen in some drill holes visually and are eager to receive the analytical results".

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The IPLS has been traced at surface for over 7 kilometres and varies in its surface thickness expression from 125 to 375 metres. The Shear remains open to the East and West. The shear is hosted by metamorphosed volcano-sedimentary rocks and is flanked to the south in some of its more westerly portions by an iron formation, or possibly several iron formations which themselves are variably gold mineralized and silicified. Three high-grade boulder trains occur north of the IPLS (Figure 1). In 2019, 153 till samples were collected to the north of the IPLS to aid in determining the potential source of the high-grade boulder trains. Till samples were sent to IOS Geoscientific for gold grain counting using the ARTGold™ method.

In early July 2021 an additional 85 large till samples (7kg) were collected. 45 were sent to IOS Geoscientific and 40 to CF Mineral Research for gold grain counting. Till results from both labs (shown in Figure 1) have provided a cut off to the south of the IPLS, suggesting that the IPLS is the likely source for 2 or 3 the high-grade boulder trains and gold grain in till anomaly previously observed. A further 407 samples were taken to the east and west of the central area of the IPLS and around the property and have been sent for analysis and Orford awaits those results.

Follow up exploration in early July 2021, of the Annick boulder train up-ice (toward the south west), has identified additional gold bearing samples which were sent for rush assays. Results reported up to 97.5 g/t gold (Figure 1). Mineralization in the Annick trend boulders consists of pyrite and arsenopyrite, sometimes forming massive veins, in grey quartz containing vugs and well-formed quartz crystals in places. The Annick trend type of samples has now been traced for 2.5 kilometres. In several places along the trend, mineralized quartz vein boulders are large measuring up to 2 metres in in length, depth and width ( Figure 2) and are angular. The Annick trend may represent a late brittle structure trending Az020 degrees which is sub parallel to the ice direction (N30 degrees), and that the Annick boulder train is the surface expression of this vein system as opposed to a dispersion train from a point source to the south. The boulder train appears to offset from its source but not likely by a great distance considering its consistency over 2.5 kilometres. Further work around the Annick Trend will focus on testing this concept.

In July 2021, Orford contracted Prospectair Geosurveys Inc. to perform a 1323 line-km time domain electromagnetic (TDEM) and magnetic survey using the Prospector TDEM system and Geometrics G-822A Airborne Magnetometer system. The survey was completed at 50 metre line spacing over the eastern IPLS and at 100 metre spacing on the less explored, western part of the IPLS. Preliminary results

from the surveys show previously unknown structures and conductors associated with and adjacent to the IPLS (Figure 3). Results of the survey have been used in conjunction with historical and newly collected till and grab samples data to assist in identifying structures, geology and conductors that may be associated with gold mineralizing events along the IPLS. This survey has been ground checked with geological mapping and very low frequency (VLF) survey lines.

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## 2021 Drilling

To date in 2021 approximately 1,500 metres have been drilled testing various locations along what we believe is the most interesting 3.8 kilometre strike of the IPLS (Table 1, Figure 3). Assays are outstanding for all drill intersections. The most visually interesting intercept was observed in hole QK-21-007 which intercepted a 2.0 metre, silicified, brecciated shear zone (from 76.55 to 78.55 metres downhole), containing 3-5% pyrite and 0.5-1% arsenopyrite (Figure 4). Handheld X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF) anomalies include arsenic and antimony which is consistent with mineralized, gold bearing boulders found at the western end of the IPLS. Drill hole QK-21-06 intersected sulphide iron formation with pyrite, arsenopyrite and strong shearing in two intersections. Drill hole QK-21-003 intersected sulphide iron formation and a section of strong shearing, sericite/fuchsite alteration along with some veining, pyrite and arsenopyrite mineralization. Significantly intense shearing was seen in holes 1- 3, and 6 - 8 along with veining.

In addition to the holes presented in Table 1, 2 to 3 more holes will be completed before the end of the program in mid September.

Note that All drilling intervals are down-hole lengths. True thicknesses cannot be estimated with available information

Table 1: Summary of 2021 drillholes (shearing, alteration, veining, or mineralization)

Hole Name	UtmE	UtmN	AZ	DIP	L(m)	Target
21-QK-001	480025	6821251	180	-45	198	Head of high gold grain tills, source of high-grade quartz vein boulders
21-QK-002	480418	6821166	192	-45	303	Intersection of IPLS and cross cutting Az325 structure
21-QK-003	477566	6820531	310	-45	219	Intersection of IPLS and Annick Trend
21-QK-004	477423	6820287	293	-45	87	Sisor hole at the crater, large boulders on Annick Trend
21-QK-005	477371	6820312	113	-45	51	Sisor hole at the crater, large boulders on Annick Trend
21-QK-006	478689	6820832	130	-45	219	Oblique section on South part of IPLS. Includes change of conductivity on E cdcr+local low mag visible on FVD and Full tilt mags.
21-QK-007	478809	6820731	130	-45	192	Oblique section on South part of IPLS. See prop-09
21-QK-008	477319	6820748	130	-45	213	Follow up on Hole 3, possible structure of Annick Trend with IPLS

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Orford Mining is a gold explorer focused on highly prospective and underexplored areas of Northern Quebec.

Orford's assets in the Nunavik region of Northern Quebec include the Qiqavik and West Raglan projects

comprising a land package totaling over 105,000 hectares in the Cape Smith Belt of Northern Quebec. The Qiqavik property is an emerging camp located in the Northern Group of the Cape Smith Belt. Qiqavik covers over 390km<sup>2</sup> of Proterozoic greenstone belt and hosts multiple large through going structures. Less than five months of field work on the ground has resulted in the discovery of a multitude of high grade grab samples up to 648 g/t Au (Figure 1). In 2019 drilling. The West Raglan project hosts a number of high-grade Raglan-style nickel/copper/platinum group metal discoveries along a 55 km mineralized trend. In January 2021, Orford entered into an earn-in agreement whereby Wyloo Metals can earn up to 80% of the West Raglan Project for total expenditures of \$25.0 million over 7 years.

In 2020, Orford acquired three new property positions (Over 20,000ha) in the Joutel region of the Abitibi district of northern Quebec, which hosts historical deposits such as the Eagle/Telbel, Joutel Copper, Poirier Copper, and Vezza deposits. This information from neighbouring properties is not necessarily indicative of the mineralization on Orford Mining's properties.

Orford continually seeks new gold exploration opportunities in North America.

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#### 2021 Grab samples

Sample shipments are sealed and shipped to ALS Geochemistry, Val-d'Or, Québec. All gold assays reported were obtained by standard fire-assaying-AA finish on 50-gram nominal weight for core samples and 30-gram nominal weight for grab samples or by gravimetric finish in the case of overlimits (method Au-AA26, Au-AA25 and Au-GRA22) at ALS Geochemistry, Val-d'Or, Quebec. All samples are also analyzed for multi-elements, including copper and silver, using a four-acid method with an ICP-AES finish (method ME-ICP61a) at ALS Geochemistry, Vancouver, British Columbia. Overlimits were analyzed by four-acid method with an ICP-OES or AAS finish (Method OG62). Drill program design, Quality Assurance/Quality Control ("QA/QC") and interpretation of results is performed by qualified persons employing a QA/QC program consistent with NI 43-101 and industry best practices. Standards and blanks are inserted at a minimum of 10% and 5% for core and grab samples respectively for QA/QC purposes in addition to those inserted by the lab. A subset of samples has not yet been sent for a verification assay at another lab. ALS Geochemistry comply with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

#### Till Samples (IOS)

Till samples were collected on Qiqavik by collecting 7kg of till from frost boils. Samples were sent to IOS Chicoutimi where samples are described, logged and photographed. Wet sieving is applied along with a falcon concentrator. Gravimetric separation is applied using ARTGold™ fluidized bed to recover gold grains. The > 50 µm material is examined using a research grade Leica M205C apochromatic stereomicroscope to count gold grains and other minerals of interest. Grains of interest are picked and are mounted on a glass slide using a double-sided adhesive tape to confirm their nature with the scanning electron microscope (SEM). Although identification success rate is in excess of 95%, a second visual sorting is systematically performed on one in every ten samples as part of the quality assurance program. As part of the quality control, a second concentrate is collected from the fluidized bed tails and processed for gold grain counts, for 10.5% of the sample population. The analytical results of these replicates were added with the initial microconcentrates. The finer fraction of the superconcentrates (< 50 µm) is dusted on a 4 x 4 cm double sided tape to form a monolayer of grains, to be submitted to ARTGold™ #8482; counting by an

automated SEM to detect gold particles in the fine fraction (< 50 µm) of the concentrate.

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