



New Release

Candorado Drilling Intersects Gold-Copper Mineralization at Deer Lake Property & Announces Best Efforts Non-Brokered Private Placement for up to 4,000,000 Units

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Candorado Operating Company Ltd. (the "Company") (TSX VENTURE: CDO FRANKFURT/BERLIN: HQU) is pleased to announce the results of its 2008 exploration program on the Deer Lake property situated in south-central BC.

Drilling

As previously reported (Nov 27, 2007) gold and copper was discovered in sulphide and magnetite bearing skarn zones in trenches and most of the holes drilled in 2007. The 2008 drilling program targeted the Road Showing and the Lightning Zone located 500 metres to the west. Drilling to date has focused on a small portion of the property and has partially tested only three of seven magnetic anomalies considered prospective for skarn mineralization.

Gold and copper mineralization is hosted in skarn altered volcanic, sedimentary and intrusive rocks of the Triassic age Nicola Group. Sulphide mineralization consists of disseminated to semi-massive pyrite and chalcopyrite while magnetite often occurs as semi-massive to massive zones up to several metres wide. Skarn zones appear as steep dipping, east-southeast striking zones formed within chemically reactive rocks near intrusive rocks and/or along fault structures. Trenching and drilling indicates these zones can range up to several tens of metres across.

Significant Drill Intersections

Zone	Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)*	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)
Road Showing	DL08-01	11.00	28.04	17.04	0.517	1118	49
Road Showing	DL08-02	7.88	104.09	96.21	0.328	1018	69
	<i>includes</i>	<i>37.56</i>	<i>39.92</i>	<i>2.36</i>	<i>0.945</i>	<i>1375</i>	<i>90</i>
	<i>includes</i>	<i>75.00</i>	<i>82.20</i>	<i>7.20</i>	<i>1.643</i>	<i>1732</i>	<i>86</i>
Road Showing	DL08-03	No Significant Intervals					
Road Showing	DL08-04	200.42	207.27	6.85	0.133	3490	----

Significant Drill Intersections

Zone	Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)*	Au (g/t)	Cu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)
Lightning	DL08-05	50.35	112.49	62.14	0.364	554	55
	<i>includes</i>	<i>76.05</i>	<i>86.50</i>	<i>10.45</i>	<i>0.603</i>	<i>465</i>	<i>66</i>
	<i>includes</i>	<i>92.10</i>	<i>104.00</i>	<i>11.90</i>	<i>0.527</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>22</i>
	DL08-05	124.25	130.82	6.57	0.329	1004	7
Lightning	DL08-06	7.31	21.73	14.42	0.990	441	2
Road Showing	DL08-07 to 09	Sporadic Au-Cu± Mo intervals <3 metres					

* Intersection represents core length and does not reflect true width

Trench Results

Road Showing	Trench TP-3	5.90 metres	0.95	0.19	----
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Drill holes DL08-01 to 03 targeted the Road Showing. The first two holes were drilled beneath trench/test pit TP-3 that exposed gold-copper bearing skarn mineralization in volcanics and intrusive rocks. Hole DL08-01, drilled directly beneath this trench, was prematurely terminated due to technical difficulties. This short hole yielded a 17-metre mineralized interval ending with 1.59 metres of 0.51 g/t Au. Hole DL08-02 drilled at the same site and at a steeper angle intersected skarn-hornfels altered Nicola volcanic-sediments and intrusives over 125 metres. It yielded a 96.21 metre interval grading 0.33 g/t Au and 0.10 % Cu along with higher-grade subsections. Located to the east, drill holes DL08-04 and 08-07 also intersected wide intersections of skarn alteration with sporadic gold, copper and molybdenum mineralization. The anomalous amounts of molybdenum in these drill holes are similar to that seen at the Lightning zone.

At the Lightning zone, holes DL08-05 and 06 were drilled in the area where work in 2007 outlined zones of skarn related sulphide-magnetite mineralization in three trenches and in drill holes DL07-01, 02, 10. Work in this area targeted the source of copper-gold bearing skarn boulders occurring along a logging road. Although in situ mineralization was found in trenches and drill holes it is still thought that source(s) of some of high-grade float boulders are as yet undiscovered.

Hole DL08-05 was drilled northerly to test the area between holes DL07-01 and 10 both of which yielded significant skarn related gold-copper mineralization (see 2007 news release). Starting at a down hole depth of 50 metres, DL08-05 yielded the second longest core length gold-copper-molybdenum intercept of the 2008 program. This drill hole not only confirmed the 2007 mineralization but indicates that it is open to depth and along strike.

Hole DL08-06 was drilled northerly of last year's DL07-02. Its objective was to test for the source of the gold-copper mineralized float boulders. This hole intersected near surface mineralization (starting at 7.3 m) resulting in a 14.4 metre interval of 0.99 g/t Au. The mineralization although unlike the Lightning zone or float boulders is significant because it is a new, near surface discovery.

Trenching

In the southwest part of the property an access road was constructed into the EC60 showing, a historic mineral occurrence that has been intermittently explored since the 1960s. Zinc-lead vein/manto style mineralization containing sporadic gold-silver is associated with a series of north-northwest structural zones cutting Nicola sediments. The EC 60 area is notable in that it has yielded up to 11.3 g/t Au and 110 g/t Ag along with 5-10% combined zinc and lead. Past work by Teck Exploration (1991) identified distinct magnetic and electromagnetic anomalies that likely reflect these structures. Historic stream sampling west and east of EC60 identified some of the highest gold values ever encountered on the Deer Lake property. Heavy mineral stream samples several hundred metres east of EC60 yielded angular native gold the source of which has yet to be discovered. This mineralized area has never been drilled.

The Deer Lake property contains numerous new and historic bedrock and float occurrences of precious and base metal bearing skarn, vein and intrusion hosted mineralization. These are situated in a geologically favourable and easily accessible region of the province. Candorado's focus will be to investigate the highest priority occurrences and define the best targets for future drilling.

Surface and core samples were submitted to Assayers Canada in Vancouver for gold and multi-element analysis. Quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) include the insertion of analytical standards and blanks in addition to the laboratory's internal QA program. The Deer Lake property exploration program was conducted under the supervision of W. Gruenwald, P. Geo as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 who supervised the preparation of the technical information in this release.

Non-Brokered Private Placement

The Company has arranged a non-brokered private placement for up to 4,000,000 units ("Units") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit for total proceeds of up to \$200,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share plus one warrant entitling the investor to purchase one common share for a period of 12 months at a price of \$0.10 per share.

The proceeds of this private placement will be used to fund the Company's ongoing exploration commitments on its British Columbia properties and working capital.

About Candorado

Candorado is a B.C. based mineral exploration Company with extensive mineral tenures in Central, Northern and Southern British Columbia. The Company is in the midst of several exploration projects involving geochemical and geophysical programs as well as drill testing high priority targets and will report on results as soon as they are available.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CANDORADO OPERATING COMPANY LTD.

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