

NEWS RELEASE

GITENNES - STEP-OUT DRILLING EXPANDS ZONE AT LEONARDO NORTE

Vancouver, January 5, 2006: Gitennes Exploration Inc. (TSX-GIT) has resumed drilling at its Tucumachay Project in central Peru. Prior to December 22nd six holes were completed. Significant results include:

Hole #	From...to... (metres)	Interval (metres)	Gold (g/t)	Location Relative to Hole T05-16 ("16")
T05-21	15.0 to 45.0	30.0	1.00	50m west of 16
	Including 22.3 to 45.0	22.7	1.11	
T05-22	13.5 to 25.5	12.0	1.66	165m southwest of 16
	Including 13.5 to 22.5	9.0	1.97	
T05-23	36.5 to 41.0	4.5	0.85	70m south-southwest of 16
T05-24	3.0 to 40.5	37.5	0.56	100m east of 16
	Including 3.0 to 5.6	2.6	2.32	
	Including 19.0 to 28.0	9.0	1.10	
	54.0 to 60.0	6.0	0.89	
T05-25	4.5 to 15.5	11.0	0.82	270m east-northeast of 16

These holes, when combined with the results from previously drilled holes T05-12 (18.0 m grading 1.21 g/t) and T05-16 (47.8 m grading 0.98 g/t gold), begin to outline two and possibly three zones of at-surface to near-surface mineralization in the Cerro Oeste – Leonardo Norte portion of the much larger La Nariz area. True thicknesses are not known, and are estimated to range from 60 to 90% of the interval lengths reported above.

Gold mineralization is being intersected in three features: (1) an upper mudstone at the Cercapuquio-Condorsinga contact, (2) underlying fractured or brecciated limestone and dolomite, and (3) steeply-dipping faults that are marked by strongly developed carbonaceous alteration, jasperoid and orpiment mineralization. The resulting geometry of the gold zones is one of a sheet of mineralization, as seen in holes T05 -12, -16, and -24 that leads away from the steep fault controlled mineralization intersected in holes T05-21 and -23.

Hole T05-22 is located at Cerro Oeste, a fault-repeated block that brings the mineralized sequence back to surface immediately west of the main drill area at Leonardo Norte. Earlier trenching had found strong mudstone-hosted mineralization (see news release of November 17, 2005), however previously reported holes T05-10 and -11 did not return comparable gold values in core. The favourable results in T05-22 indicate more drilling is warranted, including a re-drill of the upper portion of T05-10. Portions of the 120-metre-wide carbonate terrain between the mineralized mudstone at Cerro Oeste and the developing Leonardo Norte zone have yielded numerous mineralized surface samples (ranging from 0.1 to 1.7 g/t gold). Drilling is required to establish if portions of this intervening terrain are of economic interest.

One hole, T05-20, was drilled at the Encantada target, two kilometres northwest of Leonardo Norte. Core samples were not mineralized, however sufficient geological insights have now been gained to support drilling this zone to depth along the base of the hill, testing for a series of steeply-plunging tabular jasperoid zones.

Drilling at Tucumachay is continuing with a series of step-out holes along the western side of the La Nariz area. Although still at an early stage of exploration, results suggest that a zone of potential interest is being delineated.

The Tucumachay Project is held under option from Inmet Mining Corporation. Gitennes has met its obliged exploration expenditures under the agreement, and may now earn its 100% interest in the project by incurring additional expenditures of (approximately) US\$ 650,000 before December 31, 2008. Once Gitennes has completed 12,000 metres of drilling Inmet may earn-back a 60% interest by spending three times Gitennes' total project-related expenses to that point.

Work at Tucumachay is under the supervision of James Foster (P.Geo.) and Alvaro Fernandez-Baca (P.Geo.). Analytical services are provided for by ALS Chemex Laboratories in Lima, Peru. The technical information contained in this release has been reviewed by Jerry Blackwell (P.Geo.), a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101.

A drill plan that accompanies this news release is available at www.gitennes.com or can be e-mailed or faxed by request.

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