

WESCAN GOLDFIELDS INC.



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WESCAN COMMENCES DRILLING HUDSON BAY COAL PROPERTIES

Wescan Goldfields Inc. (“Wescan” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that drilling has commenced on the Company’s Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan coal exploration project. Drilling locations have been targeted using Fugro Airborne Surveys (“Fugro”) specialized geophysical processing and interpretation on GEOTEM Electromagnetic Magnetic data. This data will enable Wescan to identify all potential coal bearing sub-basins on all of the Company’s coal permits.

Wescan will initially explore a large block of coal permits, approximately 86 kilometres wide lying north of the Pasquia Hills in an area where potential depth to coal may be shallow. Within this northern block, Fugro has identified a number of priority geophysical anomalies that may be related to laterally extensive coal deposits. These geophysical anomalies are interpreted to be very large, some in excess of 15 kilometres in diameter. Wescan will also explore for coal on two of its southern coal permit blocks, which lie south of the massive coal discovery by Goldsource Mines Inc. These southern blocks have also been identified by Fugro to potentially host numerous coal bearing sub-basins. The first phase of drilling will be extensive and will utilize helicopter support to maximize efficiency and reduce the impact to the environment.

Vice President of Exploration, Kirsten Marcia, Professional Geoscientist in the Province of Saskatchewan, is Wescan’s Qualified Person responsible for the design and execution of the program.

Wescan is a Canadian based corporation engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. Shares of Wescan trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol “WGF”.

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