

# Vizsla Copper Commences Major Drill Program At The Thira Discovery, Poplar Project

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[Vizsla Copper Corp.](#) (TSXV: VCU) (OTCQB: VCUFF) (FRANKFURT: 97E0) ("Vizsla Copper" or the "Company") is pleased to report drilling is now underway at the Poplar Project (the "Poplar Project" or "Poplar"), central British Columbia. Up to 8,000 meters of drilling is planned with two drill rigs focused on expanding the recently discovered Thira porphyry copper-molybdenum discovery and evaluating additional high-priority porphyry targets across the broader Thira alteration corridor.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Significant drill program has commenced: Winter drilling has commenced at the Poplar Project with up to 8,000 meters of drilling planned in approximately 16 drill holes, targeting expansion of the Thira copper-molybdenum discovery and evaluating additional high-priority porphyry targets.
- Expansion of the Thira discovery: Drilling at Thira is designed to evaluate the lateral and vertical extent of the porphyry mineralization discovered in 2025, as well as the geological and structural controls on higher-grade zones. Importantly, mineralization at Thira remains open laterally and at depth.
- Exploring for additional porphyries within Thira alteration corridor: A second drill rig is evaluating additional porphyry targets at Camp Lake and Copper Pond along the >8 kilometre Thira alteration corridor. Targets are supported by coincident magnetic chargeability and conductivity anomalies, extensive hydrothermal alteration, and geochemical signatures consistent with porphyry copper-molybdenum systems.

"We are very excited to kick off our 2026 winter drill program across the Thira alteration corridor" commented Steve Block, Vizsla Copper's President and CEO. "The near-surface Thira discovery is a compelling porphyry copper-molybdenum system, with mineralization open in all directions. Also, the neighbouring targets at Camp Lake and Copper Pond are a high priority due to their proximity to the Thira and their similar geophysical signatures. We look forward to keeping shareholders informed as drilling progresses."

## Drill Plans

The Phase 1, 2026 winter drill program at the Poplar Project will consist of up to 8,000 meters of core drilling across ~16 drill holes within the extensive Thira alteration corridor (Figure 1). Two diamond drill rigs have mobilised to site and are advancing drilling. The drill program will consist of:

1. A series of step-out holes designed to investigate the lateral and vertical extent of known porphyry-related copper-molybdenum mineralization at the Thira Discovery (e.g., 237.3 meters of 0.51% CuEq\* (0.36% Cu, 0.02% Mo, 0.06 g/t Ag, and 0.06 g/t Au from 117.7 meters downhole in TH25-145, see October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 News Release). Drilling will also investigate the structural and/or lithological controls on higher-grade copper mineralization (e.g., 77.0 meters of 0.43% Cu, 0.01% Mo, 1.48 g/t Ag, and 0.09 g/t Au) from 124.0 meters downhole in TH25-145) within the Thira porphyry system.
2. A series of exploration drill holes designed to test for porphyry-related copper-molybdenum mineralization at two defined high-priority targets (Copper Pond and Camp Lake) situated along trend from the Thira discovery (see January 2026 news release, Figure 2).

\*Copper equivalent calculation (CuEq) uses metal prices of: Cu US\$4.00/lb, Mo US\$20.00/lb, Au US\$2,000/oz and Ag US\$22/oz and conceptual recoveries of Cu: 80%, Mo: 80%, Au: 70% and Ag: 65%. Metallurgical test work has not been performed on core from Thira, therefore it is uncertain which metals would report to potential concentrates - recoveries are conceptual in nature. CuEq is provided for illustrative purpose only to show the combined grades of Cu, Mo, Au and Ag relative to copper price net of conceptual metallurgical recoveries. 
$$\text{CuEq\%} = \text{Cu\%} + (\text{Au g/t} \times (\text{Au recovery} / \text{Cu recovery}) \times [\text{Au price US\$/oz} \div 31] / [\text{Cu price US\$/lb} \times 22.04623]) + (\text{Ag g/t} \times (\text{Ag recovery} / \text{Cu recovery}) \times [\text{Ag price US\$/oz} \div 31] / [\text{Cu price US\$/lb} \times 22.04623]) + (\text{Mo grade \%} \times (\text{Mo recovery} / \text{Cu recovery}) \times [\text{Mo price US\$/lb} \times 2204.623] / [\text{Cu price US\$/lb} \times 2204.623])$$
. Composite intervals are calculated using length-weighted averages above the cutoff grades noted above, with up to 10 meters of internal dilution. True thickness of the bulk-tonnage style, stockwork-hosted mineralization is unknown.

Figure 1. Map of the Poplar Project showing the location of the Thira target area and previously acquired MobileMT data<sup>1</sup>. The area circled around the apparent conductivity-high anomaly marks the footprint of the Thira alteration corridor which is the focus of the upcoming 8,000 meter drill program.

Figure 2. Map showing chargeability results (100 meter depth plan) from the new 3D inverted chargeability model with data compiled from 2024 and 2025 DCIP surveys across the Thira alteration corridor (see January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 news release). Targets to be evaluated include Thira, Camp Lake and Copper Pond. Locations of the key target areas are shown as well as locations of historical shallow drill holes. Results from holes TH25-138 and TH25-145 were previously released (see January 14<sup>th</sup> and October 20, 2025 news releases). See references below for sources of historical data<sup>2,3</sup>.

## Poplar Project

The 44,200-hectare Poplar project in central BC covers Mesozoic aged arc-related volcanic, sedimentary and intrusive rocks considered prospective for porphyry-related copper and gold mineralization. In addition to the Thira target, the project also includes the Poplar deposit, a near-surface porphyry-related copper and gold system. The Thira target is approximately 10 km south of the Poplar deposit. Vizsla Copper has the option to earn a 100% interest in the property through a series of expenditure commitments and annual cash payments until 2027.

## About Vizsla Copper

Vizsla Copper is a Cu-Au-Mo focused mineral exploration and development company headquartered in Vancouver, Canada. The Company's portfolio provides exposure to both advanced polymetallic VMS systems and large-scale porphyry copper-gold opportunities. It is primarily focused on its Palmer VMS project in Southeast Alaska, and its Poplar and Woodjam porphyry projects in Central and Southern British Columbia. All of the Company's projects are well situated amongst significant infrastructure. The Company's growth strategy is focused on the exploration and development of the properties within its portfolio in a value accretive acquisitions. Vizsla Copper's vision is to be a responsible copper explorer and developer in the stable jurisdictions of Alaska and British Columbia, and it is committed to socially responsible exploration and development, working safely, ethically and with integrity.

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The Company's disclosure of technical or scientific information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Christopher Leslie, Ph.D., P.Geo., Technical Advisor for Vizsla Copper. Dr. Leslie is a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101.

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