

Earthwise Minerals Approves 2026 Drill Program to Advance Talon Zone at Iron Range Gold Project

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VANCOUVER, April 30, 2026 - [Earthwise Minerals Corp.](#) (CSE:WISE)(FSE:966)(OTCQB:EWISF) ("Earthwise" or the "Company") has approved a 2026 exploration program at the Iron Range Gold Project in southeastern British Columbia, where it holds an option to earn up to an 80% interest from [Eagle Plains Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX-V:EPL)(OTCQB:EGPLF) ("EPL" or "Eagle Plains") which will operate the program.

The approved program includes a minimum of 1,200 metres of diamond drilling targeting the Talon Zone, where historical drilling has intersected broad intervals of gold, silver, lead, and zinc mineralization. The Iron Range Project is owned 100% by Eagle Plains, and Earthwise holds the exclusive option to acquire up to an 80% interest in the project.

The Iron Range Project is considered prospective for structurally controlled gold-silver mineralization, as well as iron-oxide copper-gold ("IOCG") and sedimentary-exhalative ("SEDEX") lead-zinc-silver systems. Terralogic Exploration Inc. will manage and support the execution of the drill program.

Drilling will focus on the Talon Zone structure, where previous drilling intersected strong and continuous mineralization, including significant gold, silver, lead, and zinc mineralization (see Historical Drill Results below).

The program is expected to consist of three drill holes, with two holes designed to cross-cut the Talon structure and one hole testing mineralization along strike and at depth. Drilling is scheduled to commence in mid-May 2026.

Historical Drill Results - Talon Zone

Historical drilling (Drill Hole IR10-010, total depth 313.80 m) at the Talon Zone has defined a mineralized shear zone of significant thickness, including 56.5 metres grading 1.9 g/t gold (Eagle Plains Resources Ltd., News Release dated December 21, 2010), within which multiple higher-grade gold shoots have been intersected. Notable higher-grade intercepts include:

- 14.0 metres grading 5.1 g/t gold, 1.86% Pb, 2.10% Zn and 75.3 g/t Ag (Eagle Plains Resources Ltd., News Release dated December 21, 2010)
- 7.1 metres grading 8.13 g/t gold, 2.84% Pb, 3.07% Zn and 86.6 g/t Ag (Eagle Plains Resources Ltd., News Release dated December 21, 2010)

These results demonstrate a broad mineralized corridor hosting discrete higher-grade zones within a structurally controlled system.

Established Exploration Foundation

The Iron Range Gold Project has been supported by extensive historical exploration, including:

- 21,593 metres of diamond drilling (87 holes)

- 2,482 line-kilometers of airborne and surface geophysical surveys
- More than \$8 million in historical exploration expenditures

Geophysical surveys, including VTEM and induced polarization ("IP"), have identified chargeability anomalies associated with known mineralization, as well as additional untested targets along the structural corridor.

Soil geochemical surveys at Talon have identified coincident arsenic, lead and zinc anomalies consistent with sulphide-bearing mineralization intersected in drilling.

Project Location & Regional Context

The Iron Range Gold Project comprises approximately 21,437 hectares near Creston in southeastern British Columbia, within a well-established mining jurisdiction. The property is accessible via Highway 3 and supported by regional rail, power and natural gas infrastructure.

The project is situated within the Proterozoic Belt-Purcell Supergroup and along the Iron Mountain Fault Zone, a major regional structural corridor extending approximately 90 kilometers, of which more than 50 kilometers are covered by the property. The Talon Zone is located within this structural corridor, where deformation and hydrothermal activity are associated with sulphide mineralization.

Iron Range lies within the same regional stratigraphic succession that hosts the historic Sullivan deposit, underscoring the geological fertility of the broader belt. The Sullivan deposit is referenced for regional geological context only and is not indicative of mineralization at the Iron Range Gold Project.

Management cautions that historical results were collected and reported by past operators and have not been verified nor confirmed by a Qualified Person but form a basis for ongoing work on the subject properties. Management cautions that past results or discoveries on proximate land are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved on the subject properties.

Iron Range Option Agreement Details

To exercise the Option, Earthwise must make a series of cash payments and share issuances to Eagle Plains and fund exploration expenditures on the Project. These payments, share issuance and expenditures are separated into two phases, with the first Option entitling the Company to acquire a 70% interest in the Project by paying CA\$250,000, issuing an aggregate of 1,500,000 common shares to EPL and funding CA\$4,000,000 in exploration expenditures on the Project over a four-year term. Pursuant to the second phase of the Option, the Company may acquire an additional 10% interest in the Project (for an 80% total interest) by notifying Eagle Plains of its intent to increase its interest to 80% and making an additional one-time payment of CA\$1,000,000 cash, and completing a bankable feasibility study on the Property, before the eighth anniversary of the Option.

If the First Option or the Second Option is exercised, a 2% smelter returns royalty will be granted to the Eagle Plains over the entire property, 1% of which may be repurchased for CA\$1,500,000.

Eagle Plains will serve as Operator under the terms of Option and will reserve the right to use TerraLogic Exploration Inc. as geoscience consultant. Following the exercise of either Option 1 or 2, Earthwise and Eagle Plains shall then form a 70/30 or 80/20 joint venture ("JV") to further explore and develop the Property.

Qualified Person

Charles C. Downie, P.Geo., a "qualified person" for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and an officer and director of Eagle Plains Resources Ltd., has reviewed

and approved the scientific and technical disclosure in this news release.

About Earthwise Minerals

Earthwise Minerals Corp. (CSE:WISE)(FSE:966)(OTCQB:EWISF) is a Canadian junior exploration company focused on advancing the Iron Range Gold Project in southeastern British Columbia near Creston, B.C. The Company holds an Option to earn up to an 80% interest in the fully permitted project, which is road-accessible and situated within a prolific mineralized corridor. The property covers a 10 km x 32 km area along the Iron Range Fault System and hosts multiple high-grade gold showings and large-scale geophysical and geochemical anomalies.

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