

Nortec signs drill contractors for Seinäjoki Gold Project, Finland

Vancouver, B.C., May 12, 2010: Nortec Minerals Corp. (TSX-V: NVT; FSE: WMQ; OTC PINK: NMNZF) ("Nortec" or the "Company"), is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with Finnish based drill contractors, Nivalan Timanttikairus Oy ("Nivalan") to carry out the first pass exploration drill programme on the Seinäjoki Gold Project. Nivalan is expected to mobilise to site and begin drilling on the Marttalanniemi Prospect before the end of May.

The nominal 1,000 metre first pass exploration drill programme will focus on one of the five identified targets within the Seinäjoki Gold Project. The priority target is the Marttalanniemi prospect in the north central part of the project area. The Marttalanniemi prospect has become the high priority target following the recently identified and un-sampled mineralised skarn (or greissen) zone in the archive drill core which returned an intercept of 5.75g/t gold over 3 metres and 2.69 g/t gold over 4 metres (see Nortec news release April 14, 2010). This zone can be traced along strike for 500m to the north-west. Other prospects, such as Sikakangas and Ylijöki, will be included in future drill campaigns upon completion of further surface sampling and geological mapping along with logging and sampling of archive drill core.

Other News

On Thursday April 22, Mohan Vulimiri, CEO and Ian Laurent, President of Nortec Minerals were invited to a meeting with the newly appointed Minister of Non-renewable Natural Resources (formerly known as Ministry of Mines and Energy) along with the Deputy Minister for Mines, the General Manager, and the technical, legal, and social executives of the newly formed National Mining Corporation, ENAMI EP. Nortec presented its proposed business model for operating mineral resource projects in Ecuador. A detailed presentation was given to the Minister and his delegation, which was well received by all. Nortec has been advised that they will be invited to return, perhaps before the end of May, to further discuss in more detail the possibility of acquiring one or several precious and/or base metal properties in Ecuador. This meeting had been arranged following the summary presentation given by Nortec to the President of Ecuador and his cabinet on March 25, 2010.

Mr Turkka Rekola, M.Sc., Project Geologist – Finland and, Mr Ian F. Laurent MSc.(EconGeol) MAIG RPGeo, President for Nortec, are the persons responsible for initiating and guiding the work programs on the Seinäjoki Project. Ian Laurent is the Qualified Person responsible for the contents of this press release.

About Nortec Minerals Corp.

Nortec is a mineral exploration and development company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Company has an option to earn from Akkerman Exploration B.V., a 100% interest in the Seinäjoki- Gold-Antimony Property and Kaatiala Rare Earth-Beryllium-Tin-Lithium Property in western Finland. Nortec has a 100% interest in the Tammela Lithium-Tin-Tantalum Project in south-west Finland; a 100% interest in the LK Palladium-Platinum-Gold-Copper-Nickel Project (*the combined Kaukua & Haukiaho Projects*) in north-central Finland, a minimum 51% interest with an option to earn 100% interest in the TL Nickel-Copper-Cobalt Property in Northern Labrador, Canada; and, an option to acquire 51% interest in the Ganarin Gold-Silver Property, Ecuador.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

NORTEC MINERALS CORP.

"Ian F. Laurent"

Ian F. Laurent, President

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