

WESCAN GOLDFIELDS INC.



NEWS RELEASE

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WESCAN GOLDFIELDS INC. RECEIVES FINAL COAL PERMITS IN HUDSON BAY, SASKATCHEWAN

Wescan Goldfields Inc. (WGF: TSX-V) (“Wescan” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce it has received the final 52 coal permit certificates from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources. This completes the coal permit applications made by Wescan in the Hudson Bay region. A total of 281 coal permits have now been issued to the Company confirming a total area of 190,992 hectares (1,910 square kilometres) in the Hudson Bay region and include the area adjacent to the coal discovery by Goldsource Mines Inc.

A plan for a comprehensive drilling program to test several anomalies within the permit areas is in the advanced stages. As well, a review of regional geophysics and detailed topographic data is underway to define drill targets. Environmental permitting with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment for this exploration program is in progress.

A map of Wescan's Hudson Bay confirmed area permits for coal is available on the Company website at www.wescangoldfields.com.

Patrick Hannon, MAsc, PEng, is Wescan's qualified person and is experienced both in the exploration and evaluation of coal deposits in Canada.

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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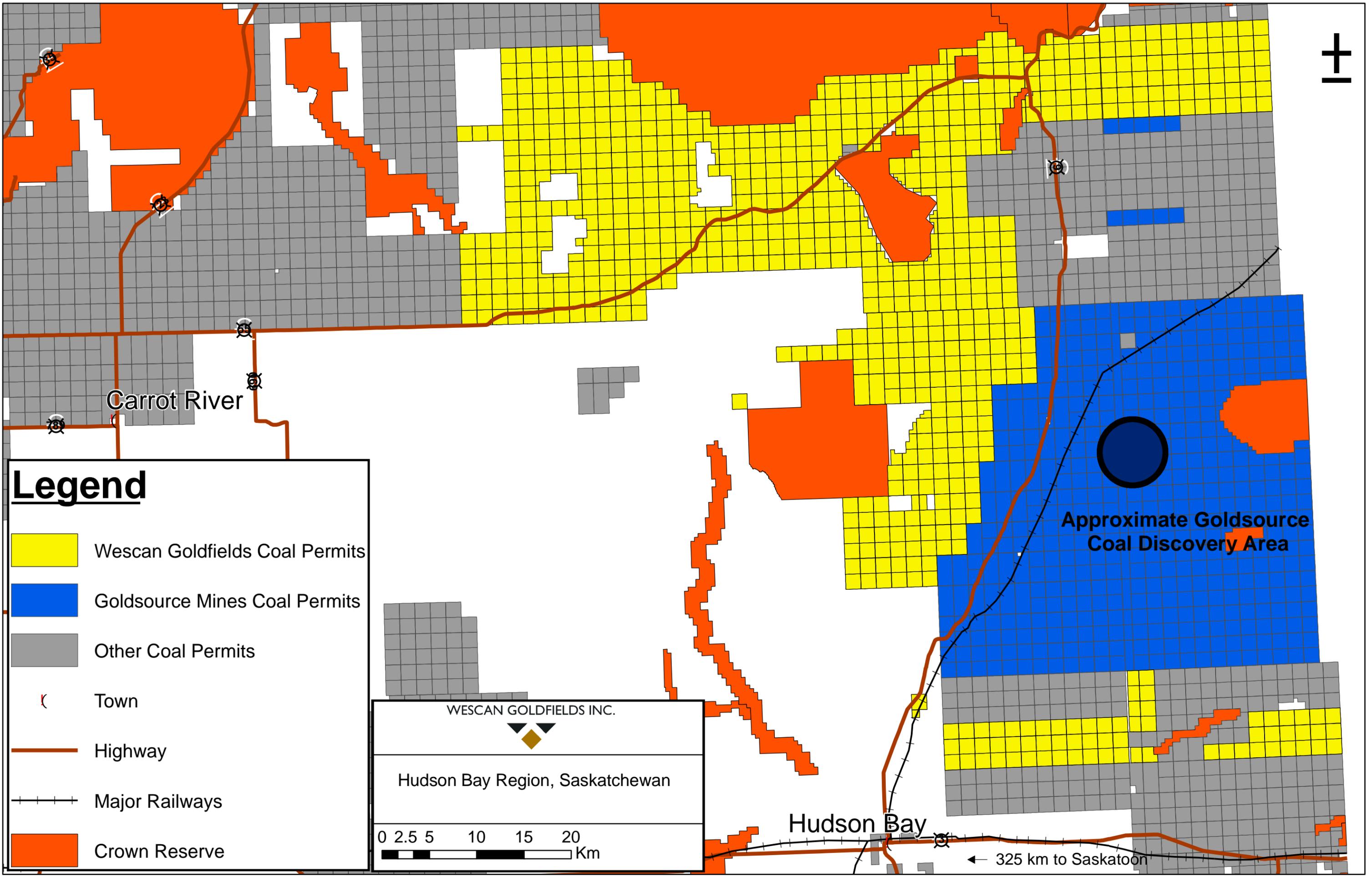
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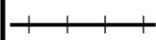
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Wescan cautions that the foregoing list of factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. When relying on our forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to Wescan, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities laws, Wescan does not undertake to update any written forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by Wescan or on our behalf.



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-  Wescan Goldfields Coal Permits
-  Goldsource Mines Coal Permits
-  Other Coal Permits
-  Town
-  Highway
-  Major Railways
-  Crown Reserve

WESCAN GOLDFIELDS INC.



Hudson Bay Region, Saskatchewan

0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Km



**Approximate Goldsource
Coal Discovery Area**

Hudson Bay

← 325 km to Saskatoon