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Clarification of Recent Sihayo 1 North Drill Results

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Oropa Limited provides the following clarification on the recent drill results at the Sihayo 1 North prospect, Sumatra, Indonesia. Drill holes SHDD047 and SHDD048 intersected gold mineralised breccia systems outside the current Sihayo 1 North gold Resource. The gold assay results received for intersections in both holes **are not** within the currently defined 615,000 Resource boundary.

Gold mineralised breccia zones intersected in SHDD047 and SHDD048 include:

SHDD047:

- **29m @ 1.89 g/t** from surface (including **9.8m @ 2.68 g/t** from 1m down hole)
- **13m @ 1.01 g/t** from 39m
- **6m @ 1.45 g/t** from 60m

SHDD048:

- **5m @ 1.66 g/t** from surface (including **3m @ 2.35 g/t** from surface)
- **14m @ 1.62 g/t** from 9m (including **4m @ 3.01 g/t** from 19m)
- **11m @ 1.07 g/t** from 32m

The company now intends to commence a programme of systematic drill testing at Sihayo 1 North. This will involve step out drilling to grid south and west of the current Resource boundary targeting down-dip positions of identified breccia zones and infill drilling within the current Resource.

Step out drilling will test breccia systems identified during geological mapping, up to 400 metres outside the current Resource envelope, and the down-dip extents of the breccias intersected in drilling. As breccias dip sub-parallel to topography, new drill holes located down slope and outside the Resource envelope will be testing the down-dip extent of

identified breccias, but still at relatively shallow down-hole depths.

It is important to note that previous drilling focussed on defining relatively flat-lying mineralised jasperoid zones, which make up the bulk of the current 615,000 ounce Sihayo 1 North gold Resource, and did not effectively test for the underlying, steeper dipping mineralised breccia zones.

Existing wide-spaced drilling within the current Resource will also be infilled with new holes oriented in the opposite direction to earlier drilling, to test for additional breccia zones within and below the current Resource envelope.

The total amount of drilling required to quantify a Resource for the newly identified breccia style mineralisation will be dependent upon assay results received.

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