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NEW DISCOVERY OF THE DAKOTA ZONE AT CANTUNG

17.3 ft interval of 0.76% WO₃; 21.2 ft interval of 0.72% WO₃; 13.3 ft interval of 1.77% WO₃

Vancouver, BC -- North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. (TSX.V: NTC) ("NTC" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the results of the Fall 2012 surface diamond drill program and the discovery of what is now known as the "Dakota Zone" located a mere 700 metres from the main E Zone.

A surface diamond drill program was put into place to follow up on surface diamond drill hole S09-07 (drilled in 2009) and the results from underground drilling in 2012. As a result a total of 9,140 feet in 9 holes were drilled from one surface location.

Drilling and Modeling Program Complete

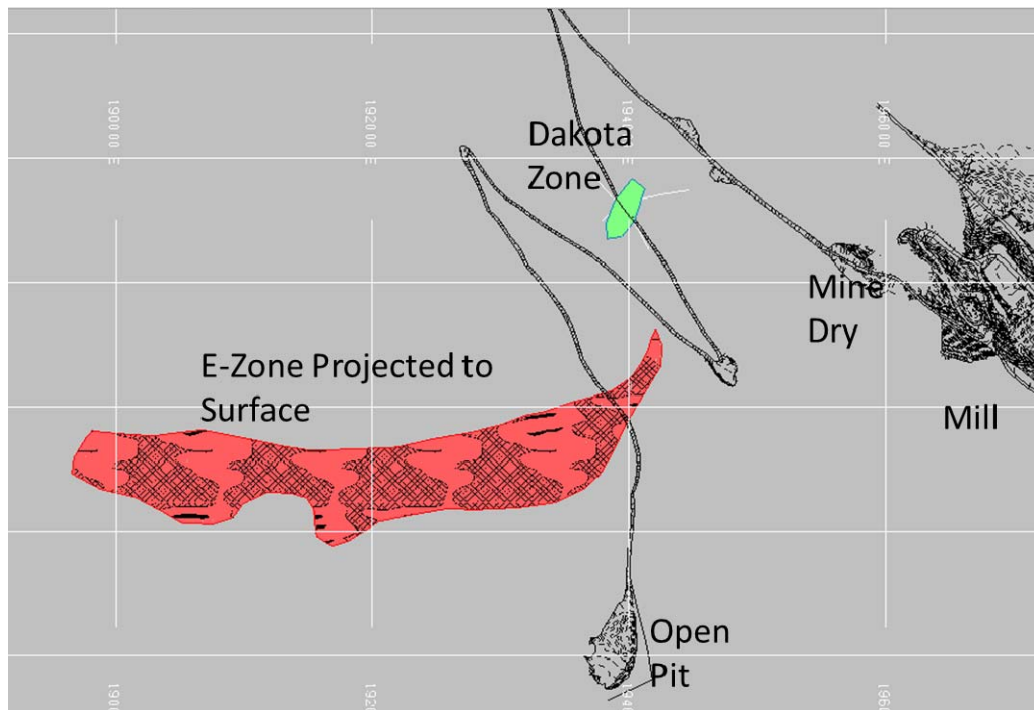
The surface program utilized a track mounted diamond drill fitted with NQ size core. Nine holes averaging over 1000 ft. each were drilled with spacing at depth varying from 100-180 feet. Core recovery was excellent and close to 100%. The core was logged by in-house geologists and samples were assayed both in-house and at ALS Laboratories, Vancouver. Visual estimates (using a black light) was also used as a final check.

Significant results from the 9 holes (using a 0.3% WO₃ cut off) include 17.3 ft. averaging 0.76%WO₃ and 0.31% copper (hole S12-31), 11.6 ft. averaging 0.30% WO₃ and 5.00% zinc (hole S12-32) and 13.3 ft. averaging 1.77% WO₃ (hole S12-39). Results from the drilling are summarized below.

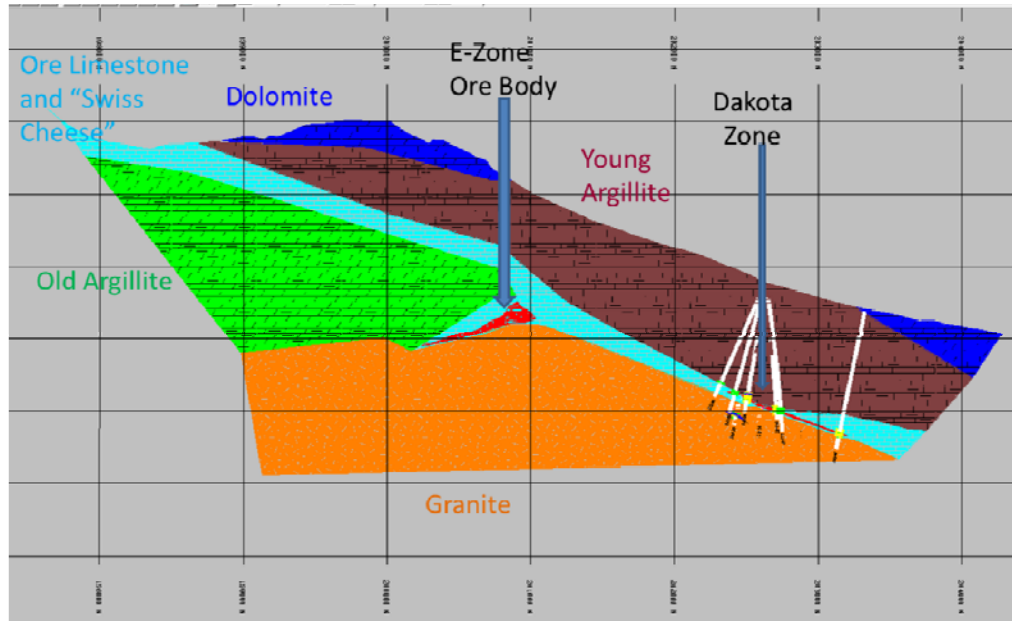
Drill Hole	From	To	Interval (ft)	Estimated True Thickness (ft)	%Wo3	%Cu	%Zn
S09-07**	872.00	879.00	7.0	6.0	0.42	-	-
S12-31	872.00	879.00	17.3	16.1	0.76	0.31	0.01
S12-32	863.35	880.70	16.5	11.6	0.30	0.13	5.00
S12-34	829.80	851.00	21.2	13.8	0.72	0.29	0.11
S12-39	806.30	814.40	8.1	5.3	0.57	0.09	0.01
S12-39	947.50	960.80	13.3	12.0	1.77	0.03	-
S12-33	no significant intersections						
S12-35	no significant intersections						
S12-36	no significant intersections						
S12-37	no significant intersections						
S12-38	no significant intersections						

** S09-07 was previously drilled in 2009 – no copper/zinc available
Using a 0.3% WO₃ cut off

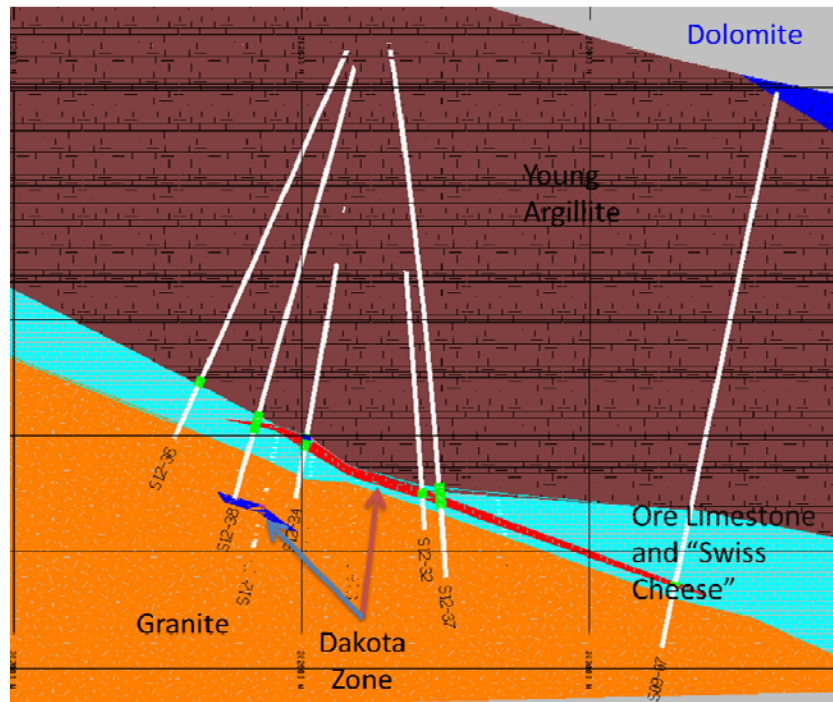
The new area termed the “Dakota Zone” is located on the north flank of the granitic intrusive that lies in close proximity to the “ore limestone” and “Swiss Cheese” horizons of the Cantung Mine.



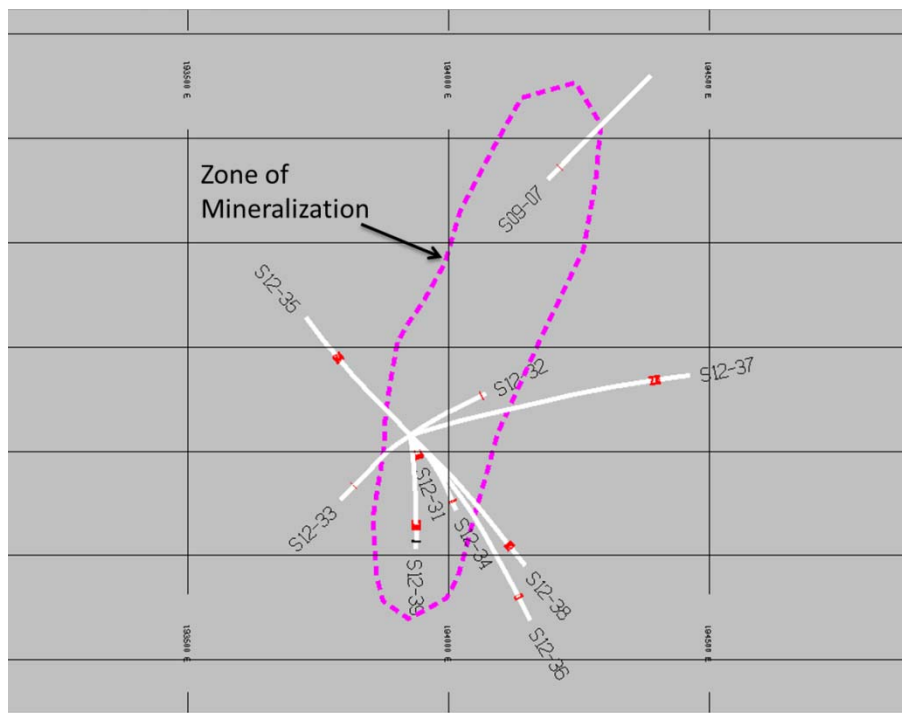
Plan View showing location of Dakota Zone projected to surface



Idealized cross-section looking approximately west showing proximity relative to E-Zone Main Ore Body



Idealized cross-section looking approximately west showing the two mineralized lenses intersected in the Dakota Zone



Plan View of Diamond Drilling

Results are encouraging. It was previously thought that the granite truncated the limestone in this area of the property. It is now evident that this is not case and that the limestone is following the granite contact. There is some structural complexity in the area (faulting and folding) which may account for some of the dissimilar assay results. The overall continuity of the zone however is very encouraging, as is its close proximity to mine infrastructure. Additionally, a second lower occurrence of mineralization was

intersected in a zone bounded by granite. While unusual for this mine site, it has similarities to mineralization encountered in the Amber Zone. The unusually high grade of the zinc in hole S12-32 is also encouraging for future exploration.

A summer diamond drill and geophysics program is planned to follow up on this discovery.

Mr. Stephen Leahy, CEO stated "This is an important discovery for the Cantung Mine as it indicates the presence of a potential new zone very near our existing workings. In addition, the possibility of accessing this new area from underground could make the Dakota Zone a significant component to our future mine plan."

Quality Assurance Sample analyses were completed at the laboratory located at the Cantung Mine site utilizing both XRF and colorimetric methods. Results for both methods were comparable. Check assays were done by ALS Chemex Labs in Vancouver. Comparisons were acceptable and reliable.

Qualified Person The technical information contained in this release has been reviewed and approved by Finley Bakker, P. Geo, Superintendent of Technical Services for the Cantung Mine for the Company, who is a qualified person pursuant to the terms of National Instrument 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Stephen M. Leahy"

Stephen M. Leahy,
Chairman & CEO

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