

Pacific Empire Minerals Corp. Commences Fifth Drill Hole at the Trident Copper-Gold Project, British Columbia

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[Pacific Empire Minerals Corp.](#) (TSXV: PEMC) ("Pacific Empire", "PEMC" or the "Company"), a copper-gold explorer based in British Columbia, is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing diamond drilling program at its 100%-owned Trident copper-gold project located in north-central British Columbia.

Fifth Drill Hole Underway Following Key Geological Breakthrough

Drilling of Hole TRI-25-005 has now commenced from the same collar location as Hole TRI-25-001, but with a new azimuth of 330 degrees designed to test the margins of a newly confirmed porphyry intrusion. Holes 1 through 3 all intersected visible copper mineralization, specifically disseminated chalcopyrite and visible bornite, highlighting the strength and continuity of the mineralizing system at Trident.

Hole TRI-25-004, drilled to test the center of a large resistivity anomaly, successfully confirmed the presence of a porphyry intrusion—a major milestone validating PEMC's geophysical model. Although this intrusion was less mineralized, it provides essential context for vectoring toward higher-grade zones associated with later, more copper-rich intrusive phases.

"Each hole drilled at Trident continues to refine our understanding of this emerging porphyry system," stated Brad Peters, President and CEO of Pacific Empire. "The confirmation of a porphyry intrusion at the center of the geophysical anomaly represents a key milestone in our exploration model. With Hole 5 now underway, we're testing a new orientation that aims to follow up on the strongest copper mineralization intersected to date in hole one."

To date, 1,958 metres have been completed across four drill holes:

- TRI-25-001 - 503 m
- TRI-25-002 - 501 m
- TRI-25-003 - 501 m
- TRI-25-004 - 453 m

Samples from completed holes are being logged, cut, and shipped to ALS Laboratories in North Vancouver for analysis. Results will be released as they become available.

Drill Core Highlights

- Hole TRI-25-001: Collared directly into a mineralized porphyry with disseminated chalcopyrite and visible bornite. At ~300 m, the hole crossed a major fault zone and entered strongly potassic- and sericite-altered rocks, suggesting proximity to a hydrothermal center.
- Holes TRI-25-002 & 003: Tested an IP chargeability anomaly approximately 360 m northeast of Hole 1 and both encountered zones of visible copper mineralization with abundant pyrite, supporting the interpretation of a broad, continuous system extending along strike.
- Hole TRI-25-004: Intersected a porphyry intrusion at depth, interpreted as an earlier, weakly mineralized phase. The mineralized porphyry from Hole 1 TRI-25-001 likely represents a later, copper-rich phase emplaced along the margins of this earlier intrusion—providing a compelling vector toward higher-grade mineralization.

Next Steps

The objective of Hole TRI-25-005 is to test the margins of the porphyry intrusion encountered in Hole TRI-25-004 and to vector toward the well-mineralized porphyry intersected in Hole TRI-25-001. By drilling from the same collar as Hole 1 but at a new azimuth of 330 degrees, the Company aims to better define the relationship between these intrusive phases and identify potential zones of stronger copper-gold mineralization along the intrusive contact.

Figure 1 - Map showing Pacific Empire's Trident property, highlighting historical drill collars, 2025 diamond drill holes with 56,000 Hz Resistivity from 2006 FUGRO Airborne Mag-EM Survey.

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Figure 2 - Trident property showing IP Chargeability at a depth of 250 metres in relation to historical drillholes and 2025 diamond drilling.

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About Trident

The Trident property is an early exploration stage property hosting an alkalic porphyry copper-gold-silver prospect with district-scale potential that is accessible by vehicle. The property is located approximately 50 km southeast of the Kwanika deposit owned by [Northwest Copper Corp.](#) and 50 km to the northwest of Centerra Gold's Mt. Milligan Mine. The property covers 6,618 hectares endowed with well-established logging roads providing important efficient access to conduct exploration programs.

In 2022, Pacific Empire acquired a 100% interest in the property in exchange for granting the vendors a 2% net smelter return royalty ("NSR"). One-half (1%) of the 2% NSR which may be purchased for \$500,000 by Pacific Empire.

About Pinnacle

The Pinnacle project is located 60 km west of Centerra Gold's Mt. Milligan Copper-Gold Mine and 30 km southeast of NorthWest Copper's Kwanika Copper-Gold Deposit in a proven copper-gold porphyry district. Access to the Pinnacle is by road including a new and expanding network of logging roads and trails throughout the main target areas. This improved access is a significant development and is anticipated to contribute to cost effective drill support and provides additional bedrock exposure.

Qualified Person's Statement

Kristian Whitehead, P.Geo., serves as a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101 and has reviewed the scientific and technical information in this news release, approving the disclosure herein.

About Pacific Empire

Pacific Empire is a copper exploration company based in Vancouver, British Columbia and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol PEMC. The Company has a district-scale land position in north-central British Columbia totaling 22,541 hectares.

British Columbia is a "Green" copper jurisdiction with abundant hydroelectric power, access and infrastructure in close proximity to the end market.

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