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SIHAYO RESOURCE POTENTIALLY MUCH LARGER THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT

Systematic Drill Testing Planned

Indonesian gold explorer Oropa Limited (ASX: ORP) today confirmed that drilling results released to the market Wednesday 12th January indicate that the 615,000Oz Au Sihayo 1 North Resource may be substantially larger than originally thought.

Oropa said today (Thursday) that holes SHDD047 and 48, drilled outside the current Sihayo 1 North Resource envelope, indicate that gold mineralisation is located within previously unrecognised breccia systems. These breccia systems are now known to be up to 40m thick and are open along strike and down dip, *outside the current Resource envelope*.

Drill hole SHDD047 intersected **29m @ 1.89g/t Au from surface**, including **9.8m @ 2.68g/t Au from 1m** down hole, **13m @ 1.01g/t Au from 39m** and **6m @ 1.45g/t Au from 60m**.

SHDD048 intersected **5m @ 1.66g/t Au from surface** (including **3m @ 2.35g/t Au from surface**), **14m @ 1.62 g/t Au from 9m** (including **4m @ 3.01g/t from 19m**) and **11m @ 1.07g/t Au from 32m**.

Oropa's CEO, Mr Philip Christie, said the results were very significant to the future development of Sihayo.

"I can't overemphasise the importance of the results from holes SHDD047 and 048. Previously we thought the mineralised system was essentially closed off, but now we can see that these breccia systems are mineralised, that they are wide and that they trend below and away from the current Resource envelope. Although it is early days, we can see a lot of upside to the Sihayo 1 North Resource. We are particularly interested in targeting unoxidised breccias zones, which we now know were actually intersected in earlier drilling and had grades in excess of 3g/t Au" said Mr Christie.

Mr Christie said that the exploration upside at Sihayo 1 North will be the primary focus for the company going forward and that the company plans to commence systematic drilling.

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