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Company Announcements Office  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
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20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **COMMENCEMENT OF DRILLING**

Oropa is pleased to announce the commencement of diamond drilling at its Sihayo gold deposit, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Oropa intends to complete a number of metallurgical test holes within the Sihayo 1 North Resource envelope as well as drill testing the strike / dip extension of known mineralisation outside the Resource envelope. Mineralisation discovered in recent trenching outside the Resource envelope will also be drill tested.

A detailed site survey plus additional trenching is currently underway at Sihayo 1 North, plus additional test pitting of the Sambung prospect, located approximately 1.5km from Sihayo 1 North.

Yours faithfully,  
**OROPA LIMITED**

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

**PHILIP C CHRISTIE**  
Director