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Defense Metals Drills 221 metres of 2.14% Total Rare Earth Oxide; Including 111 metres of 3.52% at Wicheeda

News Release - Vancouver, British Columbia – November 15, 2022: Defense Metals Corp. ("**Defense Metals**" or the "**Company**"; TSX-V:DEFN / OTCQB:DFMTF / FSE:35D) is pleased to announce additional partial Rare Earth Element ("**REE**") assay results from one additional core hole, totalling 353 metres (m), collared within the northern area of Defense Metals' 100% owned Wicheeda REE Deposit.

Infill drill hole **WI22-69 (-50º dip / 230º azimuth)** was drilled southwest within the northern area of the deposit intersected a broad zone of mineralized dolomite carbonatite averaging **2.14% total rare earth oxide ("TREO") over 221 metres (m)[1]; including a higher-grade interval averaging 3.52% TREO over 111 m (Figure 1).**

With over **5,500 m of drilling in 18 holes** now complete as part of the 2022 Wicheeda resource delineation and pit geotechnical program, the Company has released assays for a total of 2,493 m in 7 holes. **Assays for the remaining 11 holes totalling 3,017 m are expected in the coming weeks and months.**

Luisa Moreno, President, and Director of Defense Metals stated: *"With these additional assay results our 2022 drilling continues to yield significant intervals of the high-grade REE dolomite carbonatite (DC) lithology. Recent flotation variability testwork has shown this type of mineralization consistently delivers high-grade mineral concentrates greater than 40% TREO, at recoveries in excess of 80% (see Defense Metals news release dated October 17, 2022). All the drill holes released to date have included significant REE mineralized DC intervals. As such Defense Metals is confident the 2022 drilling results will contribute positively to the planned Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS)."*

Table 1. Wicheeda REE Deposit 2022 Diamond Drill Intercepts

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	TREO[2] (%)	Ce_2O_3 (%)	La_2O_3 (%)	Nd_2O_3 (%)	Pr_2O_3 (%)	Sm_2O_3 (ppm)	Gd_2O_3 (ppm)	Eu_2O_3 (ppm)	Dy_2O_3 (ppm)	Tb_4O_7 (ppm)	Ho_2O_3 (ppm)
WI22-69 (230/-50)	93	314	221	2.14	1.02	0.74	0.24	0.09	260	126	56	36	11	4
including	93	204	111	3.52	1.68	1.25	0.37	0.14	390	181	81	45	16	5
WI22-62 (204/-50)	93	260	167	1.39	0.68	0.43	0.18	0.06	222	101	43	29	9	4
including	**121**	**169**	**48**	**2.29**	1.13	0.72	0.29	0.10	316	123	54	22	9	2
WI22-63 (204/-60)	**148**	**187**	**39**	**2.29**	1.12	0.79	0.25	0.09	246	120	47	26	9	3
including	**175**	**184**	**9**	**5.08**	2.45	1.84	0.52	0.19	472	215	91	49	17	5

[1]The true width of REE mineralization is estimated to be 70-100% of the drilled interval.
[2]TREO % sum of CeO_2, La_2O_3, Nd_2O_3, Pr_6O_{11}, Sm_2O_3, Eu_2O_3, Gd_2O_3, Tb_4O_7, Dy_2O_3 and Ho_2O_3.

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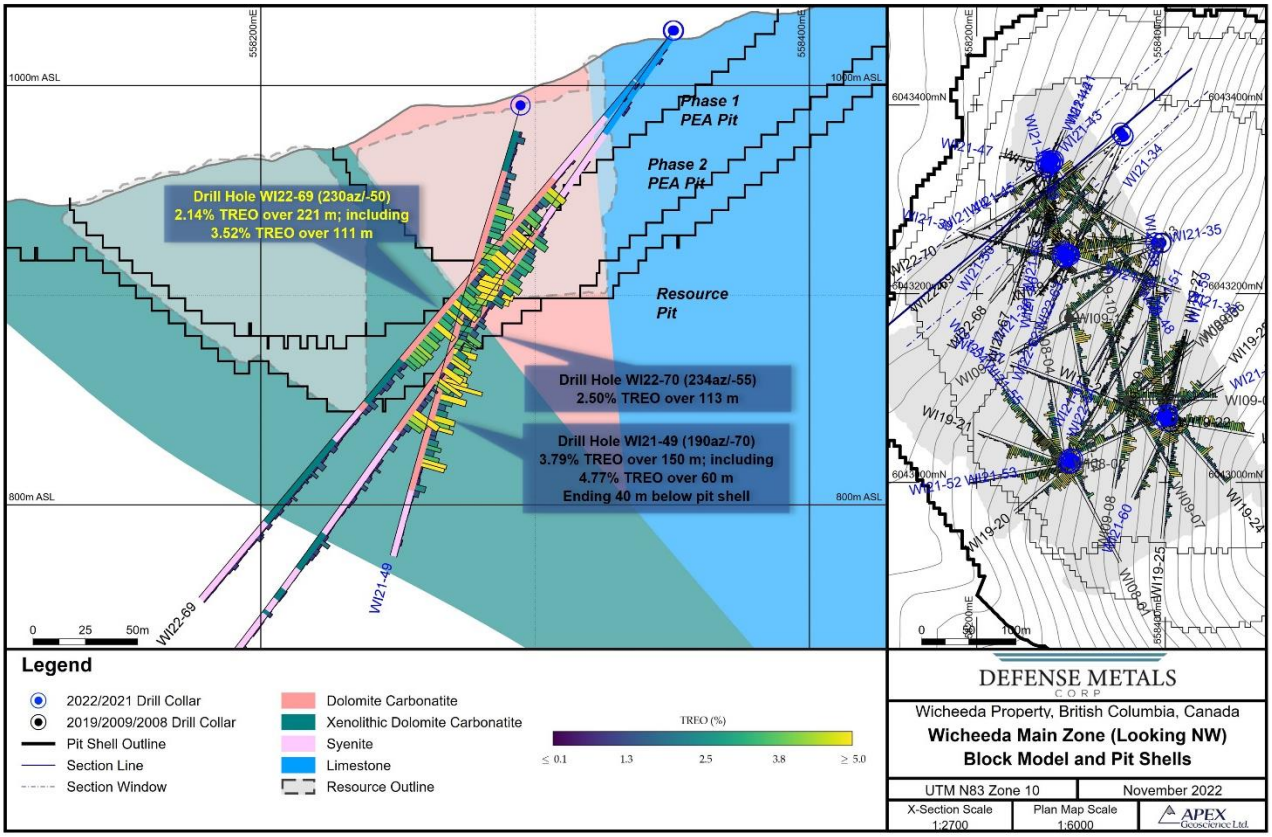
WI22-64 (204/-65)	**77**	**269.3**	**192.3**	**1.78**	0.86	0.58	0.22	0.08	230	116	51	34	10	4
including	**77**	**150**	**73**	**3.13**	1.51	1.06	0.37	0.13	353	156	71	30	12	3
WI22-67 (197/-60)	**30.7**	**137**	**106.3**	**2.53**	1.22	0.87	0.28	0.10	307	149	66	36	13	4
including	**41**	**100**	**59**	**3.42**	1.65	1.19	0.37	0.14	381	184	80	40	16	4
WI22-68 (220/-55)	**109.4**	**233**	**123.6**	**3.58**	1.69	1.29	0.38	0.14	376	160	71	35	12	3
including	**212**	**230**	**18**	**6.70**	3.11	2.50	0.71	0.27	619	260	111	47	18	5
WI22-70 (234/-55)	**117**	**230**	**113**	**2.50**	1.20	0.84	0.29	0.10	352	180	74	58	17	7

Figure 1. Drill Section Hole WI22-70



About the Wicheeda REE Property

The 100% owned 4,244-hectare Wicheeda REE Property, located approximately 80 km northeast of the city of Prince George, British Columbia, is readily accessible by all-weather gravel roads

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and is near infrastructure, including power transmission lines, the CN railway, and major highways.

The Wicheeda REE Project yielded a robust 2021 preliminary economic assessment technical report (PEA) that demonstrated an after-tax net present value (NPV@8%) of $517 million, and 18% IRR[3]. A unique advantage of the Wicheeda REE Project is the production of a saleable high-grade flotation-concentrate. The PEA contemplates a 1.8 Mtpa (million tonnes per year) mill throughput open pit mining operation with 1.75:1 (waste:mill feed) strip ratio over a 19 year mine (project) life producing and average of 25,423 tonnes REO annually. A Phase 1 initial pit strip ratio of 0.63:1 (waste:mill feed) would yield rapid access to higher grade surface mineralization in year 1 and payback of $440 million initial capital within 5 years.

Methodology and QA/QC

The analytical work reported on herein was performed by ALS Canada Ltd. (ALS) at Langley (sample preparation) and Vancouver (ICP-MS fusion), B.C. ALS is an ISO-IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 9001:2015 accredited geoanalytical laboratory and is independent of the Defense Metals and the QP. Drill core samples were subject to crushing at a minimum of 70% passing 2 mm, followed by pulverizing of a 250-gram split to 85% passing 75 microns. A 0.1-gram sample pulp was then subject to multi-element ICP-MS analysis via lithium-borate fusion to determine individual REE content (ME-MS81h). Defense Metals follows industry standard procedures for the work carried out on the Wicheeda Project, with a quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program. Blank, duplicate, and standard samples were inserted into the sample sequence sent to the laboratory for analysis. Defense Metals detected no significant QA/QC issues during review of the data.

Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release as it relates to the Wicheeda REE Project has been reviewed and approved by Kristopher J. Raffle, P.Geo. (BC) Principal and Consultant of APEX Geoscience Ltd. of Edmonton, AB, a director of Defense Metals and a "Qualified Person" as defined in NI 43-101. Mr. Raffle verified the data disclosed which includes a review of the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information and opinions contained therein.

About Defense Metals Corp.

Defense Metals Corp. is a mineral exploration and development company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral deposits containing metals and elements commonly used in the electric power markets, defense industry, national security sector and in the production of green energy technologies, such as, rare earths magnets used in wind turbines and

[3] Independent Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project, British Columbia, Canada, dated January 6, 2022, with an effective date of November 7, 2021, and prepared by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. is filed under Defense Metals Corp.'s Issuer Profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

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