

## **Fjordland Exploration** (FEX-TSXV)

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**D**rilling is again underway on the Woodjam North gold-copper property located in central British Columbia. A unit of Gold Fields, the major gold producer, is funding the drilling under an earn-in joint venture agreement. The current round of drilling follows encouraging results from 14 holes by the major that were drilled late last year.

The two Woodjam properties are held by Fjordland and 40% joint venture partner Cariboo Rose Resources (CRB-TSXV). Goldfields can earn up to a 70% interest in Woodjam North by funding work through a feasibility study. That agreement provided the right of first refusal to option the adjacent Woodjam South project. When another major recently offered to option that project, Gold Fields entered into a second agreement on similar terms, and is now exploring both projects.

The drilling last year included tests of the Takom and Deerhorn zones. Of the 14 holes drilled, 9 intersected long intervals of gold-copper mineralization. The highlight was 89.5 meters of 1.16 grams per tonne gold and 0.26% copper. That grade and thickness is well within the range of values of economic mines in that region.

The current drilling is a continuation of a \$2.5 million, 12-month program begun last July. The planned 12 holes will further test the Takom and Deerhorn zones and also test other target areas identified by geophysics and surface samples.

Meanwhile, Gold Fields and Fjordland are evaluating data from the Woodjam South project in anticipation of further field work. Airborne geophysical results are being integrated with surface sampling results. Of particular interest is an area of copper-gold-molybdenum mineralization referred to as the Southeast Zone.

While Gold Fields advances work on the Woodjam properties, Fjordland continues to acquire and evaluate other prospects in that mineral-rich portion of central British Columbia. The company has several projects on its own, and also pooled a number of projects with another highly competent B.C. exploration company, Serengeti (SIR-TSXV). Fjordland shareholders now have exposure to about 20 active gold-copper projects in B.C.

Gold Fields was encouraged enough by the results of the 14 holes last year to undertake another phase of drilling and to option the adjacent property. Another major offered to option the adjacent property, leading to Gold Fields exercising its first right. Yet, investors were underwhelmed with the Woodjam drill results.

It seems that this type of deposit is not well appreciated by investors. The Kemess mine, at the north end of the trend, produces 173,000 ounces of gold and 52 million pounds of copper, generating considerable profits from grades similar to those at Woodjam. The nearby Mt. Milligan deposit supports a valuation of nearly half a billion dollars for Terrane Metals (TRX-TSXV) and that deposit is also of similar grade to Woodjam.

