South Pacific Metals Extends the Mineralized Structures at Megabe to More than 300 Metres of Confirmed Strike Length; Structures Open Along Strike and at Depth

Step-out drilling places SPMC on the upper margin of a potential large epithermal vein system; high-grade target drilling set to commence beneath ONED26-009

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - August 24, 2026) - South Pacific Metals Corp. (TSXV: SPMC) (OTCQB: SPMEF) (FSE: 6J00) ("**SPMC**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce assay results from five drill holes, ONED26-010 to ONED26-014, at its 100%-owned Osena Project, located immediately southwest of K92 Mining's Kainantu gold-copper mine in Papua New Guinea. The program involved step-out drilling along the Megabe structures, and a first test of an adjacent structure to the southwest. All five holes intersected mineralised structures. The four holes on Megabe mapping strike extension to more than 300 metres, and the structures remain open along strike in both directions and at depth; ONED26-010 confirmed that mineralisation extends beyond the Megabe corridor.

Highlights

- **More than 300 metres of confirmed mineralised strike at Megabe.** Step-out drilling has traced continuous mineralised structures from ONED26-014 in the northwest to ONED26-012 in the southeast.
- **ONED26-011 intersects a potential fourth mineralized zone at Megabe.** The hole returned **5.1 m at 1.79 g/t AuEq** from 313.3 m, including **3 m at 2.66 g/t AuEq** beyond the window predicted by the Company's interpretation.
- **Information to date indicates the Company is above a significant intermediate-sulphidation epithermal vein system.** Every reported hole targeting Megabe has intersected mineralised structures, from the first intercept in ONED26-007 (12 m at 3.1 g/t Au, including **1 m at 18.1 g/t Au**) (see news release dated June 16, 2026); through the ONED26-009 discovery; four of the five step-out holes reported today cut Megabe in the upper part of the system, above the high-grade target zone.
- **Megabe is one of eight identified mineralised structures at Ontenu — most remain undrilled.** Only small portions of three of the eight NW-trending structures — Jorkol, Onki and Megabe — have been drill-tested across the five-kilometre Ontenu trend (see Figure 3).
- **Geometry defined — drilling now turns to the high-grade target.** The step-out program has delivered the structural framework to drill the high-grade target at depth and down-plunge to the southeast of discovery hole ONED26-009 — **5 m at 12.84 g/t AuEq** (including **2 m at 28.06 g/t AuEq**) and **12.2 m at 6.24 g/t AuEq** (including 2 m at 16.65 g/t AuEq) (see news release dated July 6, 2026).

CEO Timo Jauristo commented, *"These four holes confirm the Megabe structures hold together along strike, are mineralised, and indicate the upper margins of an epithermal system. We think the high-grade zones in hole ONED26-009 have only clipped the upper edges of the main system, and we will drill a few deeper holes below ONED26-009 to test for continuity of high grade in that direction.*

"It is important to note that we are currently drilling only one small section of Megabe and it is just one of eight currently known NW-trending mineralised zones that have been mapped at Ontenu, most of which have yet to be drilled. We have commenced planning for the next phase of exploration to test these other known structures. Much of the Ontenu area remains to be mapped. Our immediate focus is the deeper high-grade at Megabe, targeting veins showing the same character as Kora and Judd next door at K92 — and will start drilling the first of these holes shortly."

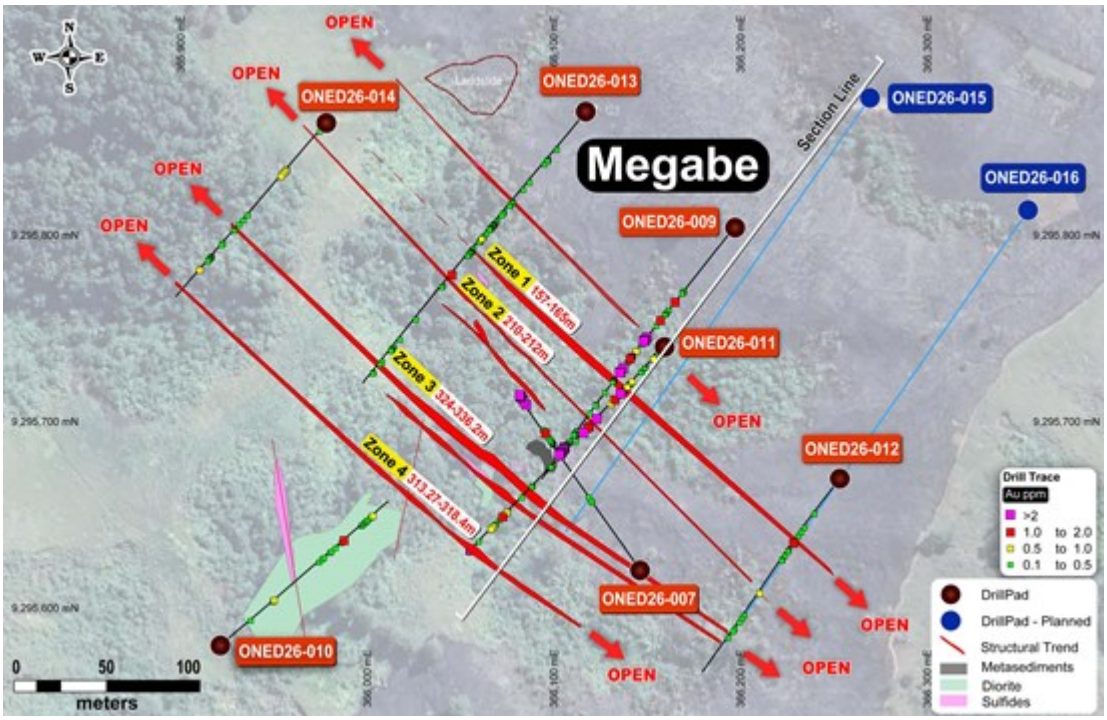


Figure 1: Map view of Megabe Drilling

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Vectoring High-Grade

Four of the five holes in this program were designed to define the geometry and strike continuity of the Megabe NW trending structures. Every hole intersected the targeted structures, confirming that the Megabe trend is continuous over more than 300 metres of strike (see Table 1 for a summary of drill results). The structures remain open along strike in both directions and at depth: ONED26-012 and ONED26-014 support the interpreted geometry of the structures, marked by the current limits of drilling, not the limits of the structures (see Figure 1).

The step out drill program intercepted the top of the system, cutting the Megabe structures above the interpreted productive high-grade zone and within the leached horizon, an area that we now understand extends to at least 100 metres below surface.

Follow-up hole ONED26-011, drilled up-dip of previously released discovery hole ONED26-009, cut the Megabe structures within the window expected in the Company's interpretation, returning **5.1 m at 1.79 g/t AuEq** in a potential **fourth mineralised zone** (see Figure 2). The result of this drilling effectively supports vectoring towards stronger grades.

ONED26-010, tested a separate set of structures southwest of Megabe, intersected 18 m at 0.25 g/t AuEq — confirming that mineralised structures extend beyond the Megabe corridor.

Octavio Garcia, Exploration Manager of the Company, commented, *"Following confirmation of the initial mineralised zone in drill holes ONED-007 and ONED-009, the objective of this step-out drilling*

program was to define the key geological parameters of the system, including its geometry, continuity, size, mineralisation controls and others required to validate the geological model.

"The results have confirmed several key parameters. Mineralised structures remain open in both directions, while geochemistry indicates strong potential for continuity over more than 300 metres of strike. We have also identified subparallel minor mineralised structures and a local leaching effect, similar to that observed in the Kora vein. The data provide clear evidence of an intermediate-sulfidation epithermal (ISE) system, comparable to neighbouring deposits. Recent drilling intersected the upper zone of this hydrothermal system, while also expanding the mineralised envelope. Further drilling is required to validate the geological model and determine the full extent of the system.

"The next phase will test vertical variability by drilling belowthe current mineralisation, helping establish the system's position within the hydrothermal system and guide targeting of higher-grade mineralisation."

Table 1: Summary of significant drill results, ONED26-010 to ONED26-014

Hole ID		From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Intercept Grade (weighted average)				Maximum Individual Sample Assay		
					Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Ag (g/t)	AuEq (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Ag (g/t)
ONED26-010		81	84	3	0.35	45	0.05	**0.36**	0.82	47	0.05
		183	188	5	0.29	73	3.36	**0.35**	1.07	128	10.1
	including	187	188	1	1.07	128	6.5	**1.18**	1.07	128	6.5
		213	231	18	0.18	130	3.53	**0.25**	0.9	265	11.7
ONED26-011		11	18	7	0.23	1486	14.24	**0.59**	0.52	2911	29
		51	53	2	0.51	176	7	**0.63**	0.76	234	7.8
		56	71	15	0.32	117	2.42	**0.37**	2.09	154	5.6
	including	69	70	1	2.09	137	2.8	**2.15**	2.09	137	2.8
		76	79.3	3.3	0.68	152	2.37	**0.73**	1.77	165	4.1
	including	78.6	79.3	0.7	1.77	164	4.1	**1.85**	1.77	164	4.1
		85	86	1	0.56	65	3.3	**0.62**	0.56	65	3.3
		108	109	1	4.53	85	0.4	**4.54**	4.53	85	0.4
		120	124	4	0.6	77	1.8	**0.63**	1.27	102	2.1
	including	120	121	1	1.27	51	1.9	**1.3**	1.27	51	1.9
	including	123	124	1	1.03	84	1.7	**1.06**	1.03	84	1.7
		129	131	2	1.76	132	1.4	**1.79**	3.24	149	1.9
	including	130	131	1	3.24	114	0.9	**3.26**	3.24	114	0.9
		143	144	1	0.24	229	6.3	**0.36**	0.24	229	6.3
		256.07	257.9	1.83	0.56	59	6.82	**0.67**	0.69	89	11
		263.2	264	0.8	1.27	582	26.4	**1.72**	1.27	582	26.4
		274.5	283.6	9.1	0.24	766	7.04	**0.42**	0.71	5374	41
		313.27	318.4	5.13	1.66	140	7.6	**1.79**	5.65	294	9
	including	314.52	317.53	3.01	2.52	155	8.2	**2.66**	5.65	294	9
ONED26-012		79.3	85	5.7	0.41	210	7.93	**0.55**	1.47	565	15.9
	including	82	83	1	1.47	175	8.2	**1.61**	1.47	175	8.2
		91.7	93.5	1.8	0.24	164	9.64	**0.4**	0.43	258	12
ONED26-013		153.6	167	13.4	0.12	240	1.95	**0.18**	0.21	721	3.7
		177	186	9	0.2	564	0.84	**0.27**	0.53	1460	2.3
		195	206	11	0.14	396	1.21	**0.19**	0.49	765	2.4
		234	234.9	0.9	1.18	237	0.6	**1.21**	1.18	237	0.6

Hole ID		From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Intercept Grade (weighted average)				Maximum Individual Sample Assay		
					Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Ag (g/t)	AuEq (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Ag (g/t)
ONED26-014		77	87.1	10.1	0.37	695	3.89	**0.5**	0.78	5815	24.6
		189.4	193	3.6	0.17	358	7.74	**0.33**	0.35	903	11.6
		210	218	8	0.16	486	3.42	**0.26**	0.41	2072	7.2
		231	232	1	0.68	123	3.2	**0.73**	0.68	123	3.2

**AuEq is based on 100% equal co-recoveries of Au, Ag and Cu using an Au price of US$4,180 per ounce, an Ag price of US$62 per ounce and a Cu price of US$6.20 per lb. Intervals are calculated using a 0.1 g/t Au lower cut with a maximum of 3 m of internal dilution; "including" intervals are calculated using a 1.0 g/t Au lower cut with a maximum of 2 m of internal dilution. Maximum individual sample assays are the highest single-sample values reported within the stated interval and do not necessarily occur in the same sample. All intervals are reported as downhole lengths. True widths have not yet been determined pending further structural interpretation.*

Complete significant intercepts and drill hole collar details are provided in Appendix Tables A1 and A2 at the end of this release.

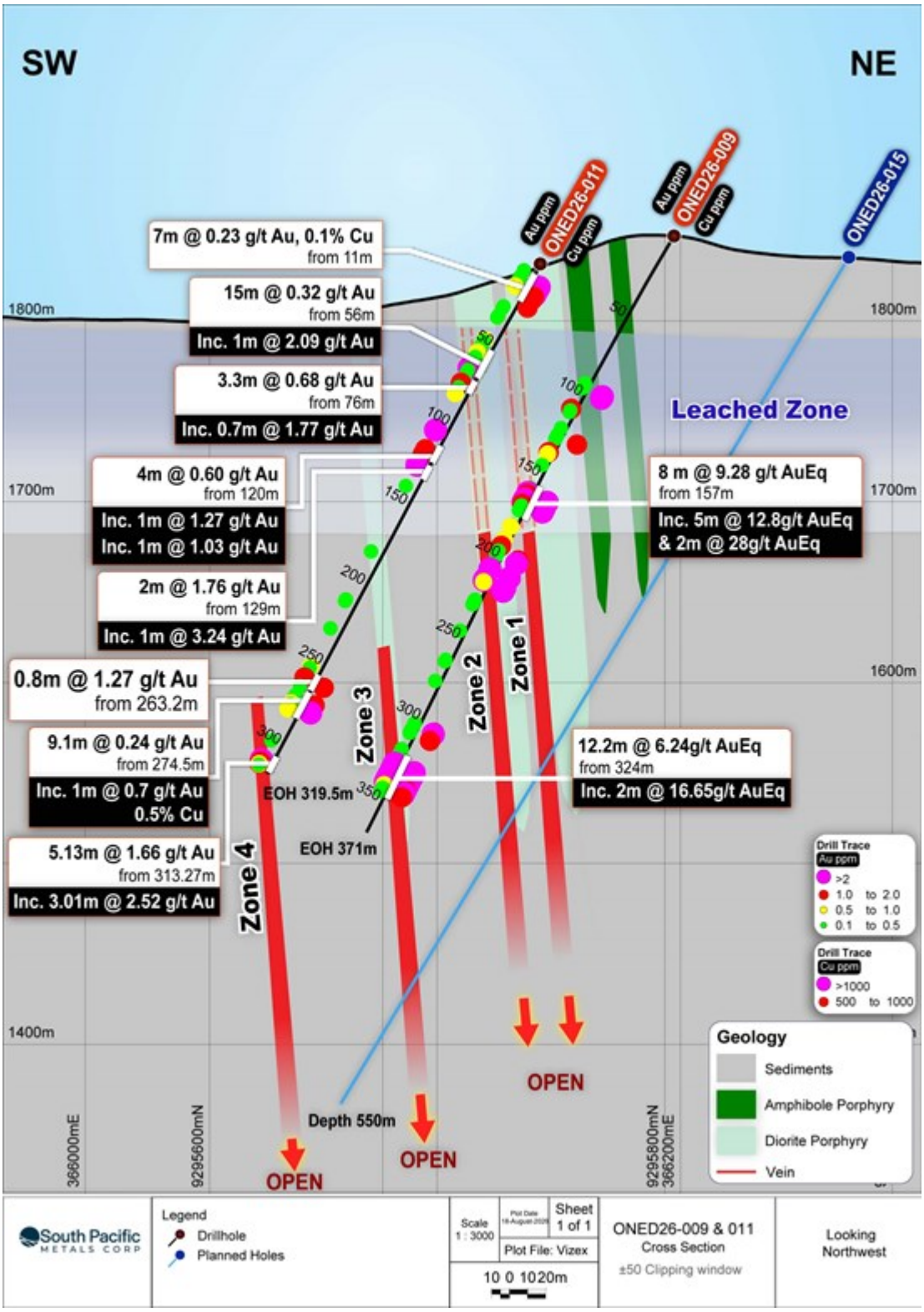


Figure 2: Cross-section (Looking Northwest) of ONED26-009 and ONED26-011 with planned follow-up hole.

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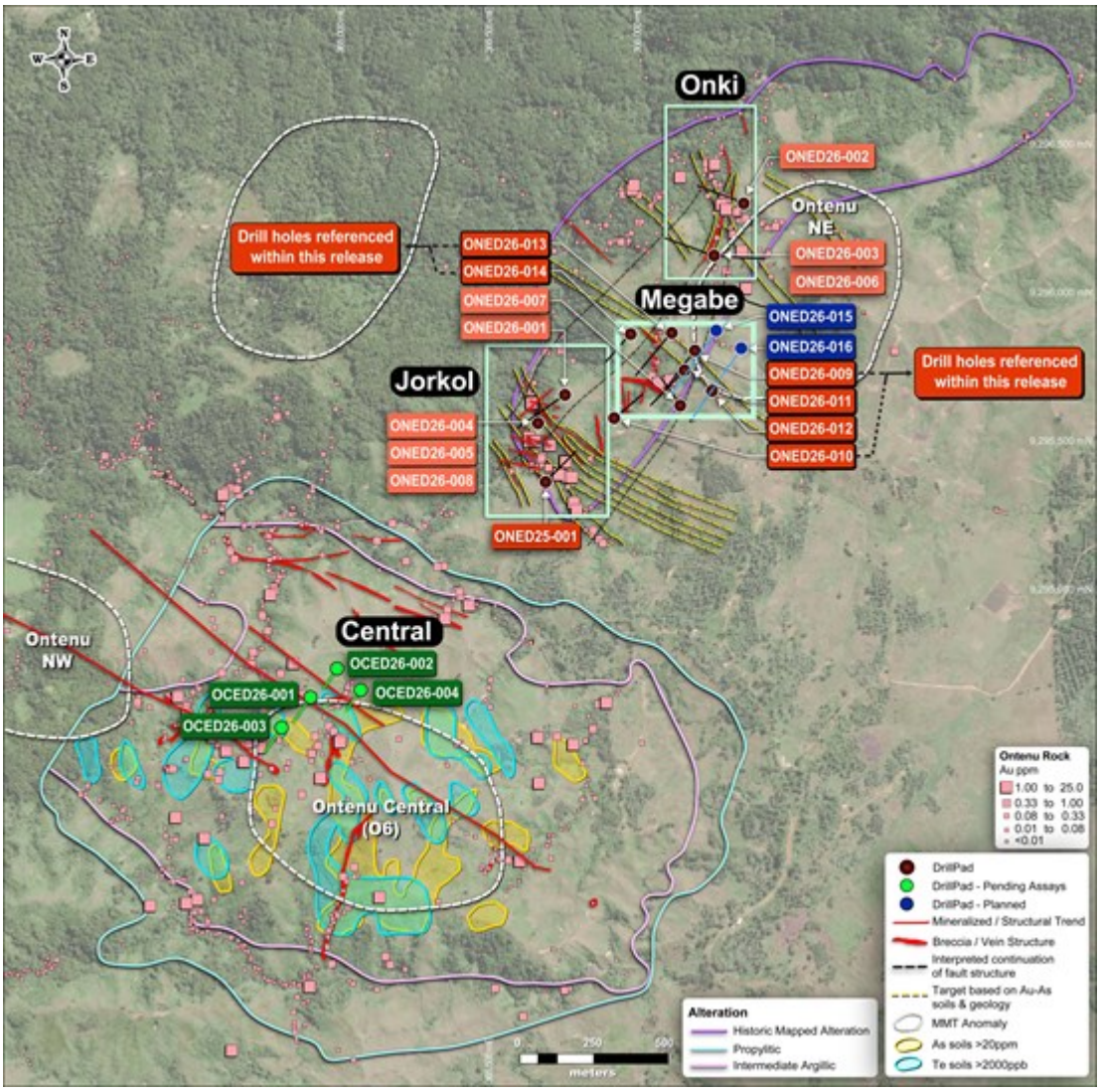


Figure 3: Map View of the broader Ontenu prospective area

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Next Steps

Drilling has continued without pause. While assays from the Megabe step-outs were pending, both rigs advanced to Ontenu Central to test the newly mapped NW-SE mineralised trends (Figure 3); two of the four planned holes are complete and two are nearing completion. Assays from Ontenu Central will provide a first test of these trends while drilling advances at Megabe.

At Megabe, the next two holes are planned to test for further high-grade targets below and down-plunge to the southeast of the high-grade intercepts in ONED26-009, where the structures remain open. The first rig will move to Megabe, with the second to follow on completion of the final Ontenu Central hole.

The broader Ontenu prospective area spans five kilometres and hosts at least eight identified mineralised structures, of which only a small few have seen initial drill testing. As results from Megabe and Ontenu Central are integrated, geological mapping is advancing across all known target areas to build structural understanding of the mineralised trends ahead of systematic testing of the remainder, including strike extensions of Jorkol, Megabe and Onki, and the mineralised trends at Ontenu Central.

Megabe is the most advanced of the eight structures identified to date. Assays for holes in progress will be reported as they are received and validated.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control

All drill holes are logged on site by the Company's geology team. Drill core (PQ or HQ) is half-cut, with samples secured and shipped to Intertek Laboratory in Lae, Papua New Guinea. Gold is assayed by 50 g fire assay with AAS finish (FA50/AA); copper and silver are assayed by 3-acid digest with AAS finish (PGGA03) at Intertek Lae. Sample pulps are subsequently sent to Intertek in Perth, Western Australia, for multi-element ICP-MS analysis using a 4-acid digest (4A/MS); the ICP-MS multi-element work is pending for all holes noted in this release. Two certified reference materials (standards), one blank and one duplicate are inserted within each batch of 100 samples to monitor laboratory performance.

Qualified Person

The technical and scientific information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Darren Holden, B.Sc. (Hons), Ph.D., FAusIMM, a technical advisor and consultant to the Company and a "Qualified Person" as defined under National Instrument 43-101.

About South Pacific Metals Corp.

South Pacific Metals Corp. is an emerging gold-copper exploration company operating in the heart of Papua New Guinea's proven gold and copper production corridors. SPMC has four exploration properties:

- **Ontenu (Osena Project)** - Bordering K92 to the southwest. Drilling underway on K92-style targets with drill hits to **5 m at 12.84 g/t AuEq**, including **2 m at 28.06 g/t AuEq**.
- **Anga** - Bordering K92 to the northeast, along strike from K92's Arakompa discovery; soils to **1,080 ppb Au**, **3,397 ppm Cu** and stream samples up to **281.8 g/t Au**.
- **Kili Teke** - **4.2 Moz AuEq*** NI 43-101 Inferred Resource (effective 18 November 2022) containing 1.81 Moz Au, 802 kt Cu and 40 kt Mo; results outside of resource include drilling **7.8 m @ 12.98% Cu plus 11.75 g/t Au**, surface samples up to **27.5% Cu**.
- **May River** - District-scale system beside Frieda River; high-grade drilling includes **19 m @ 11.47% Cu, 2.17 g/t Au** and **109 m @ 1.53 g/t Au**.

** Kili Teke resource information is drawn from the independent technical report dated November 18, 2022, prepared by Graeme J. Fleming, B.App.Sc., MAIG, and available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Gold-equivalent contained ounces based on equal recoveries of Au and Cu only and prices of US$3,300/oz Au and US$4.45/lb. Cu. Preliminary metallurgical test work by Harmony Gold shows gold reporting to copper minerals, indicating the two can be co-recovered. Molybdenum is not included in the Au-equivalent figure.*

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APPENDIX

Appendix Table A1: All significant intercepts, ONED26-010 to ONED26-014 (0.1 g/t Au lower cut, maximum 3 m internal dilution)

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)
ONED26-010	48.8	49.3	0.5	0.1	146
ONED26-010	81	84	3	0.35	45
ONED26-010	149	158	9	0.1	84
ONED26-010	166	169	3	0.22	87
ONED26-010	174	175	1	0.21	73
ONED26-010	183	188	5	0.29	73
ONED26-010	213	231	18	0.18	130
ONED26-011	11	18	7	0.23	1486
ONED26-011	31	32	1	0.37	126
ONED26-011	51	53	2	0.51	176
ONED26-011	56	71	15	0.32	117
ONED26-011	76	79.3	3.3	0.68	152
ONED26-011	85	86	1	0.56	65

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)
ONED26-011	108	109	1	4.53	85
ONED26-011	120	124	4	0.6	77
ONED26-011	129	131	2	1.76	132
ONED26-011	143	144	1	0.24	229
ONED26-011	256.07	257.9	1.83	0.56	59
ONED26-011	263.2	264	0.8	1.27	582
ONED26-011	274.5	283.6	9.1	0.24	766
ONED26-011	313.27	318.4	5.13	1.66	140
ONED26-012	43.16	44.1	0.94	0.11	252
ONED26-012	61.4	62.39	0.99	0.27	139
ONED26-012	67.27	68.9	1.63	0.22	790
ONED26-012	73	73.92	0.92	0.17	109
ONED26-012	79.3	85	5.7	0.41	210
ONED26-012	91.7	93.5	1.8	0.24	164
ONED26-012	99	100	1	0.14	322
ONED26-012	104	106	2	0.12	390
ONED26-012	149	150	1	0.51	108
ONED26-012	179	180	1	0.14	125
ONED26-012	184	185	1	0.13	138
ONED26-012	189	190	1	0.1	84
ONED26-012	198	199	1	0.13	52
ONED26-012	201	202	1	0.17	143
ONED26-012	210	211	1	0.1	95
ONED26-013	50	52	2	0.13	358
ONED26-013	65	67.1	2.1	0.15	556
ONED26-013	71.3	72.2	0.9	0.1	656
ONED26-013	97	98	1	0.1	296
ONED26-013	107.6	108.6	1	0.14	218
ONED26-013	125.5	131.7	6.2	0.1	290
ONED26-013	141	143	2	0.12	158
ONED26-013	145	146	1	0.11	226
ONED26-013	153.6	167	13.4	0.13	240
ONED26-013	172	173	1	0.11	212
ONED26-013	177	186	9	0.2	564
ONED26-013	195	206	11	0.13	396
ONED26-013	234	234.9	0.9	1.18	237
ONED26-013	251	253	2	0.13	376
ONED26-013	301	302	1	0.16	265
ONED26-013	331	331.9	0.9	0.12	224
ONED26-013	342	349	7	0.15	261
ONED26-013	365	365.5	0.5	0.17	822
ONED26-013	369	370	1	0.18	151
ONED26-013	382	384	2	0.16	538
ONED26-014	17	18	1	0.1	62
ONED26-014	20	21	1	0.12	389
ONED26-014	77	87.1	10.1	0.37	695
ONED26-014	145	146	1	0.12	4490
ONED26-014	153	154	1	0.12	158
ONED26-014	160	160.7	0.7	0.25	646
ONED26-014	169	170	1	0.13	429
ONED26-014	189.4	193	3.6	0.17	358

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)
ONED26-014	210	218	8	0.16	486
ONED26-014	231	232	1	0.68	123

**Silver assays for these holes are reported in Table 1 for the summary intervals. Individual sample assays used in the intercept calculations are available on request.*

Appendix Table A2: Drill Hole Details (Coordinates in WGS84 UTM Zone 55S)

Hole ID	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Azimuth	Dip	Total Depth (m)
ONED26-010	365922	9295580	1786	49.8	-61.7	253.5
ONED26-011	366160	9295740	1818	223.2	-60.2	319.5
ONED26-012	366254	9295669	1847	220.6	-59.5	260.4
ONED26-013	366118	9295866	1826	218.6	-59.8	397.7
ONED26-014	365979	9295860	1843	220.7	-59.5	264.2



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