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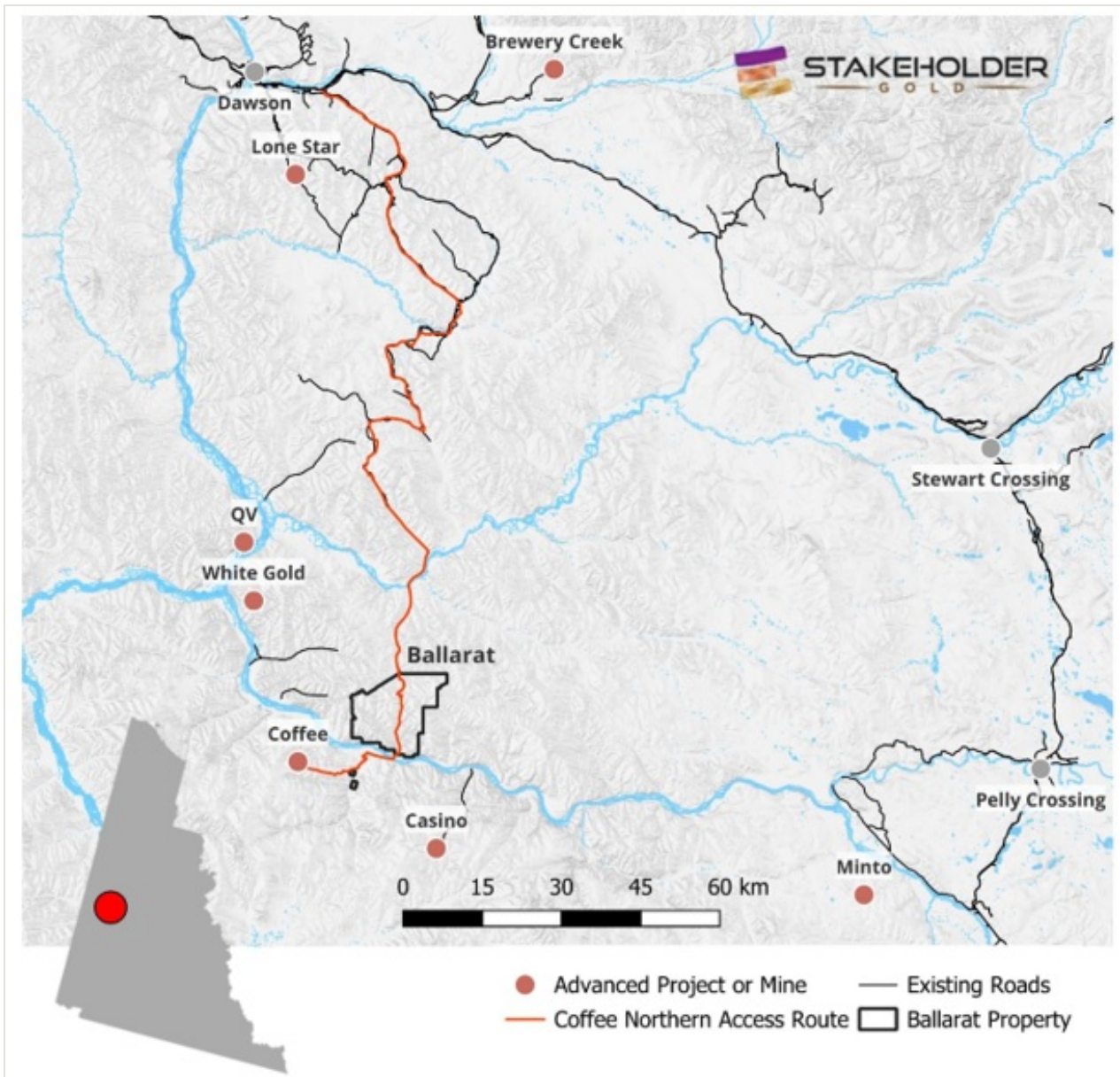
Stakeholder Discusses Ballarat Phase 1 Exploration Program

Stakeholder Gold Corp. (TSXV: SRC) (OTCQB: SKHRF) (WKN: A2QEP1) ("Stakeholder" or the "Company") is pleased to announce details of the upcoming 2,000 m exploration drilling program at the Company's 100% owned Ballarat Gold-Copper Project ("Ballarat" or "The Project"). Drilling is expected to begin on or around May 1st, 2026.

Ballarat is located in the geographical center of the White Gold District of the Yukon Territory, Canada. The Project is situated due north of Fuerte Metals Corp.'s (TSXV: FMT) Coffee Gold Project, northwest of Western Copper Gold Corp.'s (TSX: WRN) Casino Project and west, south and southeast of White Gold Corp.'s (TSXV: WGO) extensive regional exploration initiatives.

The Ballarat Project straddles 20 km of the planned Northern Access Route (Coffee Northern Access Route) where it heads north from the Yukon River. The Project is located within an underexplored portion of the White Gold District and is currently host to four developed gold and copper exploration prospects which have been selected for testing via a series of shallow diamond drillholes targeting near surface oxide mineralization.

Figure 1. Ballarat Project, Northern Access Route and the Yukon River



Skye Gold Zone

The Skye Gold Zone is a structurally hosted gold target(s) located in the north-center section of the Ballarat Project claims (Figure 2) and consists of two subparallel, 1.9 km (north limb) and 1.3 km (south limb) gold in soil trends hosted within felsic gneissic rocks. These trends evidence minor tellurium, silver, molybdenum, lead, and zinc indicator mineral anomalies which are associated with ENE oriented structures.

2026 drilling will test both the north and south limbs of this prospect. The Skye Gold Zone north limb and south limb are considered greenfield targets and have not been drill tested in the past.

Loki Copper Zone

The Loki Copper Zone consists of a 2.3 km x 600 m anomalous copper in soils signature associated with a WNW trending Jurassic aged intrusive unit, assigned to the Minto Suite of rocks. This structural setting, and the Minto Suite affiliation, indicates potential for mineralization similar to Selkirk Copper's

Minto Mine, located some 92 km to the southeast.

2026 drilling will target the high-grade core of the copper in soil anomaly which contains multiple samples in the 99.9th percentile range for copper soils in the region. The Loki Copper Zone is considered a greenfield target and has not been drill tested in the past.

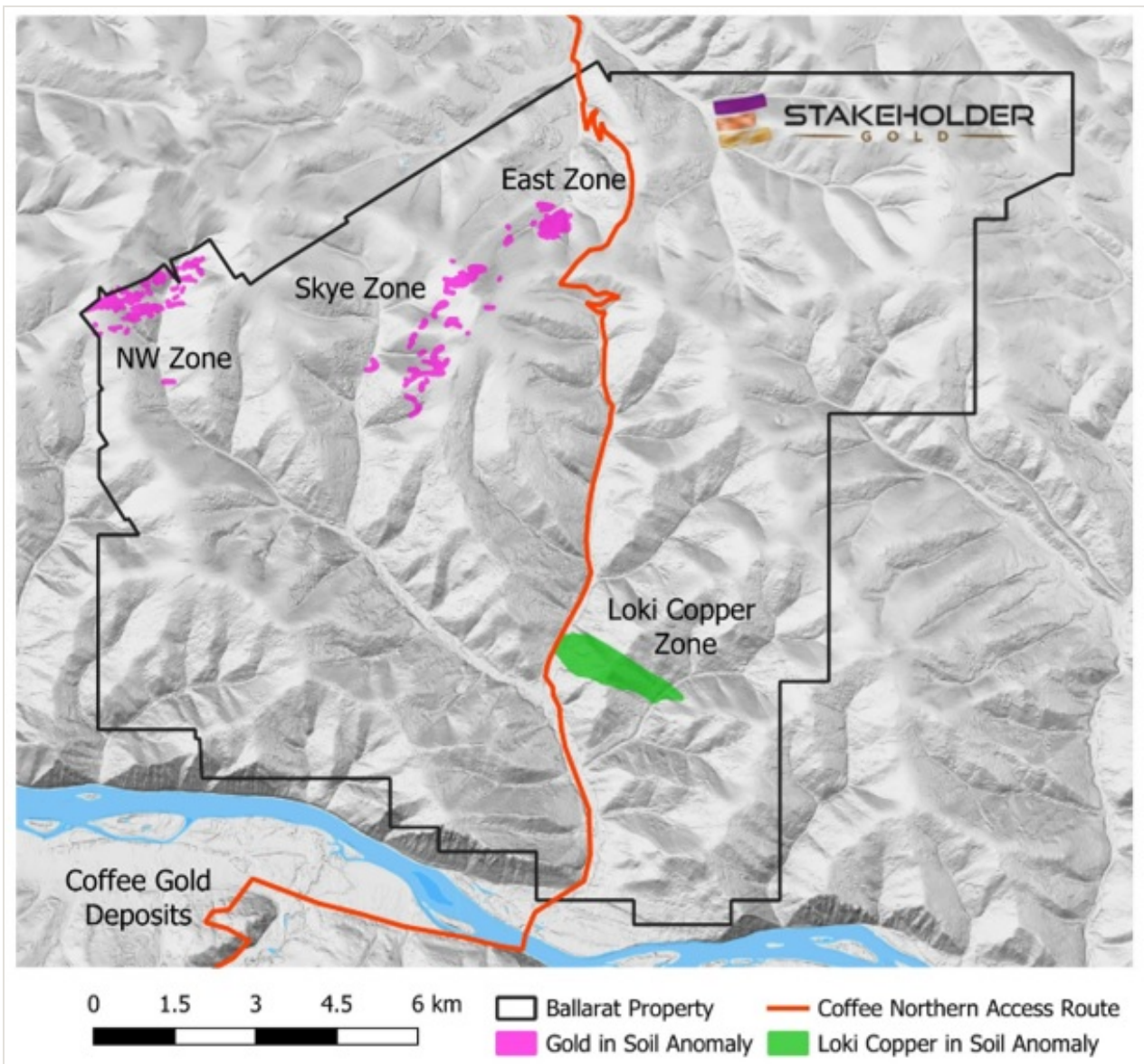
East Zone

The East Zone is a structurally hosted gold target consisting of a 700 x 600 m gold in soil anomaly (with minor tellurium, silver, and zinc) hosted within a felsic gneissic unit. A limited RAB drilling program in 2016 encountered low grade gold mineralization (up to 0.856 g/t Au over 3.04 m) but did not target the core of the structural features. The 2026 program will revisit this target and test the northern portion of these structures.

Northwest Zone

The Northwest Zone consists of two parallel gold in soil anomalies (2.3 and 1.8 km in length respectively) hosted within metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks, located directly south of White Gold Corp.'s Black Fox Project. A limited 5-hole diamond drilling program in 2012 returned results up to 0.945 g/t Au over 3 m, testing only the periphery of the anomaly. 2026 drilling will target the untested core.

Figure 2. Skye Gold Zone, Loki Copper Zone, East Zone and Northwest Zone, Ballarat Project



Additional exploration activity planned for 2026 includes a grid soil sampling program across the southwest portion of the Project as well as geological mapping and prospecting along the path for the Northern Access Route where road cuts are expected to expose multiple kilometers of bedrock with concurrent soil exposures.

The Northern Access Route is expected to crosscut the eastern strike extension of the Skye Gold Zone and the western strike extension of the Loki Copper Zone. 15.5 km of the 20 km length of the Northern Access Route that lies within the Company's Ballarat Property is new construction and will provide road access to within 800 m of the East Zone and 200 m of the Loki Copper Zone respectively, when construction is completed.

Adam Fage MSc., P.Geo is an independent geological consultant and the Qualified Person for the Company, as defined by NI 43-101, and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release.

About Stakeholder Gold Corporation

Stakeholder holds 100% ownership of 930 contiguous mineral claims covering 18,520 hectares and spanning 20 km of the Coffee Mine Project's Northern Access Route which is being developed through the geographical center of the White Gold District of the Yukon Territory, Canada. Stakeholder also maintains in good standing 10 claims located inside the adjacent Coffee Mine Project which is being developed by Fuerte Metals Corp. These combined claim holdings are referred to collectively as the Ballarat Gold-Copper Project ("Ballarat").

Within the Company's contiguous claim holdings Stakeholder is advancing exploration initiatives on the Skye Gold Zone and the Loki Copper Zone exploration targets which are separated by some 8 km, and which hold prospectivity for new gold and copper discoveries respectively, on either side of the Northern Access Route, in the heart of the White Gold District.

Stakeholder also generates cash flow from the production and sale of exotic stones through its 100% owned Brazilian subsidiary Mineração VMC Ltda. ("VMC"). VMC is currently producing from 4 independent stone quarries and is seeking opportunities to expand the sale and export of exotic stone building materials from Brazil.

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