



MIDLAND BEGINS DRILLING PROGRAM ON THE WILLBOB GOLD PROJECT IN THE LABRADOR TROUGH

Montreal, July 8, 2026. **Midland Exploration Inc. ("Midland") (TSX-V: MD)** is pleased to announce the start of its drilling and prospecting campaign on the Willbob project, wholly owned by Midland. The Willbob project covers several tens of kilometres of stratigraphy and structures that are highly favourable for gold.

Highlights

- *Commencement of a 24-hole drilling program on the Willbob project and the Kan sector, totaling 3,500 m;*
- *Acquisition of the Kan gold project announced by Midland in 2025, with numerous known gold occurrences on the project (see press release dated April 22, 2025).*
- *Channel on Didgeridoo Zone grading 2.30 g/t Au over 8.95 m, including 3.56 g/t Au over 3.15 m (open to the NW) (see press release dated July 3, 2025).*

2026 Fieldwork

A 3,500-metre drilling campaign will be completed on the Ants, Ferricrete, Pump Pad Ridge, Canyon, and Didgeridoo areas of the Willbob project in July and August. The Canyon and Didgeridoo areas have never been drill-tested. The Ants area was previously tested by Midland with 9 drill holes, whereas the Ferricrete and Pump Pad Ridge showings (Kan area) were previously drill-tested by several companies, namely Kennecott Canada Inc, Virginia Mines Inc., and Barrick Gold, between 1990 and 2023.

In addition, a field campaign including prospecting and drill site preparation was conducted from June 6 to 17 on the Ants, Ferricrete, Pump Pad Ridge, Canyon, and Didgeridoo area. A total of 74 samples were collected during this campaign.

Ants Zone

Discovered on outcrop in 2018, the Ants mineralized zone is characterized by the presence of sulphides, mainly consisting of 1-15% pyrrhotite with traces (up to 1%) chalcopyrite. These sulphides are disseminated or clustered in a quartz diorite host rock that is strongly altered to iron carbonates and albite and locally injected with quartz-carbonate veinlets. Note that visible gold was observed in many locations.

Channel sampling results from 2018 yielded the following intervals (*see press release dated November 15, 2018*): 1.78 g/t Au over 23.3 metres, including 3.19 g/t Au over 10.0 metres (channel ANTS-18-03); 3.33 g/t Au over 5.0 metres (channel ANTS-18-02); 2.22 g/t Au over 4.5 metres (channel ANTS-18-04).

During the September 2019 drilling campaign on the Ants showing (*see press release dated October 23, 2019*), nine (9) drill holes totalling 910.5 metres were drilled (WB-19-25 to WB-19-33). Best results are as follows: **1.81 g/t Au over 12.06 metres, including 2.99 g/t Au over 4.56 metres (WB-19-33), and 2.09 g/t Au over 6.01 metres, including 4.05 g/t Au over 2.50 metres (WB-19-26).**

Didgeridoo Zone

The Didgeridoo Zone is located in the south part of the Willbob-Kan project, approximately 15 km southeast of the main gold showings found in the Kan area now held 100% by Midland (*see press release dated April 22, 2025*). The Didgeridoo Zone consists of a 5 to 10-metre-wide shear zone trending NW-SE that hosts abundant fault-filling quartz-calcite veins, occurring in gabbros and quartz diorites. Up to six (6) occurrences of visible gold were observed within this zone, which has been exposed by stripping over a strike length of approximately 100 metres and remains open at both ends.

Channel sampling conducted on the Didgeridoo Zone in 2018 returned several gold results, among which an interval grading **2.30 g/t Au over 8.95 metres** including **3.56 g/t Au over 3.15 metres** (*see press release dated September 18, 2018*). This channel sample is located at the northwestern edge of trench DJ-05.

Best results – 2018 channel sampling – Didgeridoo Zone

Channel DJ-05: **2.30 g/t Au over 8.95 m incl. 3.56 g/t Au over 3.15 m** (*open to the NW*)

Channel DJ-02: **4.71 g/t Au over 2.90 m incl. 9.30 g/t Au over 1.30 m**

Channel DJ-01: **1.67 g/t Au over 8.80 m**

Pump Pad Ridge and Ferricrete Zones (Kan area)

The geology of the Kan area is located within the Trans-Hudson Orogen, more specifically in sedimentary sequences of the same age (1.9 Ga). Gold mineralization occurs in a silicate-carbonate-facies iron formation.

Table 1: General Channel Information

Sector	Survey	Azimuth	Dip	Start	End(m)	Length(m)	UTM - East	UTM - North
Didgeridoo	DJ-17-01	215	-22	0	8	8	494125.64	6355939.66
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-01A	45	25	0	2.6	2.6	494126.03	6355940.03
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-01ext	225	-27	0	5.3	5.3	494120.54	6355934.53
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-02	225	-40	0	20.6	20.6	494119.55	6355965.57
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-03	210	-26	0	13.6	13.6	494120.26	6355953.5
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-04	240	-19	0	11	11	494102.17	6355975.34
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-05	230	-15	0	14.9	14.9	494095.23	6355989.34
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-06	215	-27	0	13.3	13.3	494134.69	6355936.22
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-07	210	-26	0	14.8	14.8	494142.06	6355927.9
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-08	225	-21	0	4.95	4.95	494128.49	6355907.67
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-09	210	-30	0	13.5	13.5	494146	6355909.07
Didgeridoo	DJ-18-10	220	-23	0	9.4	9.4	494134.49	6355914.97
Ants	ANTS-18-01	30	-8	0	15.9	15.9	472380.73	6396154.36
Ants	ANTS-18-02	40	0	0	8.7	8.7	472396.49	6396146.53
Ants	ANTS-18-03	40	-8	0	27.6	27.6	472421.42	6396128.08
Ants	ANTS-18-04A	40	0	0	3	3	472534.3	6396140.38
Ants	ANTS-18-04B	40	0	3	7	4	472534.36	6396144.7
Ants	ANTS-19-05	52	-5	0	7.3	7.3	472372.62	6396167.06
Ants	ANTS-19-06	46	-5	0	11	11	472434.8	6396122.24

Table 2: General Drilling Information

Sector	Survey	Azimuth	Dip	Start	End	Length	UTM - East	UTM - North
Ants	WB-19-025	206	-50	0	75	75	472442	6396160
Ants	WB-19-026	206	-50	0	102	102	472491	6396252
Ants	WB-19-027	206	-50	0	121.5	121.45	472571	6396212
Ants	WB-19-028	206	-50	0	75	75	472665	6396184
Ants	WB-19-029	206	-50	0	132	132	472648	6396303
Ants	WB-19-030	206	-50	0	84	84	472769	6396147
Ants	WB-19-031	206	-55	0	120	120	472714	6396261
Ants	WB-19-032	206	-65	0	126	126	472502	6396346
Ants	WB-19-033	206	-55	0	75	75	472399	6396241

Table 3: Best Channels Results (Ants and Didgeridoo)

Sector	Type	Survey	From(m)	To(m)	Core length(m)	Au COMPIL (g/t)
Didgeridoo	Channel	DJ-17-01	0	9.8	9.8	1.5 over 9.8m
Didgeridoo	Channel	DJ-17-02	6.75	9.7	2.95	4.65 over 2.95m
	Including	DJ-17-02	6.75	9.7	2.95	9.40 over 1.30m
Didgeridoo	Channel	DJ-18-05	1.8	10.95	8.95	2.30 over 8.95m
	Including	DJ-18-05	2.65	5.8	3.15	3.56 over 3.15m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-18-01	3	5.8	2.8	1.48 over 2.8m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-18-02	0.8	5.8	5	3.33 over 5.0m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-18-03	0	23.3	23.3	1.78 over 23.3m
	Including	ANTS-18-03	0	10	10	3.19 over 10m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-18-03	17.7	22.6	4.9	1.80 over 4.9m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-18-04	0.6	5.1	4.5	2.22 over 4.5m
Ants	Channel	ANTS-19-06	4.8	8.8	4	1.64 over 4m

Table 4: Best Drilling Results (Ants)

Sector	type	Survey	From	To	Core length	Au COMPIL (g/t)
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-025	7.8	11	3.2	1.04 over 3.2m
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-025	35.9	38.3	2.4	1.64 over 2.4m
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-026	46.39	52.4	6	2.09 over 6.0m
	Including	WB-19-026	46.9	50.2	2.5	4.05 over 2.50m
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-027	28.7	31.5	2.8	0.281 over 2.8m
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-032	110.38	114.4	3.97	0.20 over 3.97m
Ants	Drilling	WB-19-033	32.14	44.2	12.06	1.80 over 12.06m
	Including	WB-19-033	32.14	36.7	4.56	2.99 over 4.56m

Quality control

During the last prospecting program, assay samples (grabs) were taken and sent to a certified commercial laboratory (Actlab). A strict QA/QC program was applied to all samples which includes insertion of mineralized standards and blank samples for each batch of 20 samples. Gold analyses were completed by fire assay with atomic absorption finish on 50 grams of materials. The samples were also analyzed using a multi-element (60) geochemical group by 4-acid digestion followed by ICP-OES (Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectroscopy) finish.

Cautionary statements

Grab samples are selective by nature and reported values may not be representative of mineralized zones. Mineralization occurring at deposits mentioned in this press release is not necessarily indicative of mineralization that may be found on projects held by Midland mentioned in this press release.

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Qualified Person and Exploration Director Richard D. St-Cyr, P.Geo., has prepared, reviewed and approved this press release and has verified the project data as Midland's Qualified Person (QP) within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101.

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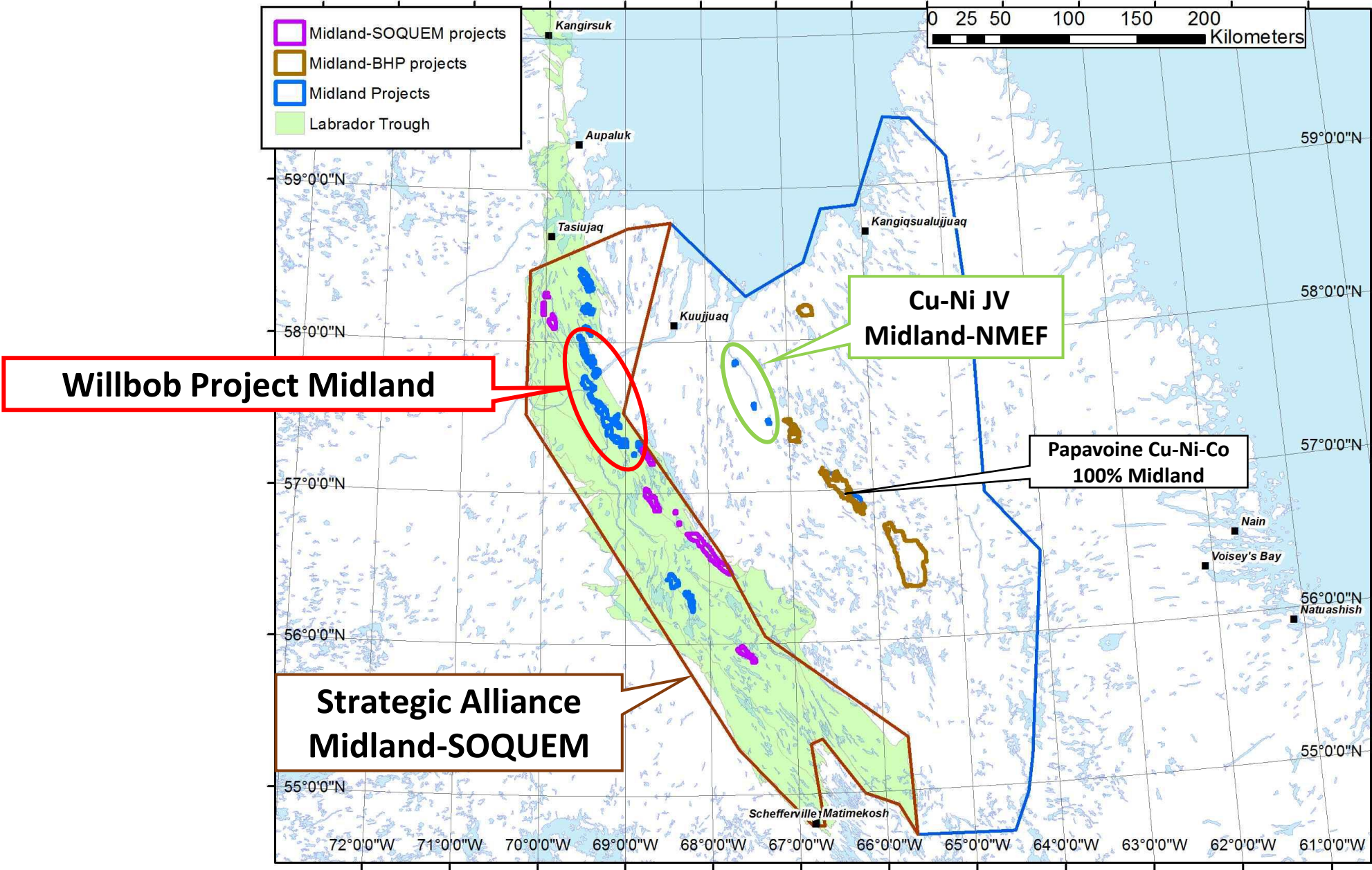
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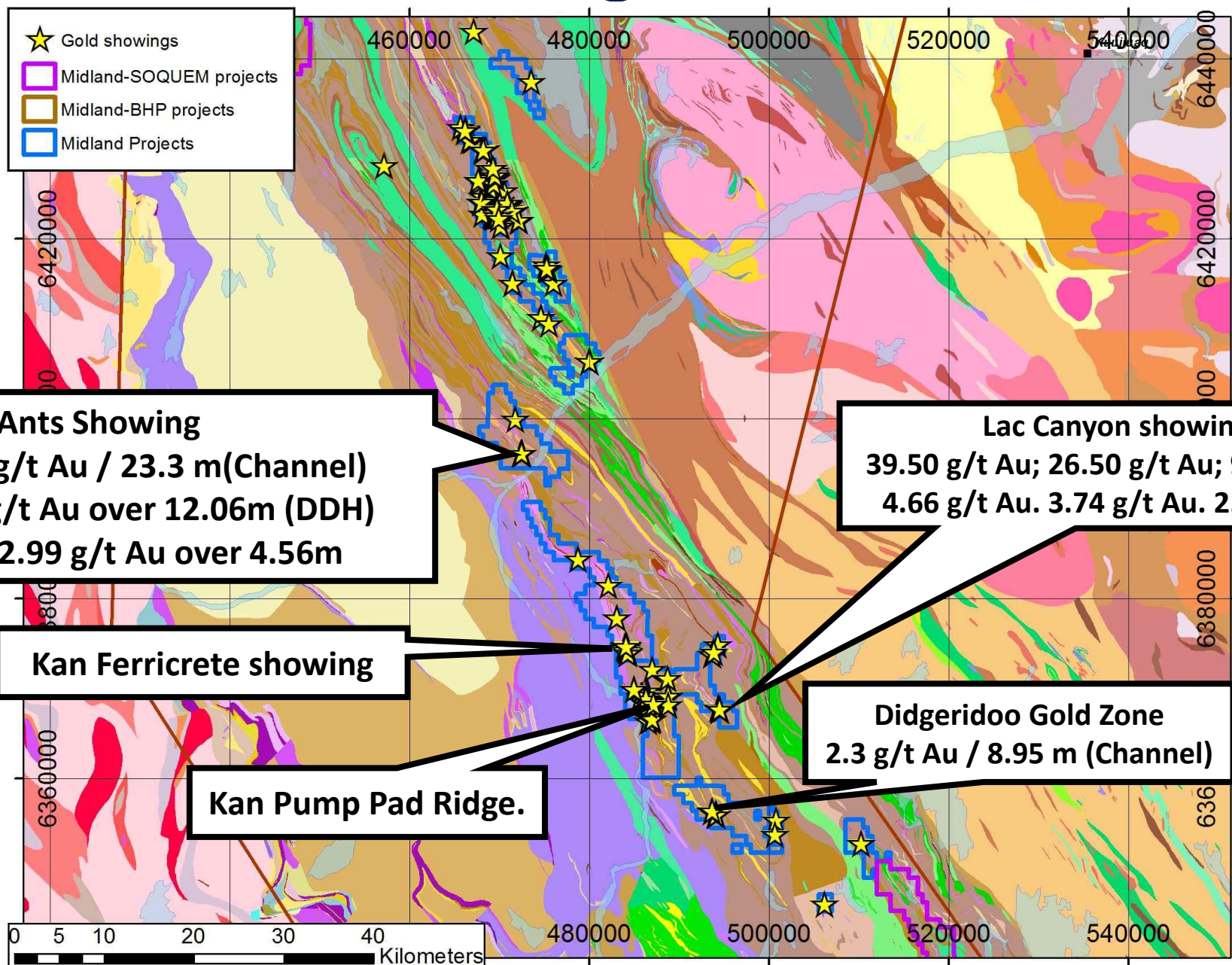
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Willbob Project Regional Location



Willbob Gold Showings



References:

For Cayon Lake: see press release of August 1st, 2024

For Ants: : see press release of November 15, 2018 and October 23, 2019

For Didgeridoo: : see press release of September 18, 2018

South-Central Block-Didgeridoo Gold Zone



- Lots of folding, with later faults that cut late D3' folds- Same as Shining fault
- **Robelin Fault –fault that** separates shelf sediments (west) from deep-water basin (shales, turbidites, gabbros) and 1st Cycle 2.1 Ga basalts –
- Probable major fault that controls gold mineralization at Kan
- **Didgeridoo showing: Shear zone with fault-filling quartz-calcite veins** in chloritized gabbro, with pyrrhotite (Low amounts of Po (<2.5% Po) mineralisation in veins and gabbro. At least 100m long, 5-10m large; open south.

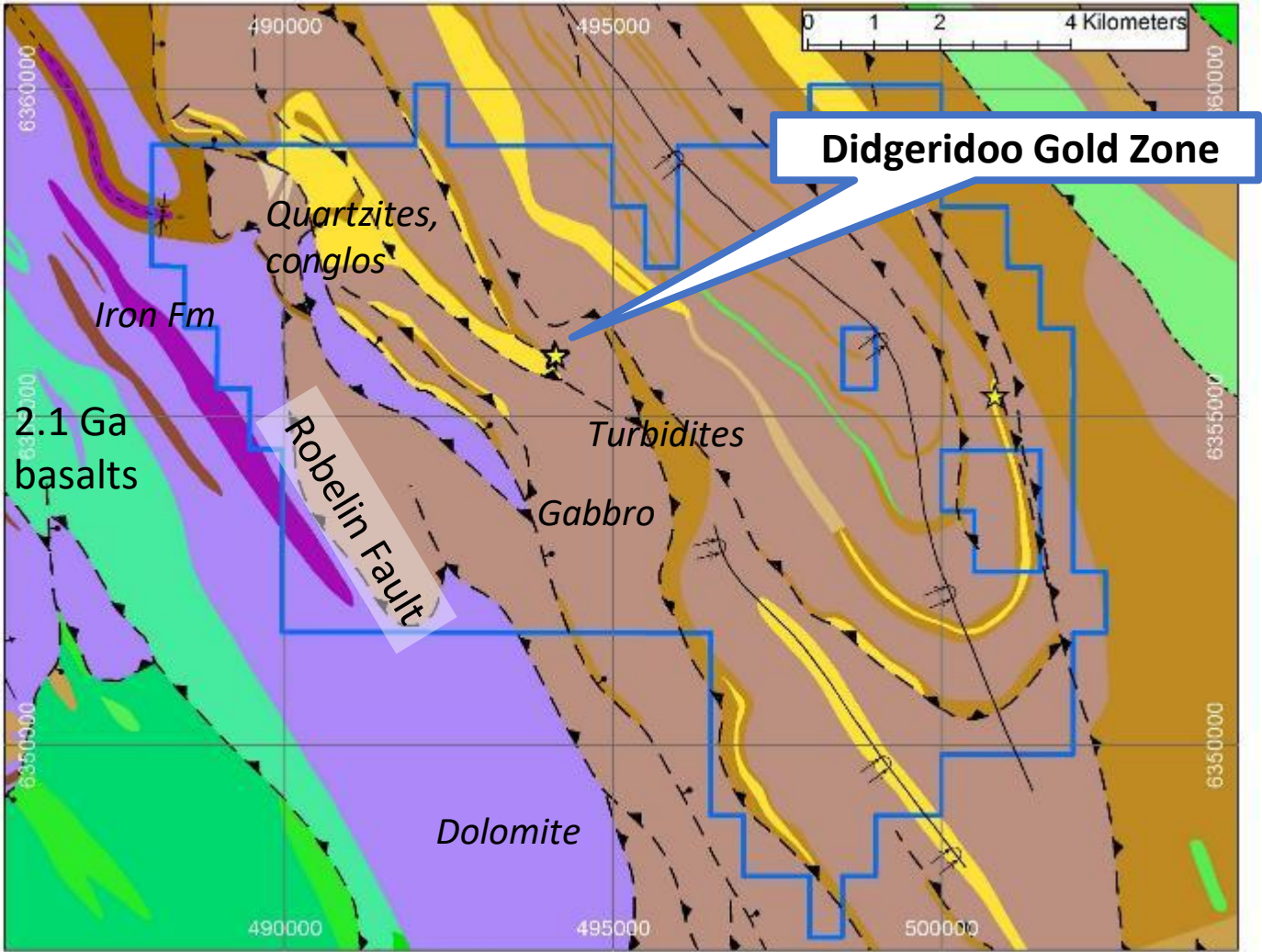


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