

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

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DIAMOND DRILLING UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Samples submitted from diamond drill hole are visually similar to the intercept of 83m @ 1.41 g/t in the RC drill hole located 100m to the north east (490-782)
- Core comprises hydrothermally altered volcaniclastics with disseminated pyrite and granitoids
- Depth extension to be tested along strike

Cardinal Resources Limited (ASX: CDV) ("Cardinal" or "the Company") announces that samples from diamond drill hole NMDD481-759 (Figure 1) have been submitted to the SGS Laboratory, Burkina Faso for fire assaying. Results are expected early to mid January 2016 when SGS resumes work after their annual holiday break.

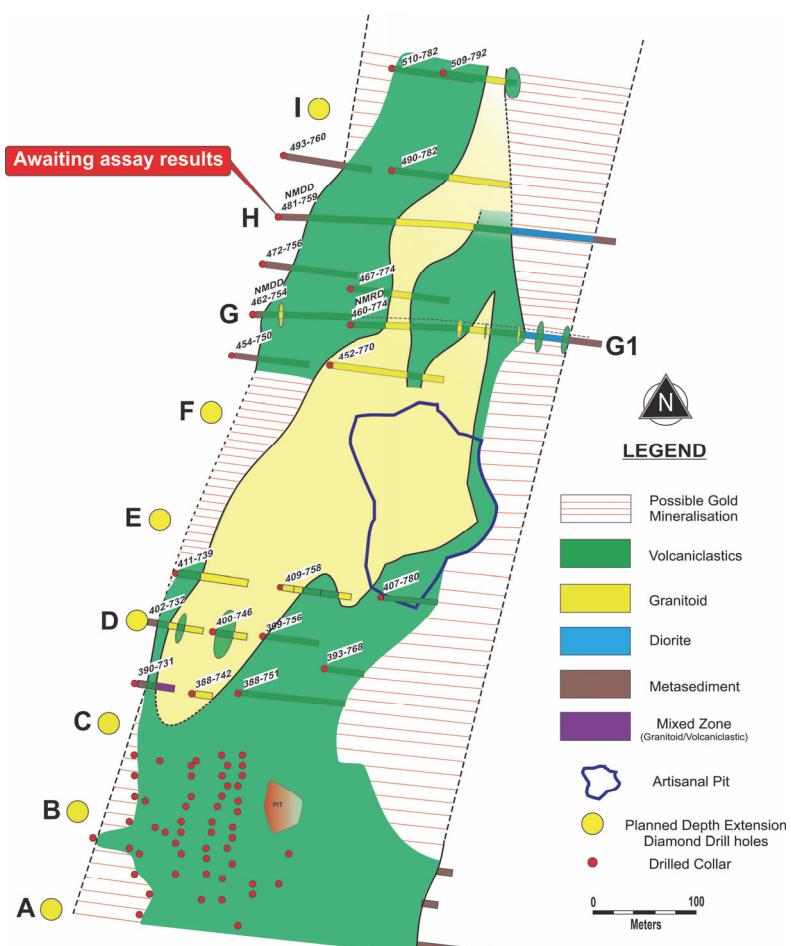


Figure 1: Locality of Drill Hole NMRC481-759

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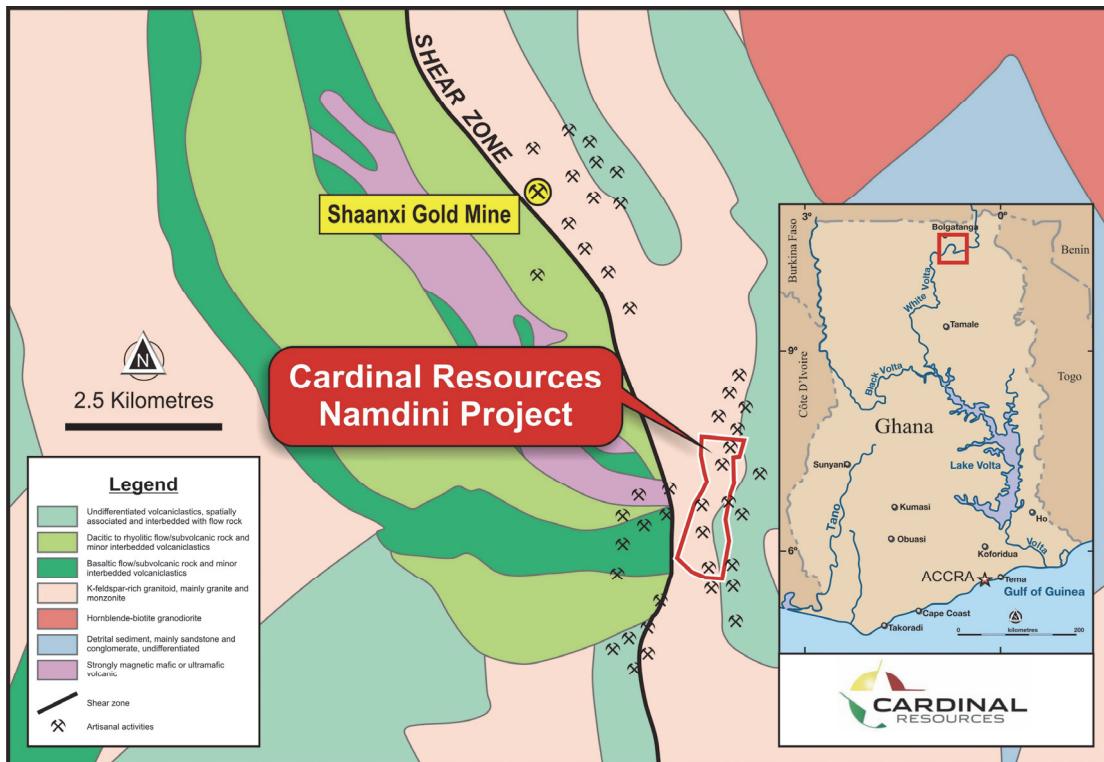


Figure 2: Namdini Project Proximity Map

MONITORING OF DRILLING PROGRAMS

Cardinal's technical and management team evaluates all of the available data on a daily basis with the main focus being the expansion of the gold potential.

Cardinal is the owner and operator of its own drill rig and has established an express assaying service with its drilling results, enabling the Company to continuously improve its drill plan strategy as new information becomes available.

The Company will continue drilling selective holes, submitting the samples and be on standby as results are received. Once the results have been assessed, Cardinal can plan further drill holes to maximise expansion of the gold inventory within the Namdini Project.

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- 29 July 2015 – 83m High Grade Gold Zone at Namdini Extension

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