

Dryden Gold Reports Notice of Top-Up Right from Centerra Gold & Highlights 2026 Exploration Plans

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Vancouver, January 8, 2026 - [Dryden Gold Corp.](#) (TSXV: DRY) (OTCQB: DRYGF) ("Dryden Gold" or the "Company") announces that, further to the investor rights agreement dated December 17, 2024, (the "Centerra IRA") between the Company and [Centerra Gold Inc.](#) (TSX: CG) (NYSE: CGAU) ("Centerra"), to retain its 9.99% interest in the Company, Centerra has issued to the Company notice of their intention to exercise their 'top-up right', subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange, as it relates to certain share issuances completed by the Company through December 31, 2025. The share issuances were related to warrant and option exercises in 2025 (see press release dated December 30, 2025).

A copy of the Centerra IRA is available on the Company's SEDAR+ profile.

The Company also announces a non-brokered private placement (the "Offering") through the issuance of 2,350,000 charity flow-through common shares (the "CFT Shares") at a price of \$0.425 per CFT Share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$998,985. The CFT Shares will qualify as "flow-through shares" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and "Ontario focused flow-through shares" as defined in the Taxation Act, 2007 (Ontario) ("Ontario Tax Act"). No finders' fees were paid in connection with the Offering.

An amount equal to the gross proceeds from the issuance of the CFT Shares will be used to incur eligible resource exploration expenses which will qualify as (i) "Canadian exploration expenses" (as defined in the Tax Act), (ii) as "flow-through mining expenditures" (as defined in subsection 127(9) of the Tax Act); and as "eligible Ontario exploration expenditures" within the meaning of the Ontario Tax Act ("Qualifying Expenditures"). All Qualifying Expenditures will be renounced in favor of the subscribers for the CFT Shares effective on or before December 31, 2026.

Trey Wasser, CEO of Dryden Gold commented, "The proceeds from the Offering and from the warrant and option exercises will be used to significantly expand Dryden Gold's 2026 exploration program on its district-scale property in northwest Ontario. We will also be increasing our marketing efforts, focused on the strong US investor base. I am very excited about the gold business and Dryden Gold in 2026."

The Company's goals for 2026 were outlined in a press release dated December 17, 2025 and our video here. To summarize, these goals are:

- Continue to grow the Gold Rock target area testing strike length and hanging wall structures from Elora to Big Master.
- Test for periodicity or repetition on strike in the Gold Rock Camp with follow up drilling at the Mud Lake target area and a newly identified anomaly to the south.
- Drill-test the Hyndman regional discovery.
- Follow-up drilling at the Sherridon regional target and to continue the development of the deposit model.
- Interpret the property-wide soil-till program to identify new regional targets to add to the exploration pipeline.

These goals remain unchanged, but the intensity will certainly increase. Drilling for 2026 was estimated at 23-25,000 meters. The drill budget will be increased by 75-100%. The budget for regional exploration and field work will also be increased as the Company endeavors to expand the district-scale potential of its 70,000-hectare land package.

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ABOUT DRYDEN GOLD CORP.

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For more information, go to our website www.drydengold.com.

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