

Ridgeline Minerals Announces Drill Results and Provides Permitting Updates at the Swift Project, Nevada

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- 33.7 meters grading 0.5 g/t Au including 5.8 meters grading 1.5 g/t Au
- Plan of Operations exploration drill permit approved

Vancouver, February 5, 2026 - [Ridgeline Minerals Corp.](#) (TSXV: RDG) (OTCQB: RDGMF) (FSE: OGC0) ("Ridgeline" or the "Company") is pleased to announce final assay results for core hole SW25-008, at the Swift gold project ("Swift" or "Project"), currently being operated under an exploration earn-in agreement with Nevada Gold Mines ("NGM") (Figure 1).

Drillhole SW25-008 was the first of two deep core holes completed in the 2025 program and was drilled to a total depth of 1,249.7 meters ("m"). Hole SW25-008 intersected 115 combined meters of 0.2-1.5 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold ("Au") including a highlight intercept of 5.8m grading 1.5 g/t Au within 33.7m grading 0.5 g/t Au starting at 1,059m downhole (Figure 1). The hole was drilled approximately 500 meters to the southeast and along strike of hole SW24-006, which returned the highest-grade intercept in project history including 1.1m grading 10.4 g/t Au within 2.7m grading 7.0 g/t Au starting at 676.3m downhole (see 11-07-2024 PR [HERE](#))

Chad Peters, Ridgeline's President, CEO & Director commented, "NGM continues to vector into the core of the gold system at SW Swift. Today's results expand the multi-kilometer gold footprint and demonstrate the impressive scale of the target, which is hosted in the same rocks and directly on trend of multiple mines in the Cortez District. Hole 8 has returned a 115-meter-thick consolidated gold zone ranging from 0.2 - 1.5 g/t gold and represents one of the best gram.meter intercepts drilled on the property to-date. With two RC pre-collars drilled last fall and ready for core tails, we anticipate a quick start to the drill program this spring to support the largest NGM exploration budget in the project's history."

Mr. Peters continues "The recent approval of the Swift Plan of Operations permit is a significant permitting milestone for the project that will support advanced exploration at the project with up to 200 acres of available exploration disturbance. Furthermore, the new permit will allow the NGM team to optimize drill hole locations to more aggressively target the proposed high-grade gold corridor at SW Swift in 2026."

NGM has incurred a total of US \$14,482,000 in Phase I qualifying work expenditures through December 31, 2025, and will spend an additional US \$5,518,000 at the Project through December 31, 2026 for a total of US \$20,000,000. NGM will earn an initial 60% interest in the Project upon completion of Phase 1 of the earn-in agreement (see 09-22-2021 press release [HERE](#))

SW25-008 Highlights

SW25-008 was designed to test along strike of high-grade gold intersected in SW24-006 at the projected intersection of a north-south trending fault corridor with the southwest projection of the Mill Creek thrust fault.

- The Mill Creek Thrust has now been intersected in multiple drill holes at Swift and is interpreted as a significant structural control and conduit for gold mineralization (Figure 2).
- Drilling has intersected an 114.6 thick consolidated gold zone (>0.2 g/t Au) starting at 779 meters downhole with highlight intercepts including:
 - 39.3m grading 0.2 g/t Au, 15.5m grading 0.2 g/t Au, 6.3m grading 0.4 g/t Au, and;
 - 33.7m grading 0.5 g/t Au, including 5.8m grading 1.5 g/t Au (Figure 2)

For a complete table of Swift assay results click [HERE](#)

Plan of Operations Exploration Permit

- NGM received approval in late 2025 for a 200-acre Plan of Operation ("PoO") exploration permit
- The increased surface disturbance limits will allow the NGM team to optimize drill hole locations across the project to aggressively target the proposed high-grade gold corridor at SW Swift in 2026

2025 Exploration Budget

- NGM has approved a 2025 exploration budget totaling US \$5,518,000 to satisfy the Phase 1 earn-in requirements and drill up to five deep core holes at Swift
 - Drilling will continue testing down-dip and along strike of the known mineralized corridor at Southwest Swift to vector towards the interpreted core of a higher-grade gold zone
- Drilling is expected to begin as early as late Q1 with start dates dependent on weather dependent site accessibility

Figure 1: Plan view map of the Cortez District and Swift Project (left) and a zoom-in of the SW Swift and Mill Creek mineralized corridors (right) where 2025 drilling (SW25-008) has expanded the 4 square kilometer + gold mineralization footprint (red) at SW Swift

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Figure 2: X-Section B-B' where NGM drilling has defined a kilometer-scale Carlin Type gold halo at the SW Swift target with the Mill Creek Thrust interpreted as a major fluid conduit and structural control. Note the thick, lower-grade gold intercepts (red) in every including 5.8m @ 1.5 g/t Au in SW25-008 as well as a higher-grade intercept of 1.1m @ 10.4 g/t in 2024 core hole SW24-006

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Swift Earn-In Terms

NGM retains the right to earn an initial 60% interest in the Swift project (see September 22, 2021 press release [HERE](#)) over an initial five year term by incurring a minimum of US \$20.0 million in qualifying work expenditures. NGM retains the option to increase its interest up to 70% by incurring an additional US\$10.0 million in qualifying work expenditures before December 31, 2029. Within 90 days of a joint venture decision to proceed with development and construction of a mine and/or related processing facilities on Swift, NGM will have a one-time option to elect to provide, or arrange for third-party, financing of Ridgeline's portion of debt financing required for the development in consideration, in either case, for an additional 5% interest in the project for a total of 75% (or 65% if the second option was not exercised).

QAQC Procedures

Samples are submitted to ALS Minerals, Elko Nevada or MSA Labs, Carlin Nevada, which are certified and accredited laboratories, independent of Nevada Gold Mines. HQ and NQ core samples are split in ½ at NGM facilities with one ½ bagged and sent for shipment to the laboratory. Samples are prepared using industry-standard prep methods and analysed using Au-AA23 (Au; 30 g fire assay) and ME-MS61 (48 element Suite; 0.25 g 4-acid digestion/ICP- MS) methods at ALS. MSA analyses utilizes a photon assay (Au-Ag, 500g) method with a 48 element Suite (0.25 g 4-acid digestion/ICP- MS). Both laboratories undertakes its own internal coarse and pulp duplicate analysis to ensure proper sample preparation and equipment calibration. Independent check samples are sent to either Bureau Veritas or MSA Labs. Nevada Gold Mines QAQC program includes regular insertion of CRM standards, duplicates, and blanks into the sample stream with a stringent review of all results completed internally by Nevada Gold Mines technical personnel.

Technical information contained in this news release has been prepared under the supervision of, and approved by, Michael T. Harp, CPG, the Company's Vice President, Exploration. Mr. Harp is a "qualified

person" under National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

About Ridgeline Minerals Corp.

Ridgeline Minerals is a discovery focused precious and base metal explorer with a proven management team and a 200 km² exploration portfolio across seven projects in Nevada, USA. The Company is a hybrid explorer with a mix of 100%-owned exploration assets (Big Blue, Atlas, Bell Creek & Coyote) as well as two earn-in exploration agreements with Nevada Gold Mines at its Swift and Black Ridge projects and a third earn-in with South32 at its Selena project. More information about Ridgeline can be found at www.ridgelineminerals.com.

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