Silver City Minerals kicks off gold-copper porphyry drilling at Sellheim

Silver City Minerals (ASX: SCI) has commenced a 2000 metre, 6 to 8 week drilling campaign at its Sellheim gold-copper project in Queensland.

Recent geological and geophysical surveys at the Sellheim Project have highlighted the relationship between an eluvial goldfield, hydrothermally altered rocks, gold-anomalous rock chip samples and a series of large induced polarization anomalies.

Chargeability anomalies in excess of 100 millivolts/volt such as those at Sellheim are indicative of significant sulphide mineralisation, and 3D modelling suggests these commence 100 to 200 metres below surface.

Rock chip sampling shows that gold in outcrops at surface is hosted in fractures and breccias zones; it is likely that these have tapped gold-bearing fluids derived from a sulphide-rich porphyry at depth, allowing gold to be mobilised and deposited at higher levels.

The source intrusions likely contain significant quantities of gold, copper and perhaps molybdenum mineralisation, and these targets have not been tested by previous drilling.

The Sellheim Project is located 140 kilometres southeast of Charters Towers in North Queensland, part of a wider gold province which has historically produced in excess of 20 million ounces of gold.

SCI is capitalised at $9 million and also controls silver-lead-zinc licences in New South Wales' prolific Broken Hill district, where BHP Billiton (ASX: BHP) was born.

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