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## **DRILLING COMMENCES AT TRI ORIGIN'S CONFEDERATION PROJECT**

**Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:CDNX)** has been informed by Goldcorp Inc. that diamond drilling has commenced on Tri Origin's 100%-owned Confederation property. The property comprises 218 claim units (approximately 8,720 acres) located 35 kilometres southeast of Goldcorp's Red Lake Mine at Red Lake, Ontario. Goldcorp has an option to earn 70% interest in the property by funding the next \$340,000 of exploration. This preliminary drilling, to be conducted by Goldcorp, will consist of one to two holes to be completed in December and is part of a \$150,000 program at Confederation completed this year.

Initial results from soil geochemical surveying conducted at the northwest part of the property have also been received from Goldcorp. All samples were prepared and assayed by XRAL Laboratories, Toronto, Ontario, a division of SGS Canada Inc. using the Mobile Metal Ion (MMI) extraction technique. Worldwide studies using MMI technology has successfully allowed the measurement of Mobile Metal Ion signatures over buried mineral deposits of many types.

The first drill hole is targeting strong co-incident polymetallic (gold-silver-zinc-nickel-copper-cobalt) anomalies located immediately north of a postulated fold hinge. This target has also been selected for its geological setting which is within an interpreted sequence of mafic volcanic rocks, iron formations & related chemical sediments.

Drilling results will be reported when received from Goldcorp. Recent work continues to highlight the exploration potential of the Confederation property. Management is encouraged by the progress of Goldcorp's work and is optimistic about the outcome of this program.

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