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- **Drilling Commences at Tambang Hitam**
- **Vein System Rock Chips to 20.45g/t Au**
- **Modelling Indicates Potential Bonanza Zone at Depth**

Oropa is pleased to announce the commencement of diamond drilling at its Tambang Hitam prospect, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Mapping and sampling within the 3km² prospect area has identified a number of epithermal vein systems over a 500m strike length, with gold grades up to 28.6g/t Au. Better values from the latest batch of rock chip sampling of vein systems is presented below in Table 1.

Table 1: Rock Chip Sampling, Tambang Hitam

Sample No	Northing (UTM)	Easting (UTM)	Gold ppm (g/t)	Silver ppm (g/t)
946904	67522	589887	3.76	23
946913	67485	589885	2.31	3
946917	67500	589885	2.97	40
946918	67477	589870	20.45	64
946919	67460	589866	6.67	33
946928	67361	589885	3.72	12
946929	67359	589883	2.53	7
946995	67528	589890	2.04	9
946996	67529	589890	2.21	8
946998	67530	589890	6.13	23
946999	67531	589890	4.45	17

Vein textures, gold grades and alteration assemblages observed within the prospect indicate that outcropping veins formed at relatively low temperatures, close to what would have been the surface at the time of deposition.

Sample No. 946918 (20.45g/t Au) was collected from a manganese rich brecciated zone, possibly indicating the presence of bonanza grade material transported from depth.

Bonanza or high grade zones are relatively common in this style of mineralisation, generally forming in zones where vein systems join at depth as shown in Figure 1. As outcropping veins appear to have formed at shallow levels, potential bonanza zones will occur below the current surface topography and therefore make attractive drill targets.

Drilling will target identified vein systems in a series of holes to be completed over the next two months.

Yours faithfully,
OROPA LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Christie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Figure 1. Tambang Hitam Alteration and Mineralisation Model

