

Exploration Highlights for January, 2011

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Claim Staking Update for Newfoundland and Labrador

Claims staked in January	3922
Total claims in good standing	112,226

Newfoundland and Labrador – General

On January 11 **Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd** announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which **Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.** will acquire all the outstanding common shares of CLM by way of a plan of arrangement for C\$17.25 per share in cash, valuing the Corporation at approximately C\$4.9 billion.

www.cliffsnaturalresources.com

Central Newfoundland

On January 5 **Buchans Minerals Corp.** announced that Wardrop has completed the detailed open pit mine plan for the Company's 100% owned Lundberg & Engine House base metal deposits located near Buchans in central Newfoundland. The open pit mine plan is based on a 5,000 tonne per day operation and is one of two key items required to complete a preliminary economic assessment. The remaining key item is the ongoing metallurgical testing that will determine the recoverability of the metals and grades of saleable concentrates.

The open pit mine plan captures 16.64 million tonnes of the existing mineral resource. The average grades for the captured material over the life of mine is 1.637% Zn, 0.698% Pb, 0.406% Cu, 5.97 g/t Ag, 0.072 g/t Au and 1.254% Ba for a combined base metal grade of 2.74% (Zn, Pb, Cu). The estimated life of mine will be ~10 years and the average stripping ratio is estimated to be 3.20 : 1 with 53.26 million tonnes of waste material being moved. The open pit is located just west of the town of Buchans and the final open pit is anticipated to comprise 20 benches down to a depth of 200 m and a final footprint of 800 m north-south and 900 m east-west.

www.buchansminerals.com

On January 5 **JNR Resources Inc.** announced results from the **Koorae** Cu-Mo-Au-Ag prospect on their Topsails U-REE-Cu project in west-central Newfoundland. The Topsails project is a 50/50 alliance between JNR and Altius Resources Inc., established to explore for volcanic-hosted uranium deposits in a defined area of west-central Newfoundland.

Highlights from grab samples collected from the main 235 m long area exposed at the Koorae prospect include 0.84% Cu, 0.9 g/t Ag, and 0.02% Mo and up to 0.41% Cu within its eastern extension. South of the main mineralized area up to 0.91% Cu, 3.9 g/t Ag, and 0.008% Mo has been observed. At the West Trench, discontinuous base metals mineralization with up to 0.20% Cu and 0.22% Pb was identified.

www.jnrresources.com

On January 7 **Metals Creek Resources Corp.** announced the completion of a 16 hole, 2640 m drill program on its Staghorn property in west central Newfoundland. The 100% owned property covers a 40 km length of the Cape Ray Fault which hosts a number of gold deposits including Marathon Gold Corp.'s Leprechaun Deposit, located 20 km to the northeast.

Eleven holes tested the Woods Lake Zone over a 2.0 km strike length, and the strongly altered silica/sericite zone appears to lens out to the west, but is still open to the east and down dip. The zone ranges from 10 to 90 m wide and is represented by anomalous gold and arsenic values over the full width of the alteration. The gold values average 0.25 g/t to 0.50 g/t throughout with higher grade sections of greater than 1.0 g/t. Best values from this latest drilling included hole ST-10-007 which intersected 1.01 g/t Au over 10 m within a wider alteration zone of 0.25 g/t Au over 92.0 m.

Five additional holes were completed in the Mink Lake area 6 to 8 km southwest of Woods Lake. These holes tested regional geophysical/geochemical anomalies proximal to the projection of the Cape Ray Fault. Results include narrow sections of anomalous gold in two holes but overall were not encouraging. Additional drilling is anticipated in 2011 to further test the Woods Lake Zone and other anomalous sections of the Cape Ray structure.

Highlights from the recent drilling include:

ST-10-004 0.25g/t Au over 13.55m

ST-10-005 0.27g/t Au over 23m

ST-10-006 0.45g/t Au over 6m

ST-10-007 0.25g/t Au over 92.0 m, including 1.01g/t Au over 10 m.

ST-10-010 0.25g/t Au over 31m, including 0.59g/t Au over 7m

ST-10-012 0.38g/t Au over 20.8m, including 0.51g/t Au over 12m.

The remaining 10 holes returned no significant assays.

www.metalscreek.com

On January 10 **Benton Resources Corp.** and **Buchans Minerals Corp.** announced the discovery of the "Goldquest" gold prospect within the Long Range 50/50 Joint Venture property in central Newfoundland. Results from 2010 prospecting activities include identification of mineralized quartz veins containing trace to several percent sulphides and assays up to 106.38 g/t Au and 364.3 g/t Ag in float as well outcrop samples with assays up to 8.52 g/t Au and 30.7 g/t Ag.

Two key areas were located on separate logging tracks over 1 km apart. Samples from float and subcrop returned values up to 18.3 g/t Au and 87.1 g/t Ag, whilst samples from the second area assayed up to 106.38 g/t Au and 364.3 g/t Ag. Numerous other samples in the broader area returned gold assays in excess of 10 g/t.

Subsequent soil sampling over the Goldquest discovery identified an anomalous trend between the two key areas, consistent with a mineralized linear trend. In addition, several gold-bearing float samples located well off the main Goldquest trend, including samples assaying up to 21.99 g/t Au and 84.0 g/t Ag, suggest the potential for additional parallel mineralized trends.

Subsequent to the prospecting and soil grid program, a two-day excavating program was undertaken over the discovery exposing 0.7 m wide mineralized quartz veins within meta-granitic bedrock and grab samples returned up to 8.52 g/t Au and 30.7 g/t Ag.

www.bentonresources.ca

www.buchansminerals.com

On January 11 **Messina Minerals Inc.** announced results from three drill holes testing the Hurricane massive sulphide target located 500 m from Boomerang within the Tulks South Property located in central Newfoundland. Messina has also received assays from prospecting in the Hurricane area conducted prior to drilling.

The December 2010 drilling tested for continuity of Hurricane mineralization over a 150 m strike length at 50 m spacing. Three drill holes were completed totalling 950 m. Two of three holes intersected massive sulphide zinc-lead-copper-silver-gold mineralization and the other intersected zinc-enriched stringer stockwork at ~200 m below surface.

GA10-274 intersected massive sulphide mineralization assaying 8.5% Zn, 4.7% Pb, 1.5% Cu, 288 g/t Ag and 1.0 g/t Au over 1.1 m at 210 m vertical depth.

GA10-272 intersected massive sulphide mineralization assaying 7.9% Zn, 5.1% Pb, 0.7% Cu, 52 g/t Ag and 0.3 g/t Au over 0.5 m from 224.6 m at 185 m vertical depth. A second semi-massive sulphide zone assayed 4.1% Zn, 1.6% Pb, 0.3% Cu, 23 g/t Ag and 0.2 g/t Au over 4.5 m.

GA10-273 intersected anomalous zinc-enriched stringer stockwork over 9.0 m from 259.9 m.

This phase of drilling confirms continuity of zinc-enriched massive sulphide mineralization at Hurricane and suggests the mineralization may continue to shallower depths and along strike to the east.

A total of 43 prospecting samples were collected and assayed from a 5 km by 2 km area centred on the Hurricane target. One sample from a ~50lb boulder of massive sulphides located 2 km northeast of the Hurricane prospect assayed 9.7% Cu, 14.3% Pb, 1.0% Zn, 239 g/t Ag, and 2.1 g/t Au. Six other base metal enriched massive sulphide boulders located previously in the area by Messina have assayed between 5.3% to 9.7% Cu with no appreciable lead and between 0.2 g/t to 0.6 g/t gold. No source for any of this mineralization has been located although these results continue to indicate prospectivity for copper-enriched massive sulphides.

www.messinaminerals.com

On January 18 **Buchans Minerals Corporation** announced the staking of 52 claims in central Newfoundland covering 13 km² of prospective geology on strike and tied onto Mountain Lake Resources Inc.'s recently purchased Glover Island Gold project. The Buchans Minerals claims cover the geological extension of the same rocks that host anomalous gold mineralization on the Mountain Lake property, extending 3 km to the northeast of Mountain Lake's claims.

www.buchansminerals.com

On January 19 **Marathon Gold Corp.** announced commencement of its 2011 drilling campaign at the Valentine Lake Property. The first drill rig began drilling at the Leprechaun Gold deposit on January 12, 2011 and the first three drill holes intersecting multiple quartz veins with visible gold mineralization. The second drill rig is scheduled to begin resource and exploration drilling at the Valentine East Gold deposit in this week.

www.marathon-gold.com

www.mountain-lake.com

On January 20 **Paragon Minerals Corp.** announced the start of its drill program on its wholly-owned South Tally Pond zinc-copper-lead-silver-gold volcanogenic massive sulphide project in central Newfoundland. The planned drill program includes 7,500 m (23 holes) focused on further defining the Lemarchant massive sulphide mineralization towards a NI 43-101 compliant resource; and 1,500 m (6 holes) testing three other priority targets on the property including the Duck West and Beaver Lake VMS prospects.

www.paragonminerals.com

On January 20 **Buchans Minerals Corp.** announced that it has engaged Wardrop to complete a preliminary economic assessment on the Company's 100% owned Lundberg and Engine House deposits located near the town of Buchans in central Newfoundland.

Based on interim optimization and locked cycle metallurgical flotation tests by SGS Canada Inc. and the recently completed open pit mine plan by Wardrop, the Company has decided to proceed with a PEA on the Lundberg and Engine House base metal deposits. Wardrop will incorporate the final metallurgical data into the PEA once ongoing metallurgical tests at SGS are complete.

The Company anticipates receiving results from the ongoing tests at SGS within the next 8 to 10 weeks, and expects the completed PEA will be available shortly thereafter.

www.buchansminerals.com

On January 25 **Marathon Gold Corp.** and **Mountain Lake Resources Inc.** announced they have entered into a joint venture agreement after Marathon had exercised its option to earn a 50% interest in the Valentine Lake Gold Property central Newfoundland.

Pursuant to the previously announced Option and Joint Venture Agreement between Marathon PGM Corp. and Mountain Lake, Marathon Gold earned the 50% interest through spending a total of \$3,000,000 in exploration and development expenditures on Valentine Lake and funding a total of \$3,000,000 in payments to Richmond Mines Inc. for Mountain Lake to acquire Richmond's 70% interest in the Property.

Marathon Gold and Mountain Lake now own 100% of the Property on a 50/50 joint venture basis. Marathon Gold is the operator and both companies have agreed to a jointly funded budget of \$6 million for 2011, which will include 25,000 m of resource expansion and exploration drilling.

www.marathon-gold.com

www.mountain-lake.com

Baie Verte

On January 6 **Sandstorm Resources Ltd.** announced that it had remitted US\$7 million of the remaining US\$13 million due to **Rambler Metals & Mining PLC**. In accordance with its gold purchase agreement, the Company will remit the remaining US\$6 million to Rambler upon Rambler receiving all remaining permits to construct the Ming Mine, which is expected in the first quarter of 2011.

MING MINE - Operational Update

- The contractor has mobilized for Nugget Pond foundation work and the second means of egress via shaft is progressing well. The anticipated completion date for both projects is January 30, 2011.
- Financing and delivery terms have been negotiated for all underground equipment and all major components for new concentrator.
- New exploration development has begun to the top of the 1807 zone via the 1600 ft level. This new development will also be used for ore access.
- Early construction permits have been received from the Department of Natural Resources for office/dry facility and fresh water supply. Construction is well underway with all foundation work completed and the building is 50% constructed. The anticipated completion date is March 2011.
- Refurbishment of mine ventilation infrastructure has begun including replacement of the building and heating units.

Rambler has restarted the exploration program on the Ming Mine property. The program will particularly focus on three main components:

- Conversion of the 1.8 million tonnes of inferred resources into the measured or indicated categories.
- To further define the extents of known mineralization. A portion of the resources for this program will be used delineate the extents of 1700 level wire gold zone.
- Identify new zones and mineralization through the use of 3D modeling techniques.

www.sandstormresources.com

www.ramblermines.com

On January 19 **Metals Creek Resources Corp.** announced successful negotiation of an NSR agreement with **Rambler Metals and Mining PLC** to process surface material located at the East Mine Dump, Tilt Cove, on the northeast coast of Newfoundland. Metals Creek will be paid a Net Smelter Return, or NSR, on any gold produced from this material. Rambler has indicated that the material will be processed in the second quarter, 2011.

Highlights

- Historic resource estimate between 50,000 and 80,000 tonnes of unconsolidated material grading from 2 to 4 g/t gold.
- The East Dump material will be loaded and trucked to Rambler's Nugget Pond mill, located 23 km from Tilt Cove, where it will be processed through its hydrometallurgical gold plant.
- Early metallurgical test results indicate gold recovery of 96% after 24 hours leach residence time.
- Minimal operational costs with material already crushed and ready for transportation.
- Metals Creek and Rambler are proceeding with government approval with an anticipated start date of Q2 2011.

www.metalscreek.com

www.ramblermines.com

On January 20 **Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc.** and 50% joint venture partner **Thundermin Resources Inc.** announced that they had intersected high grade copper mineralization assaying 13.4% Cu over 0.5 m, 4.6% Cu over 4.2 m and 5.0% Cu over 16.5 m, including intervals of 6.1% Cu over 5.1 m and 9.2% Cu over 5.5 m within hole LD-10-39 which was drilled in the upper portion of the Little Deer Copper Deposit. The Deposit is located approximately 10 km north of Springdale in north-central Newfoundland.

Hole No.	Dip (degrees)	Az (degrees)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)(1)	Cu (%)
LD-10-39	-37.1	321.6	208.6	209.1	0.5	13.4
and			213.9	218.1	4.2	4.6
and			233.9	250.4	16.5	5.0
incl.			233.9	239.0	5.1	6.1
incl.			244.9	250.4	5.5	9.2
LD-10-40	-35.8	315.0	294.5	295.2	0.7	2.4
LD-10-41	-36.1	335.1	Assays awaited			

A compilation of historical surface and underground diamond drilling information obtained from the archives of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources, dating from the 1960's to the early 1970's and, some of which was not previously available, has recently been completed. Drill logs and assay information for a total of 47 surface and 86 underground holes were recovered. Six surface and 28 underground holes lie outside of the area of drill-indicated mineralization.

www.cornerstoneresources.com
www.thundermin.com

On January 20 **Commander Resources Ltd.** reported that Maritime Resources Corp. had awarded a drilling contract for a minimum of 4,000 m to test for extended potential at the Orion Gold Deposit, located near Kings Point, Newfoundland. Drilling is expected to start in early February.

www.commanderresources.com

On January 27 **Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc.** and 50% joint venture partner **Thundermin Resources Inc.** announced that drilling has recommenced on the Little Deer Copper Deposit with two drill rigs. This drilling is part of a \$1,600,000 diamond drilling program comprising approximately 12,000 to 13,000 m of drilling in 16 to 20 holes that commenced on December 1, 2010.

www.cornerstoneresources.com
www.thundermin.com

Western Newfoundland

On January 18 **Spruce Ridge Resources Ltd.** announced additional assays from the recently completed diamond drilling program testing the Whiskey Jack, Quartzite, and Kramer zones at the 100% owned Kramer Property, located in western Newfoundland. To date, results have been received for four of the eight holes drilled and results continue to confirm that a significant zone of near surface, bulk tonnage gold mineralization exists on the property.

Highlights of the program include:

- KR-10-8 - a 60 degree undercut of KR-10-7, returned 23.85 m of 0.99 g/t gold including 5.15 m grading 3.78 g/t gold starting at 66.85 m downhole at the Whiskey Jack Zone;
- KR-10-11 - multiple mineralized zones intersected;
- KR-10-14 - returned 11.70 m of 1.04 g/t gold at the Quartzite Zone;

	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m*)	g/t Au
KR-10-8 (Dip -60°)	52.00	53.80	1.80	0.71
	66.85	90.70	23.85	0.99
Incl.	66.85	81.25	14.40	1.50
Incl.	75.50	80.65	5.15	3.78
	152.55	156.30	3.75	0.30
KR-10-11 (Dip -45 °)	4.40	5.50	1.10	0.39
	15.70	16.20	.50	1.17
	23.65	24.00	.35	0.47
	44.15	44.50	.35	2.33
KR-10-14 (Dip -45 °)	27.75	39.45	11.70	1.04
Incl.	31.40	36.30	4.90	2.10

Results for KR-10-8, a 60° undercut of KR-10-7, tested the depth potential of the Whiskey Jack Zone, returned up to 23.85 m grading 0.99 g/t Au, confirming the results from the overlying hole. Diamond drill hole KR-10-11, drilled on the newly trenched northern extension of the Kramer Zone, intersected broad intervals of anomalous gold values with the best results including 0.50 m of 1.17 g/t gold (15.70 – 16.20 m) and 0.35 m of 2.33 g/t gold. (44.15 – 44.50 m).

KR-10-14, one of two holes to test the Quartzite zone, returned 11.70 m (starting at 27.75 m downhole) that averaged 1.04 g/t gold and suggests that locally the Quartzite Zone, which sits unconformably on the mineralized Precambrian gneiss, could also host significant, near surface mineralization. The Quartzite Zone lies adjacent to the Kramer Zone, and about 100 m northeast of the Whiskey Jack Zone.

The mineralization intersected in KR-10-7, 8 and 11, is hosted primarily in altered Precambrian gneiss and in fine grained granitic bodies that appear to intrude the gneissic rocks. Gold is associated with fine grained and stringer pyrite mineralization commonly associated with quartz stockwork zones. Locally, quartz veins associated with the fine grained bodies carry extremely high gold grades, up to 45.16 g/t Au over 1 m.

The Whiskey Jack zone is located about 200 m southwest of the original Kramer discovery made in 2009. The recently completed drill program verifies that potentially economic grades of near surface bulk tonnage mineralization does occur on the Kramer property and suggests that the Kramer and adjacent Viking gold property (Northern Abitibi Minerals Corp.) represent a new and potentially important gold district in western Newfoundland.

www.sprucridgeresources.com

Eastern Newfoundland

On January 11 **Empire Capital Corp.** provided an update on the Wings Point Gold Project. An initial field visit, review of historic data and recent rock sample assays suggest this project has the potential to be a Carlin-style gold system. Sampling through December 2010 was carried out on the 396 claim project, with the focus around an operating gravel pit. Within the pit area, the Western and Eastern zones comprising mineralized silicified marine sediments, were identified and sampled. Mineralization in both zones is characterized by dominantly disseminated arsenopyrite and pyrite within silicified calcareous shales, siltstones and sandstones. Sampling has traced these zones over a strike length of 380 and 680 m for the Western and Eastern Zones, respectively and each zone is open along strike. The best assays were returned from the Western Zone, a calcareous silicified shale and siltstone sequence, which assayed 2.46, 2.83 and 6.92 g/t gold.

www.empirecapitalcorp.ca

On January 21 **Cache Exploration Inc.** announced that they have expanded the Company's claim position contiguous to the Cross Hills REE Property in Newfoundland by staking.

The Cross Hills Northern IOCG Property consists of 100 additional claims covering 25 square km² which are contiguous to the north of the Cross Hills REE Property claim boundary up to and partially encompassing the uranium claims held by Ucore Rare Metals Inc. in the Gisborne Lake area of Newfoundland. After the successful ground exploration program this past summer on Cache's two adjoining 63 claim blocks under option and a review of available information in the area, including the geological map and report for the Newfoundland and Labrador Geological Survey's Branch (Tuach, 1991), it was determined that the northeast to north trending Cross Hills Lineament and the three known mineral occurrences in proximity to this lineament have potential for Iron Ore Copper Gold (IOCG) mineralization similar in style to the Olympic Dam deposit with Uranium and Rare Earth Element potential. The Carroll's Hat (U, Cu, Fe, REE), Nine Mile Hill (U), and Dunn's Mountain (Cu) occurrences are part of the new Cross Hill Northern IOCG Property hosted within the Mooring Cove and Belle Bay formations, of the Upper Proterozoic Long Harbour Group.

The Cross Hills Northern IOCG Property is located northwest of the Town of Grand Le Pierre, Newfoundland where numerous Zr-Nb-Y-REE-U-Cu occurrences can be found within the peralkaline granite and adjacent host rocks. Cache's contiguous Cross Hills REE Property is intersected by the English Harbour Road and has hydro and other infrastructure in close proximity. Historically reported samples collected in the area by Tuach Geological Consultants Inc. revealed 6,328 g/t Zr and 316 g/t Nb, indicative of significant rare earth potential in the area.

The most significant mineralization reported within the Cross Hills Plutonic Suite is the Barks Pond showing held by RockBridge Resources Inc., revealing 19,208 g/t Zr, 2,968 g/t Y, 1,860 g/t Nb, 1,550 g/t Ce, and 90 g/t Sn, hosted within small aplite dykelets and related veins that cut the peralkaline granite; Cache's Cross Hills REE Property and Cross Hills Northern IOCG Property adjoin the Rockbridge claims. Cache's Cross Hills REE Property also has these peralkalic granites and related aplitic dykes identified during this past summer's exploration program.
www.cacheexploration.com

Southern Newfoundland

On January 21 **Castillian Resources Corp.** reported results from two additional drill holes and announced the recommencement of drilling at its Hope Brook Gold Project located on the southwest coast of Newfoundland.

Highlights are as follows:

“PIT ZONE” - near surface gold zone southwest of former Open Pit Mine

- 1.44 g Au/t over 28.0 m core length (21.1 m true width) from 61.90 m to 89.90 m including 3.56 g Au/t over 5.9 m core length (4.5 m true width) in Hole HB10-009 (~270 m southwest of the open pit).

“MINE ZONE” – extension of the main mineralized zone mined from the previous underground operation

- 3.17 g/t Au and 0.91% Cu over 9.90 m (6.0 m true width) within a broad zone of mineralization grading 1.08 g Au/t and 0.22 % Cu over 69.10 m core length (41.6 m true width) in Hole HB10-008. This hole confirms that the main zone mined underground continues southwest of the old workings.

www.castillian.ca

Central Labrador

On January 6 **Silver Spruce Resources Inc.** announced results from ground geophysical surveys carried out on the 100% owned Pope's Hill REE property in south central Labrador. The 73 line-km survey of magnetics, VLF-EM and radiometrics was carried out in December. The surveys were focused on a 5 km long trend of rare earth mineralization in the original claim block. The rare earth mineralization is variably non magnetic to magnetic and is associated with thorium/uranium rendering the samples responsive to radiometric surveys. The REE mineralization also appears to be shear-hosted and the shear systems appear to respond to the VLF-EM survey.

The magnetics and VLF-EM show a number of linear magnetic anomalies, both positive and negative, crossing the property in an east-northeast direction. The radiometric survey shows a relatively strong, 1,000-1,500 total counts per minute and thorium anomaly coincident with the pit area and coincident VLF-EM anomaly which extends to the east and west along strike.

Radiometric anomalies of 500 to > 1000 tcpm over background were also located in the central part of the grid, ~2 km east of the pit.

www.silverspruceresources.com

On January 7 **Rare Earth Metals Inc.** provided an update on its projects and planned initiatives. At the Red Wine Project in west central Labrador, all drill holes and trench results have now been received from the 2010 exploration program. A number of samples of drill core from the two main zones at Two Tom and Mann #1 have been sent out for mineralogy studies and these results are expected during the first quarter of 2011. Additional metallurgical tests will follow pending the mineralogical results. A summary of the most impressive prospects follows:

Two Tom: This prospect was drill tested and trenched over a strike length of 1100 m. A total of 11 holes were completed and the main section of mineralization has been defined as a lens averaging 75 m in thickness and open in all directions. The exploration program has also given good indications of parallel zones. The best result from drilling at Two Tom was in hole TT-10 which assayed 1.45% TREO, 0.14% Nb₂O₅ and 0.14% BeO over 83.25 m within a larger zone of mineralization which assayed 1.03% TREO, 0.10% Nb₂O₅ and 0.11% BeO over 168.5 m.

Mann #1: This prospect is located 18 km west of the Two Tom. It was drill tested over a strike length of 600 m and trenching has expanded the zone to over 1000 m. All six holes hit the REE/Niobium/Beryllium Zone with a best result of 1.71% TREO, 0.24% Nb₂O₅, and 0.20% BeO over 27 m within a wider zone of 1.04% TREO over 70.5 m. The zone is open in all directions and additional drilling is anticipated to better define the geometry, tonnage and grade of this near surface zone.

Heavy REE Prospects: Numerous other prospects were located this summer through prospecting airborne anomalies including the South Playfair and Dory Pond prospects. These occurrences are notable because of the percentages of heavy rare earth elements obtained from sampling. The South Playfair anomalies are located on ground optioned from Playfair Resources and Rare Earth Metals can earn a 50% interest in the property. The claims host a cluster of radiometric anomalies over several km from which analysis of 54 prospect samples have returned values ranging up to 5.37% TREO and 4.77% ZrO₂. The HREO/TREO ratio for these samples ranged from 5% to 85% with an average of 22% for values greater than 0.5% TREO. The Dory Pond prospect is 100% owned and consists of a cluster of REE rich boulders associated with an airborne radiometric anomaly. The boulders have been traced over a distance of 2 km and results include values up to 6.72% TREO and 1.23% ZrO₂ from 53 prospect samples. The HREO/TREO ratio for these samples ranged from 3% to 64% with an average of 18% for values greater than 0.5% TREO.

Follow-up drilling and additional target definition work is planned for the summer, 2011. This work will focus on delineating a resource on the Two Tom and Mann #1 prospects once the mineralogy and metallurgical test work have been completed. Additional prospecting and soil sampling on the Dory Pond, South Playfair and a number of other prospective areas will also be done in order to prioritize these targets for drill testing.

www.rareearthmetals.ca

On January 28 **Silver Spruce Resources Inc.** announced that it has acquired another 360 claims on the eastern extension of the Pope's Hill REE trend located on the Trans Labrador Highway in south central Labrador. The claims cover La-Ce lake sediment anomalies in the Newfoundland government database plus structural features defined by government geological mapping and are contiguous with claims already held either as 100% owned properties or as 50/50 JV properties. The 100% owned property, with the newly staked claims included, now totals 1,708 claims (approx. 425 km²). One licence of 21 claims becomes part of the 50/50 JV announced earlier as it lies within the area of influence of the JV properties. This increases the number of claims now in the JV to a total of 512 claims.

www.silverspruceresources.com

Western Labrador

On January 5 **New Millennium Capital Corp.** announced that it had received project release, subject to customary terms and conditions, from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador following the approval of the Company's Environmental Impact Statement for Phase 1 of the Direct Shipping Ore Project. The release will allow completion of the permitting process required to start construction this summer and the expected commencement of iron ore production by the second quarter of 2012. Phase 1 of mining operations includes the Timmins 3N, Timmins 4, Timmins 7 and Fleming 7N deposits in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has also completed its review of the Project. The various Federal Agencies have confirmed that there are no triggers for a federal level environmental assessment.

www.nmlresources.com

On January 18 **Cap-Ex Ventures Ltd.** announced it had entered into an agreement to acquire 100% of the interests in a group of Labrador / Quebec Iron Ore properties from Mandu Resources Ltd., Bedford Resources Partners Inc. and 743584 Ontario Inc. The Schefferville Properties comprise Block 103, Block 44 and Lac Connelly covering a combined area of 9,050 ha in the Labrador Trough.

On January 20 **Alderon Resource Corp.** announced assay results from the completed 2010 drill program on the 100% owned Kamistiatusset Iron Ore Project in western Labrador. These results are from the southern portion of the project, known as the Mills Lake Zone.

All 15 drill holes at Mills Lake intersected iron mineralization and collectively demonstrated that the Mills Lake deposit is larger and thicker than initially expected. Highlights from Mills Lake drilling include:

	From	To	Length	
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Drill Hole	(meters)	(meters)	(meters)	Total Iron %
K-10-73	179.0	298.0	119.0	31.2
K-10-77	90.3	177.2	86.9	30.9
K-10-80	39.4	177.9	138.5	30.6
K-10-82	106.5	206.2	99.7	31.4
K-10-85	189.6	270.7	81.1	31.5
K-10-94A	113.3	256.5	143.2	31.5
K-10-95	40.7	123.5	82.8	30.3
K-10-97	154	346.9	192.9	30.5

The Mills Lake Zone has been defined along strike for 1,200 m and to a depth of 370 m. This zone will be part of the initial National Instrument 43-101 resource estimate expected in early March 2011. The goal for the initial resource is to delineate 400 – 500 million tonnes at a grade between 28-32% iron ore.

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On January 25 **Champion Minerals Inc.** provided the following update concerning its Attikamagen Iron Ore property in western Labrador and northeastern Quebec, 15 km northeast of Schefferville:

WISCO International Resources Development & Investment Limited has entered into a binding framework agreement with Century Iron Ore Holdings Inc., the parent company of Champion's joint venture partner in the Company's 100%-owned Attikamagen property.

Under the framework agreement, WISCO will purchase 25% of the issued and outstanding shares of Century upon completion of a Qualifying Transaction with Red Rock Capital Corp.

WISCO will also enter into joint venture agreements with Century for ownership of Century subsidiaries holding interests in three properties including Labec Century Iron Ore Inc., Champion's partner in the Attikamagen property. The joint venture agreements provide for WISCO to inject new capital in exchange for a 40% equity interest in each subsidiary.

Labec are currently participating in an option and joint venture with Champion whereby Labec was granted the right to earn up to a 60% interest in the Attikamagen Property in exchange for \$13 million in exploration spending on or before March 26, 2014. The Attikamagen Property, in the Labrador Trough region of Quebec and Labrador, has an 80 km strike length on claims covering 310 km².

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On January 31 **New Millennium Capital Corp.** announced that its geophysical consultant Jean Hubert has completed the final interpretation of the previously reported airborne gravity and magnetometer survey. This survey was conducted by Fugro Airborne Surveys Corp. at Schefferville, Quebec between September 14 and November 11, 2010. The survey covered all of NML's taconite and direct shipping ore properties. In total 8,979 line km were flown.

The detailed interpretation indicates the presence of more than 50 strong gravity anomalies associated with magnetic lows. These anomalies are located in a north-westerly trending iron formation from Schefferville to Goodwood and farther northward over a length of ~50 km. All these anomalies are located on NML's 100% owned claims and licences in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. At the south end of the survey area, a group of 13 anomalies are outlined within a radius of 5 km of the proposed Timmins processing Plant location. The first phase of mining of DSO will start in 2012 in this area. A second group of 10 anomalies occurs within a radius of 5 km of the Goodwood-Kivivic, near the north end of the surveyed area, where over 80% of all currently known resources occur. The second phase of mining in the DSO Project is expected to commence in this location. Between Timmins and Goodwood over a length of 19 km, 20 anomalies are outlined over the iron formation bands. Beyond Goodwood-Kivivic, over a length of 12 km, 11 anomalies are identified. High gravity anomalies associated with low magnetism are favourable targets for locating enriched DSO deposits.

The interpretation of the airborne high sensitivity magnetometer survey data conducted over the Millennium Iron Range in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador covering magnetic taconite formations is also complete. Several magnetic anomalies comparable in intensity to the LabMag and KéMag taconite deposits are outlined in the north and south sections of these deposits. In Labrador, five anomalies, one to the north and four to the south of the LabMag deposit were identified. In Quebec, five anomalies to the north of the KéMag deposit were outlined. All these anomalous zones have the potential to host sizable magnetic taconite deposits.

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Eastern Labrador

On January 17 **Search Minerals Inc.** announced that it has entered into a binding letter of intent with Andrew Quinlan, Roland Quinlan and Tony Quinlan to acquire an undivided 100% interest in claims owned by the Vendors known as the Fox Harbour Claims. Under the LOI, the Company has agreed to pay the Vendors an aggregate of \$90,000, grant them an aggregate of 300,000 common shares of the Company, and has also granted a 1.5% NSR to the Vendors, of which the Company may purchase 1% at any time for \$1,000,000.

The Property consists of three licences (016480M, 016620M & 017646M) totalling 48 claims (12 km² or 1200 ha) and is located just east of the coastal community of St. Lewis (Fox Harbour) in southeastern Labrador. These claims are contiguous with claims held by Search, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Alterra Resources Inc.

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