

Duluth Metals inks pact with IDEA Drilling for exploration

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TORONTO, Ontario — Duluth Metals Limited said Thursday that progress is continuing on its current winter drilling program. The new drilling contract with IDEA Drilling of Virginia is directed towards further exploration of the company's two prospecting permits on the Nokomis Deposit near Ely. Three diamond drill rigs have been deployed and have drilled four holes to date for 13,000 ft. Subject to winter conditions allowing drilling to the end of April 2010, the winter drilling program anticipates drilling thirteen holes on seven approved sites for a total of 36,000 ft.

The winter drilling program includes both in-fill and step-out drilling on the Nokomis Deposit and targets the inferred resources with the anticipation of upgrading the resource estimate. Assaying of the core is being conducted by ALS Chemex, Vancouver, B.C.

Future contemplated drill programs will include targeting previously identified higher grade zones (six zones totaling 140 million tons indicated resource and 34 million tons inferred resource, step-out drilling to determine the extent of the deposit, and in-fill drilling for mine planning and design, and environmental testing purposes.

"We're pleased to put the IDEA rigs back to work on the deposit and to add jobs to the Minnesota economy, including five additional staff to our Ely exploration office" said Dr. Rick Sandri, President and CEO of Duluth Metals. "With IDEA Drilling we have a strong Minnesota company that has many years of experience on the Range and the Duluth Complex. The contract allows the resumption of drilling which advances our development of the project."

The Nokomis Deposit presently contains 550 million tons of indicated resources grading copper and nickel. To date, only sixty percent of the Nokomis property area has been drilled.

Duluth's principal property is the Nokomis Property located within the rapidly emerging Duluth Complex mining camp in Northeastern Minnesota. The Duluth Complex hosts one of the world's largest undeveloped repositories of copper, nickel and precious metals, including the world's third largest accumulation of nickel sulfides, and one of the world's largest accumulations of polymetallic copper and platinum group metals.