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New Broad Zones of Mineralisation in Trenching at Sihayo

- **New zones of gold mineralisation defined in trenching**
- **Mineralisation encountered above and along strike from current Resource Envelope**
- **Ore grade sample results from Sambung prospect test pitting**

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Sihayo 1 North

Oropa is pleased to announce trenching results from its Sihayo 1 North project, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Oropa field staff recently cleaned and channel sampled old trenches located within and along strike of the main mineralised trend at Sihayo. These trenches were originally excavated by earlier explorers, who selectively sampled distinctive "jasperoid" material, leaving broad unsampled zones of silica/clay alteration or in most cases, did not sample trenches at all.

The current trench sampling programme has returned wide zones of previously unrecognised anomalous gold values, both within and outside of the Sihayo 1 North >610,000Oz Au Resource envelope. A table of results is appended to this release.

Gold values up to **11g/t** were encountered in highly weathered, silica-clay altered hydrothermal breccia material, silica limestone breccia and clays. Additional sampling of old, poorly sampled trenches plus the excavation of new trenches is ongoing.

These results confirm the presence of shallow ore grade gold values outside the Resource envelope, in positions both above and along strike of previously recognised mineralisation.

A drill programme will commence within the next two weeks to test these very encouraging trench results. Drilling will also infill earlier wide-spaced drill holes and generate bulk samples for

metallurgical test work.

Sambung

Test pitting of mineralised colluvial material recommenced at the Sambung prospect, located approximately 2km south of the Sihayo 1 North prospect.

Test pit 4, excavated to a depth of 3.8m, encountered **1.38m @ 2.23g/t Au** in soil material sampled from the pit wall. A single grab sample of quartz float from the bottom of the test pit assayed **3.29g/t Au**. Although it is uncertain how deep the colluvial material is at this location due to the test being stopped for safety reasons, drill hole SAMDD004, drilled 100m away from Test pit 4, returned a colluvial intercept of **13.35m @ 2.75g/t Au** from 0.45m.

Oropa plans to extend test pitting along the strike of mineralised float to better define the upslope edge of mineralised colluvial material. This will assist in defining the approximate location of underlying primary mineralisation, which will be drill tested in the second half of this calendar year.

Sihayo 1 North Trench Results:

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Gold Grade (g/t)</i>
Trench 20	12	2.72
Trench 37	4	1.50
Trench 40	7	2.49
Trench 43	25	2.44
Trench 43 North	15	4.19
Trench 44	23	0.93
and	16	1.66
Limestone Breccia	10	0.97
Trench SHDD004	16.6	2.00
and	20.7	2.11
and	49.2	1.54
(including)	9	3.74
Trench Asman	10	1.48
Trench Gemmata	35	1.47
Trench Syarjan	6	3.45
and	6	3.07

Notes:

1. All assays Fire Assay 50gm
2. 0.5g/t Au lower cut off
3. Maximum 2 metres of consecutive internal waste
4. All interval grades calculated as a weighted average

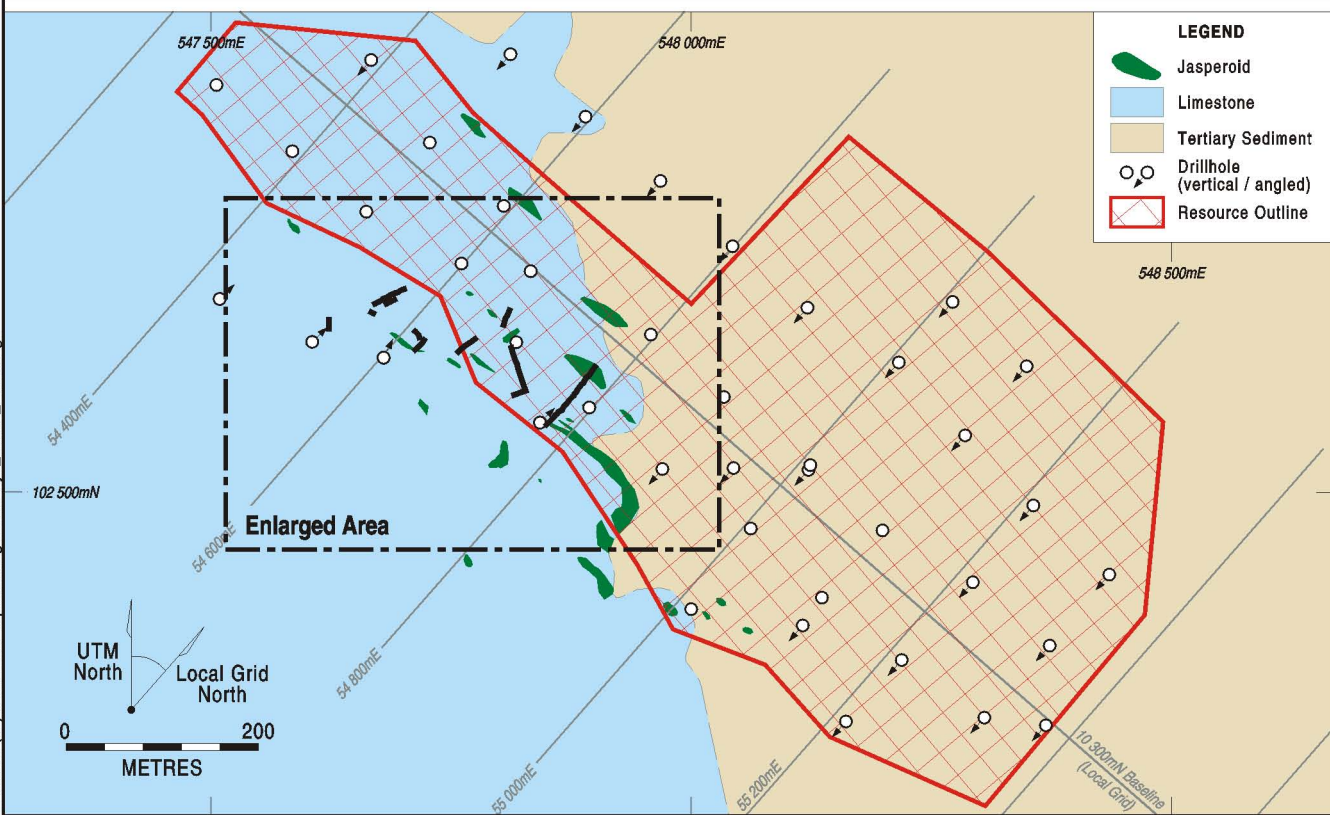
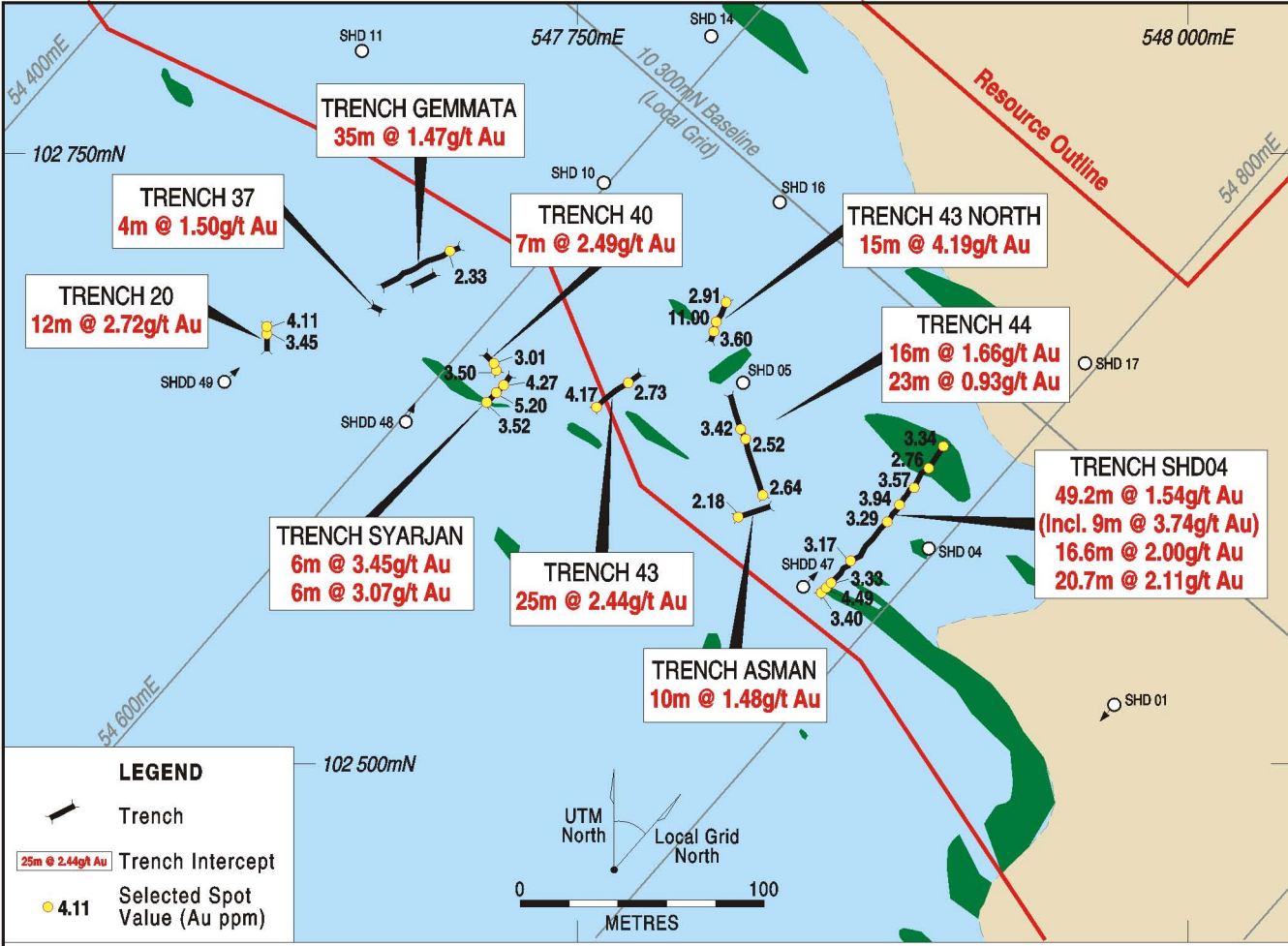
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Pungkut Gold Project Sihayo 1 North, Trench Location Plan

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