

Targa Exploration Corp. Announces Expansion Of Drill Program At Opinaca Gold Project

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[Targa Exploration Corp.](#) (CSE: TEX) (FRA: V6Y) (OTCQB: TRGEF) ("Targa" or the "Company") today announced an expansion of the ongoing diamond drilling program at its Opinaca Gold Project ("Opinaca") located in the James Bay region of Quebec.

Highlights

- Drilling progressing ahead of schedule and under budget;
- 2,513m and five (5) drillholes completed as of the morning of October 6th;
- Approved expansion of drill program from 2,500m to 3,250m.

"Drilling has progressed very well at Opinaca," commented Targa CEO, Cameron Tymstra. "With five drill holes already complete we are comfortably ahead of schedule. The efficient work that Kenorland and Chibougamau Drilling are doing on site allows us to expand the drill program to include additional drill holes while maintaining the original budget. The goal of this program is to discover which bedrock lithology units are hosts to the gold that we have seen across an extensive area of till cover. The more holes we can drill, the greater our chances of discovery and we have already encountered several rock units of interest that are mineralized locally with up to half a percent pyrite, pyrrhotite, and arsenopyrite over broad intervals."

Drill Program Expansion

The maiden drill program at Opinaca is being expanded from 2,500m (see press release dated September 18, 2025) to approximately 3,250m and is currently scheduled to be complete by the 15th of October (Figure 1).

The first five of six drill holes originally planned at the start of the program have been completed ahead of schedule. The expanded plan will include the lengthening and movement of the sixth original hole further to the north. This hole is currently being drilled with a target depth of 575m and is collared in an area where multiple gold-bearing boulders were discovered in 2024. A seventh hole will be added to the north of Hole #1 with a target depth of 525m to target a quartz-rich meta-arenite unit mineralized with trace pyrite and pyrrhotite encountered in the top of Hole #1 and seen in outcrop north of Hole #1 (Figure 2). If time and budget permit, an eighth hole will be added to test the head of a till train at the eastern limit of the geochemical footprint or an alternate target.

In addition to the meta-arenite in Hole #1, several other mineralized intervals of note have been encountered in multiple drill holes. Sections of metawacke with two-toned bleaching halos containing very fine pyrite and trace arsenopyrite around thin quartz veinlets (Figure 3) have been drilled in Hole #2 and Hole #3. A 25m section of metawacke with 15% leucosome veinlets and local trace pyrite was also encountered in Hole #2 (Figure 4) which is located about 2km up-ice from a leucosome boulder sampled in 2024 that returned 0.6g/t Au (see press release dated November 25, 2024). All core samples will be delivered to the lab once drilling is complete, with assays results expected mid to late November.

About the Opinaca Gold Project

The Opinaca Project is located in the James Bay region of Quebec, approximately 45km south of the all-season Trans-Taiga Road and 140km northeast of the Eleonore gold mine. The Opinaca Project covers 85,267 contiguous hectares of the Opinaca geological sub-province, dominantly a metasedimentary region with neoproterozoic-aged igneous intrusions including of the Vieux Comptoir suite of granites. Till sampling and prospecting work in 2023 and 2024 has identified a 7km-long gold target trend near the center of the project. Boulder sampling in 2024 returned a dozen boulders with anomalous (>0.1g/t) gold values, including up to

6.7g/t Au. A recent airborne magnetic survey has identified a 4km magnetic anomaly at the center of the gold trend.

Qualified Person

The disclosure of scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Adrian Lupascu M. Sc. P.Geo., Exploration Manager of Targa Exploration Corp., who is a "qualified person" within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101- Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

About Targa

Targa Exploration Corp. (CSE: TEX | FRA: V6Y | OTCQB: TRGEF) is a Canadian exploration company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, and development of gold mineral properties with headquarters in Vancouver, British Columbia. Targa's principal asset is its Opinaca Gold Project where a significant gold-in-till anomaly has been identified over a strike length of 7km.

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