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Platinum, palladium drill results prove promising



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Tres-Or Resources president and chief geologist Laura Lee Duffett takes channel samples of the platinum/palladium mineralization on the Mann property 46 km northeast of Timmins.

By Michael Peeling
The Daily Press

Tres-Or Resources has discovered a deposit of precious metals with a demand and value higher than gold.

The Vancouver-based mineral exploration company recently reported a significant finding of platinum and palladium on the Mann property, located 46 kilometres northeast of Timmins.

"The platinum and palladium mineralization is significant because it was found at a very shallow depth," said Tres-Or Resources Ltd. president and project geologist Laura Lee Duffett.

"It yielded as much as 1.14 grams per tonne of platinum and palladium."

One of the four holes drilled on the property returned a weighted average of 0.762 grams per tonne over a depth of 1.93 m. The lowest part of the 1.5 km-wide mineralization, at 0.5 m, proved to yield the top weight of 1.14 grams per tonne.

Tres-Or did 479 metres worth of drilling on the Mann property last summer.

Duffett said the quality of the deposit is high, which will likely lend itself to a smooth and easy extraction process and milling.

The recommended next step in the project is further exploration and the compilation of data collected from previous mapping and drill programs.

The Mann property has the potential for nickel and other base metal deposits as well

because of its position within a larger complex that consists of the Alexo and Sothman deposits, which occur between 32 and 100 km to the south.

Duffett said the property is underexplored and has great potential.

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Laura Lee Duffett

"The supply of platinum and palladium in North America is very low and demand is very high," Duffett said. "Their value is higher than gold."

In addition to being used to make jewelry, palladium is used in electronic devices and for its conductive properties.

The precious metal discovery comes not long after Tres-Or signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with Timiskaming First Nation to facilitate ongoing exploration of its traditional lands near Elk Lake, where the company discovered the largest diamond kimberlite in Ontario so far on May 18, 2005.

Exploration was, in part, helped along by information provided by the Timmins Economic Development Corporation's Discover Abitibi Initiative.

Exploration has yielded 440 diamonds from the 21-hectare-wide Lapointe Kimberlite. Tres-Or has obtained two mining licences for a 21-year period at Lapointe.

At the pumps

Timmins: 109.6¢
Hearst: 107.9¢
Kapuskasing: 109.5¢
North Bay: 99.0¢
Sudbury: 99.9¢
Sault Ste. Marie: N/A
Toronto: 95.9¢
Ottawa: 95.9¢

Ontario Average

Today: 98.694¢
Yesterday: 98.203¢
One Week Ago: 95.972¢
One Month Ago: 96.451¢
One Year Ago: 83.807¢

• Prices are per litre, based on previous day's lowest figures at 6 p.m. courtesy of OntarioGasPrices.com

Standoff ends with police

Superior East OPP say a 16-year-old is responsible for the theft of weapons stolen from a Cherry Street residence in Chapleau on Saturday, Oct. 27. On Wednesday night, OPP Emergency Response Team and two OPP K-9 units assisted the Superior East OPP with the arrest. A portion of Cherry Street was blocked off while police surrounded a building where they say the suspect was hiding out. Around 12:30 a.m., the suspect was taken into custody without incident. A .22 calibre rifle was recovered. The youth is in custody awaiting a bail hearing in Timmins.

Speed-recorder found in truck

A Timmins man has been charged with speeding and possessing a speed-measuring warning device following a traffic stop on Wednesday. A Gogama OPP stopped a vehicle for travelling 116 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone on Highway 144. As a result, Robert Bazuik, 20, surrendered his driver's licence and the speed-measuring device.

First Nations family service workers threaten strike action

The Daily Press

The frontline family services workers in several First Nations have threatened to go on strike now that negotiations with their union have started to break down.

Eighty-nine child protection, child care, clinical and administrative support workers may picket employer Payukotayno James and Hudson Bay Family Services starting Sunday if an agreement cannot be reached with their Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) representatives to improve working conditions.

Payukotayno serves the First Nation communities of Fort Albany, Moosonee, Moose Factory, Kashechewan, Attawapiskat and Peawanuck.

Talks are scheduled to continue until the end of today. Based on the results of the negotiations, the workers will vote on whether or not to strike on Saturday.

Negotiations have been ongoing since April.

"The employer is not moving on any of the critical issues such as workload, low wages and staff retention that increasingly affect working

conditions at the agency," said Roger Regular, communications chairman of CUPE 4313 in a media release on Thursday.

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The union is pushing for additional staff to be hired, pay equity, compensation for overtime and improved staff retention.

If the workers go on strike, many of the services Payukotayno provides for 200 children will not be available.

Poinsettias in bloom for Red Cross

By Michael Peeling
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Buying friends and family a bouquet of flowers for Christmas from the Red Cross will buy disaster victims some piece of mind.

The Timmins and District Red Cross started its 22nd annual poinsettia campaign Monday, a tradition it pioneered for the national organization that provides aid services to the victims of natural and man-made disasters.

Branch president Stephane Gallant said the Timmins branch came up with the idea for a campaign in the mid-1980s to bolster Canadian Red Cross fundraising efforts in the fall.

"It provides people an opportunity to buy a nice Christmas gift for someone ahead of time and help support Red Cross personal disaster relief services at the same time," Gallant said.

"The money raised goes toward helping victims get through the first three days after a disaster, such as a house fire.

"They might seem like small-scale disasters to most people, but they aren't for the people who live through them."

The Red Cross uses the funds to put people up in a



Michael Peeling, The Daily Press

Timmins and District Red Cross branch manager Jocelyn Buczkowski and branch president Stephane Gallant announce the beginning of the 22nd-annual poinsettia campaign Monday. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$25,000 in funds for Red Cross personal disaster relief services.

hotel, provide them with food vouchers and essential items they need to get by for three days.

Gallant recalled recent fires in Kashechewan First Nation and in downtown Timmins that left people homeless and in need of the disaster management services as examples of where the money goes.

Some of the money finances

training needed for volunteers who support victims in the program.

If possible, the poinsettia campaign also pays for extras such as a teddy bear to comfort a frightened child.

"This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year," said Chris McLaughlin, public affairs chairman for the Timmins

and District Red Cross.

"Our mission is to help the most vulnerable of our community through programs ... which would become increasingly difficult without the funds raised during campaign such as this."

The campaign raised \$23,000 in 2006. This year's goal has been set at \$25,000.

Three bouquet sizes of the red flowers, often associated with Christmas, are available for sale:

- A decorative holiday basket with several small plants and a poinsettia for \$30.
- A large poinsettia for \$27.
- A small poinsettia for \$16.

There is a holiday cyclamen available for \$16.

The Red Cross is making a special request of local businesses to buy and donate poinsettias that will be given to seniors living in long-term care facilities such as Golden Manor and Extencicare.

Poinsettias can be purchased from the Canadian Red Cross by calling 1-705-267-4900 or faxing an order form to 1-705-268-6388 until Nov. 30 at 4 p.m.

Free delivery of the plants is available on Dec. 5 in Timmins, Hearst, Mattice, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and on Dec. 6 in Iroquois Falls, Matheson, New Liskeard and Kirkland Lake.





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