

New Found Enters Into Definitive Property Option Agreement, Adds 6.1km of Prospective Strike Length Along Appleton Fault at Queensway North

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[New Found Gold Corp.](#) (TSXV:NFG | NYSE-A: NFGC) ("New Found" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has entered into a definitive property option agreement (the "Option Agreement") that grants the Company the exclusive right to acquire a 100% interest (the "Option") in five mineral licenses located in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (the "Property"), significantly expanding the Company's Queensway North project area.

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Figure 1. Queensway Project property map, including recently optioned claims. (Graphic: Business Wire)

Highlights:

- The optioning of this ground further bolsters the Company's landholdings to 165,575 hectares and adds an approximately 6.1km segment of strike along the highly prospective Appleton Fault Zone (Figure 1).
- The terms of the Option Agreement, detailed below, include cash and share payments, and importantly do not include any mandatory work commitments, advanced royalty payments, or granting of royalties.

Greg Matheson, COO of New Found Gold stated: "Optioning these mineral licenses provides us with an additional 13,755 hectares of ground including 6.1km of untested and highly prospective strike along the Appleton Fault Zone with a very reasonable up-front cost. We look forward to commencing our initial exploration work on these new licenses which will focus on generating drill targets. Any decision on drilling will be made after this first phase of ground work and evaluation."

Terms of Option Agreement:

The Option Agreement the Company has entered into is with Aidan O'Neil, Suraj Amarnani, Joshua Vann and VOA Exploration Inc. (the "Optionors"). Under the terms of this agreement, the Company may exercise the Option by (i) issuing an aggregate of 487,078 common shares in capital of New Found ("Common Shares"), and (ii) making aggregate cash payments of \$2,350,000 to the Optionors as follows:

- \$200,000 and 39,762 Common Shares on the later of (i) Staking Confirmation Date (as defined in the Option Agreement) and (ii) the receipt of the TSX-Venture Exchange's (the "TSXV") approval;
- \$200,000 and 39,762 common shares on or before November 2, 2023;
- \$250,000 and 69,583 common shares on or before November 2, 2024;
- \$300,000 and 89,463 common shares on or before November 2, 2025;
- \$600,000 and 129,224 common shares on or before November 2, 2026; and
- \$800,000 and 119,284 common shares on or before November 2, 2027.

The transactions contemplated by the Option Agreement, including the issuance of Common Shares thereunder, are subject to the approval of the TSXV. Any Common Shares issued under the Option Agreement will be subject to a hold period of four months and a day, as well as a voluntary escrow of 24 months for the first share issuance, and 12 months for any share issuances thereafter.

About New Found Gold Corp.

New Found holds a 100% interest in the Queensway Project, located 15km west of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, and just 18km from Gander International Airport. The project is intersected by the Trans-Canada Highway and has logging roads crosscutting the project, high voltage electric power lines running through the project area, and easy access to a highly skilled workforce. The Company is currently undertaking a 400,000m drill program at Queensway, now approximately 74% complete. The Company is well funded for this program with cash and marketable securities of approximately \$55 million as of November 2022.

Please see the Company's website at www.newfoundgold.ca and the Company's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

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