

Red Pine Exploration Inc. Initiates Near-Surface Definition Drilling as PEA Progresses at Wawa Gold Project

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[Red Pine Exploration Inc.](#) (TSXV: RPX, OTCQB: RDEXF) ("Red Pine" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of a 9,000 metre ("m") drilling program to better define gold mineralization at surface and collect samples for additional environmental, metallurgy and geotechnical analysis at the Wawa Gold Project as part of the ongoing Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") and potential future development.

Michael Michaud, President and CEO of Red Pine commented: "We are pleased with the ongoing progress we have made towards completing a PEA for the Wawa Gold Project. Given our confidence in a positive outcome, we have commenced a fully funded drilling program to further define the higher-grade, near-surface gold mineralization. This drilling program will also allow us to collect additional samples for environmental, metallurgical and geotechnical analysis to assess potential mining and processing opportunities. We anticipate releasing consistent news flow from the ongoing drilling program, as well as the surface trenching program commenced several weeks ago, and on other project advancements over the coming months. We remain on track to complete the PEA in the first half of 2026."

Drilling Program in Areas of Open-Pit Potential

Building on the drilling results from the 2025 program and from prior campaigns, the Company has now outlined priority areas for a potential open-pit along the Jubilee Shear that will be considered as part of the PEA.

In the priority areas identified, the new drilling program plans to:

- test the crown pillar of the former Jubilee and Surluga Mines where it was not tested in prior drilling programs;
- test infill areas covered by historical drilling solely for grade validation and metallurgical purposes, and
- test the margins of several of the new high-grade mineralization areas discovered in 2025.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control ("QA/QC") Measures

Individual drill core samples are labelled and sawn in half along a pre-marked cutting line. A consistent half-core sample is then placed in an individual numbered plastic sample bag that is sealed. The remaining half-core samples are kept at the Company's core storage facility located on the Wawa Gold project. Quarter-core duplicates are taken from certain samples to define the variability of gold distribution. Groups of samples are then placed into durable rice bags sealed with security seals to be transported by commercial carrier for analysis at Activation Laboratories Ltd. (Actlabs), Ancaster, Ontario. NQ core assays are obtained by 50-gram fire-assay with a AA finish or by 1-kilogram metallic screen fire assay. The 1-kilogram metallic screen assay method is selected for samples anticipated to contain coarse gold and when the original fire-assay returns results greater or equal to 2.25 g/t Au. The residual coarse reject portions of the samples remain in storage for a minimum 90-day period if further work or verification is needed.

As part of its QA/QC program, Red Pine inserts external gold standards (low- to high-grade) and blanks every 20 samples and routinely inserts blanks immediately after samples with visible gold. Quarter core duplicates are routinely inserted to evaluate the natural variability of gold mineralization. Assay certificates are sent to at least three members of the senior management team, and they are directly accessible from the WebLIMS portal of Actlabs. Approximately 5% of the pulps and coarse rejects analyzed at Actlabs are sent to Agat Laboratories in Thunder Bay for umpire testing.

Qualified Person

Jean-Francois Montreuil, P.Geo. and Vice President, Exploration of Red Pine and the Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release.

About Red Pine Exploration Inc.

[Red Pine Exploration Inc.](#) is a gold exploration company headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "RPX" and on the OTCQB Markets under the symbol "RDEXF".

The Wawa Gold Project is in the Michipicoten Greenstone Belt of Ontario, a region that has seen major investment by several producers in the last five years. The Company's land package hosts numerous historic gold mines and is over 7,000 hectares in size. Red Pine is building a strong position as a major mineral exploration and development player in the Michipicoten region.

For more information about the Company, visit www.redpineexp.com

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This information contained in this news release is qualified in its entirety by cautionary statements and risk factor disclosure contained in filings made by the Company, including the Company's financial statements and related MD&A for the years ended July 31, 2024 and July 31, 2025, and the interim financial reports and related MD&A for the period ended January 31, 2024, April 30, 2024, October 31, 2024, January 31, 2025

and April 30, 2025, filed with the securities' regulatory authorities in certain provinces of Canada and available at www.sedarplus.ca.

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