



DRILLING UNDERWAY AT FORT HOPE GOLD MINE

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Miramichi, New Brunswick - SLAM Exploration Ltd. (TSX-V: SXL) ("SLAM") and Bard Ventures Ltd. (TSX-V: CBS) ("Bard"), are pleased to announce drilling is underway at the Fort Hope Gold Mine ("FHGM") in northwest Ontario. The property is part of the 30 claim Opikeigen project covering 2784 hectares owned 50/50 by SLAM and Bard with SLAM as operator.

The 1200 metre drilling program will include 4 to 6 holes designed to intercept the "Shaft Vein" at the FHGM. Records show that in 1959 previous workers removed a 3105kg bulk sample that averaged 3.54 oz/ton gold (H. Wallace, 1978, Ontario Geological Survey, Report185). Grab samples ranging up to 9.37oz/ton gold were reported from trenches soon after the discovery in 1927 (E.M. Burwash, 1929, Ontario Department of Mines). In spite of these historic results, there is no record of any drilling on this vein. In its news release of 25 February 2008, SLAM reported results for 15 grab samples collected from waste rock piles near the shaft. These samples all contained gold with 7 samples reporting gold values ranging from 0.132 oz/ton up to 1.998 oz/ton (4542 ppb to 68,489 ppb). This gold occurs in mineralized volcanic wallrock as well as quartz veins.

The FHGM is associated with a gold mineralized system that hosts 8 other gold occurrences on the Property. SLAM and Bard will also test Zone OL12, located 700 metres north of the FHGM, with up to 2 holes. This drilling program will complete phase one of a plan to systematically explore the FHGM and associated occurrences which have geological similarity to gold mines at Red Lake. More information is available at www.slamexploration.com.

Mike Taylor states: "This project exemplifies the mineral potential of the Eabamet Lake area. With spectacular grades reported from underground work untested by drilling, the Fort Hope Gold Mine represents a tremendous opportunity."

The Property lies within the Traditional Territories of the Eabametoong First Nation ("EFN"). SLAM and EFN have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to guide activities. SLAM intends to work closely with EFN in the exploration and potential development of the FHGM along with other gold deposits within the area.

Derek F. Brown P.Geo., SLAM's Exploration Manager, is the Qualified Person, as defined under National Instrument 43-101, responsible for the results reported in this news release.

SLAM Exploration Ltd. is a mineral resource company based in Miramichi, New Brunswick. It is involved in base metal exploration in New Brunswick including a zinc deposit near development at Nash Creek as well as gold exploration in the Uchi sub-province of northwest Ontario. Additional information about SLAM including updated information on our Ontario gold projects is available at www.slamexploration.com or from its SEDAR filings at www.sedar.com.

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