

## Eastmain Resources Inc. - Drilling Clearwater High Grade Gold

TORONTO Feb. 18, 2000-Eastmain Resources Inc. (TSE: [ER](#) - [news](#)) and Joint Venture partner SOQUEM announced that a 3,100-metre diamond drill program, funded equally by both partners, has commenced at the Clearwater Project. The program is designed to test the lateral and depth extension of gold-rich veins discovered during the fall stripping program and to expand the known gold resource on the Eau Claire Zone.

Surface stripping completed in October 1999 identified several new high-grade, gold-bearing veins that show excellent continuity over lengths of 80 to more than 130 metres. Channel samples taken every 5-10 metres along the "P Vein" averaged 12.34 grams gold per tonne along a length of 135 metres (8.24 g/t Au cut at 34.28 g/t Au). All samples were diluted to a minimum two metre mining thickness.

The drill program will also test ore-grade, tourmaline-rich rock discovered in previous drilling and stripping on the property. The new tourmaline zone exposed at 450 West-100 North, near the end of the P and J Veins, assayed 16.2 grams gold per tonne across 17.6 metres (5.67 g/t Au cut at 34.28 g/t Au). This zone includes a 3.9-metre-wide interval grading 67.1 grams gold per tonne (1.96 ounces per ton) and remains open to the east.

These newly discovered veins and tourmaline-rich rock are likely to add significant tonnage to the known resource of 544,000 tonnes grading 11.1 grams gold per tonne (8.7 g/t Au cut grade), currently estimated from only the G, I and J Veins.

In addition to this drill campaign, a second phase surface stripping program has also been approved by the joint venture partners and is scheduled to commence in May. Five other highly prospective sectors will be evaluated by surface stripping and drilling. With each program, the partners advance towards the development of a gold mine at Clearwater.

Drill core from the Clearwater gold deposit will be on display at the Prospectors and Developers Convention core shack, Tuesday, March 7th and Wednesday, March 8th, 2000. Soquem inc. is a division of SGF Mineral inc., which is a subsidiary of the Societe Generale de Financement (SGF). The mission of the SGF is to carry out economic development project in cooperation with partners and in accordance with accepted requirements of profitability.

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