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**PREMIER EXPANDS HIGH-GRADE OPEN PIT POTENTIAL AT HARDROCK
INCLUDING 1.54 OZ/TON GOLD OVER 25.9 FEET**

PREMIER GOLD MINES LIMITED (TSX:PG) is pleased to announce drill results from the **NN Zone**, comprising the final results from drilling that will be used for an upcoming NI43-101 resource calculation relating to open pit style deposits on the Hardrock Project in Northwestern Ontario. Drilling has delineated multiple zones potentially amenable to open pit mining, including recently identified high-grade gold mineralization within the NN Zones. **Highlights from recent drilling include the following results:**

- **5.26 grams per tonne gold (g/t Au; 0.15 ounces per ton) across 11.7 metres (m; 38.4 feet) in hole MM053**
- **3.50 g/t Au (0.10 ounces per ton) across 36.5m (119.7 feet) in hole MM056**
- **52.90 g/t Au (1.54 ounces/ton) across 7.9m (25.9 feet) in hole MM062**
- **35.45 g/t Au (1.04 ounces/ton) across 3.6m (11.8 feet) in hole MM066**

Recent near-surface holes drilled in the NN Zone, located west along strike from the EP Zone, suggest the potential for defining open-pit resources with multiple horizons having intersection widths of up to **36.5 metres (119.7 feet)**. New drill results from the NN Zone are contained in Table 1 and locations of drill holes can be found in Figure 1.

Premier intends to release the results of the initial resource estimate prior to the end of 2009. Initial drilling results during the latter stages of 2009 support Premier's belief that additional mineral resources, amenable to underground mining methods, may be delineated at depth. It is Premier's intention to aggressively pursue this style of drill target during 2010, with the goal of amending the initial mineral resource sometime after the end of the second quarter.

At Hardrock, significant potential exists for developing resources in several areas including:

- Open pit-style mineralization at sites where historic resources were partially delineated by previous operators, in addition to newly defined mineralization at the Tenacity, EP and Kailey Zones;
- Numerous surface and historic high-grade gold intercepts throughout the large property package that have received little to no follow-up;
- Historic resource blocks reported to remain within the mine workings, including high-grade vein targets; and,
- The main mined zones which remain open below the 600m Level.

"Since January, the focus at Hardrock has been defining open pit style mineralization, an endeavour that has exceeded our initial expectations" stated Ewan Downie, President. "With our initial mineral resource estimate now imminent, we have shifted our focus toward outlining higher grade underground style resources. This effort has already resulted in one new high grade discovery".

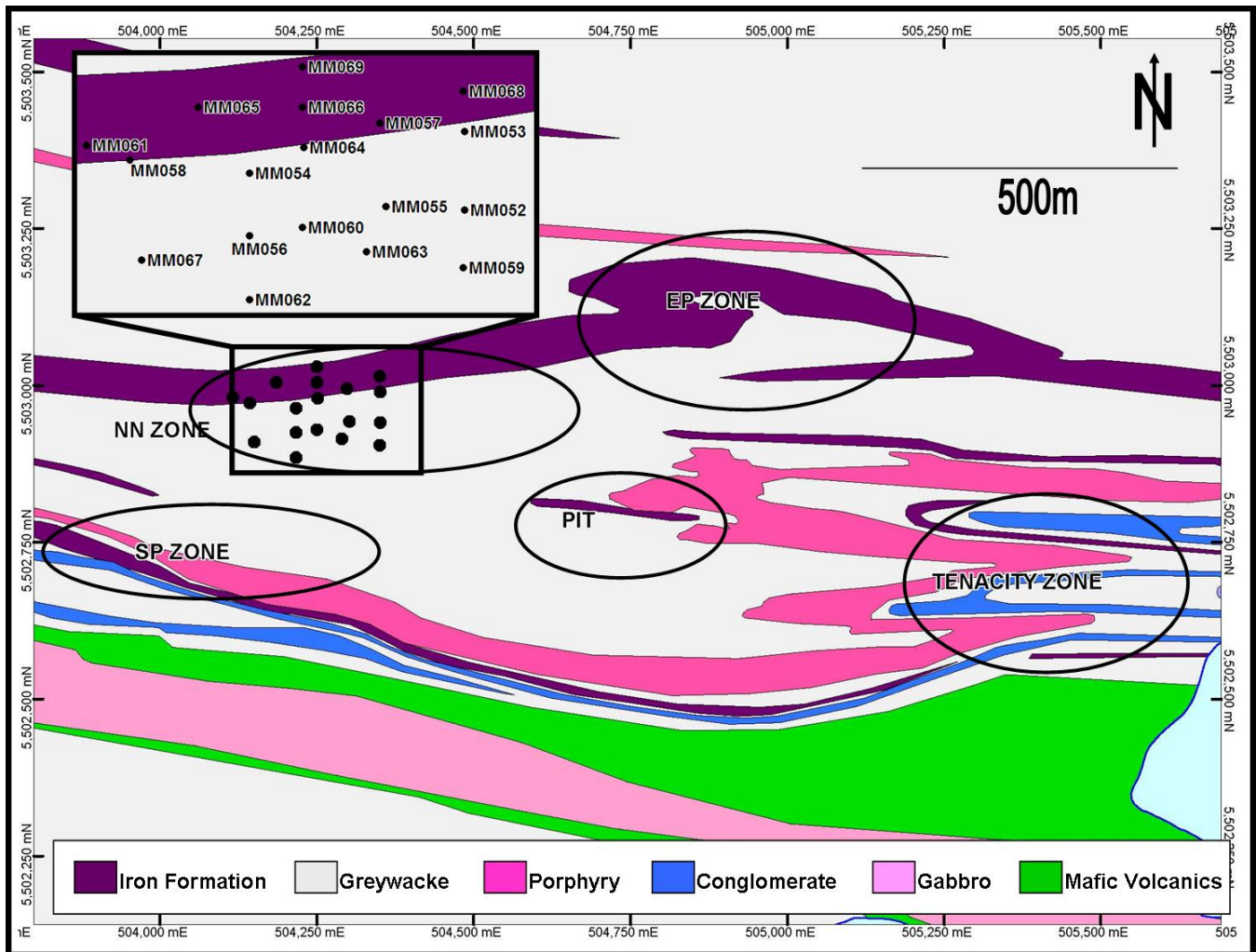
Table 1 New Sub Zone Intercepts From NN Zone Drilling at Hardrock

Hole-ID	UTM Coordinates (m)	Dip/Azimuth (degrees)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Grade (g/tonne)	Interval (ft)	Grade (oz/ton)	Zone
MM052	5502941N 504351E	-45/360	52.5	54.0	1.5	3.37	4.9	0.10	upper NN
			104.0	117.0	13.0	1.02	42.6	0.03	NN
			162.1	163.6	1.5	2.16	4.9	0.06	lower NN
MM053	5502990N 504351E	-45/360	30.0	33.0	3.0	1.53	9.8	0.04	upper NN
			57.0	68.7	11.7	5.26	38.4	0.15	NN
MM054	5502964N 504217E	-45/360	61.0	62.5	1.5	2.25	4.9	0.07	upper NN
MM055	5502943N 504302E	-45/360	15.0	31.5	16.5	2.24	54.1	0.07	upper NN
			157.5	160.5	3.0	3.98	9.8	0.12	NN
			169.5	171.0	1.5	1.90	4.9	0.06	lower NN
MM056	5502925N 504217E	-50/360	42.0	78.5	36.5	3.50	119.7	0.10	upper NN
			158.9	168.3	9.4	5.16	30.8	0.15	NN
			175.7	181.0	5.3	7.44	17.4	0.22	lower NN
MM057	5502995N 504298E	-45/360				NSV			NN
MM058	5502972N 504143 E	-45/360	34.8	46.5	11.7	1.00	38.4	0.03	upper NN
			134.6	137.1	2.5	3.27	8.2	0.10	NN
			166.1	167.3	1.2	5.57	3.9	0.16	lower NN
MM059	5502905N 504350E	-45/360	63.0	69.2	6.2	1.00	20.3	0.03	upper NN
			126.5	128.0	1.5	71.20	4.9	2.08	x
			185.5	188.9	3.4	5.69	11.2	0.17	NN
			217.0	222.0	5.0	2.48	16.4	0.07	lower NN
MM060	5502930N 504250E	-45/360	144.0	176.1	32.1	1.25	105.3	0.04	NN
MM061	5502981N 504116 E	-45/360	33.0	37.5	4.5	1.05	14.8	0.03	upper NN
			96.0	99.0	3.0	1.20	9.8	0.04	NN
			149.9	151.3	1.4	2.46	4.6	0.07	lower NN
MM062	5502885N 504217E	-47/360	110.2	111.4	1.2	1.08	3.9	0.03	upper NN
			220.2	228.1	7.9	52.90	25.9	1.54	NN
			245.5	247.5	2.0	3.52	6.6	0.10	lower NN
MM063	5502915N 504290E	-45/360	109.0	114.5	5.5	3.49	18.0	0.10	upper NN
			158.5	160.0	1.5	18.80	4.9	0.55	NN
			191.4	193.0	1.6	1.10	5.2	0.03	lower NN
MM064	5502980N 504251E	-45/360	41.0	42.0	1.0	5.60	3.3	0.16	NN
MM065	5503005N 504185E	-45/360	46.4	47.8	1.4	2.09	4.6	0.06	NN
MM066	5503005N 504250E	-45/360	4.2	6.5	2.3	13.03	7.5	0.38	upper NN
			65.5	69.1	3.6	35.45	11.8	1.04	NN
MM067	5502910N 504150E	-50/360	107.0	108.5	1.5	15.30	4.9	0.45	x
			121.1	123.5	2.4	4.05	7.9	0.12	upper NN
			152.5	160.0	7.5	3.04	24.6	0.09	NN
			180.5	182.0	1.5	2.28	4.9	0.07	lower NN
MM068	5503015N 504350E	-45/360	11.5	14.5	3.0	3.91	9.8	0.11	NN
MM069	5503030N 504250E	-45/360				NSV			

True widths estimated at approximately 70% of intersection widths

NSV – No Significant Values

Figure 1 Planview: Collar Locations From NN Zone Drilling at Hardrock



The Hardrock Project is operated under a joint venture with Roxmark Mines Limited (TSX-V:RMK) (Premier holds a 70% interest). The Hardrock Project is host to several past-producing mines which collectively produced nearly 3.0 Million ounces of gold primarily from relatively shallow depths (600 metres) from 1938-1968. **A recent hole to test the North Zone horizon below the bottom mine level at Hardrock has intersected several mineralized zones further demonstrating the potential for the project to host a multi-million ounce resource. This hole is the first deep hole completed by the joint venture.** The Hardrock Project benefits from development advantages with the Trans-Canada Highway, Trans-Canada Pipeline, and major power lines running through the center of the property.

Stephen McGibbon, P. Geo., is the Qualified Person for the information contained in this press release and is a Qualified Person within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101. Assay results are from core samples sent to Activation Laboratories, an accredited mineral analysis laboratory in Ancaster, Ontario, for preparation and analysis utilizing both fire assay and screen metallic methods.

Premier Gold Mines Limited is a well-financed Canadian-based mineral exploration and development company with several active projects and deposits in Northwestern Ontario. In the Red Lake gold mining camp, two projects are operated in joint venture with Red Lake Gold Mines, and another, adjacent to the Red Lake Gold Mines complex, is operated on a 100% basis. The company also owns a 100% interest in the PQ-North Project, located along strike from Goldcorp's Musselwhite Gold Mine.

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