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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

Guardian Exploration Concludes 2025 Field Work at Sundog Gold Project; Reports Preliminary High Grade Gold Results

#### For Immediate Release

Calgary, Alberta – November 12, 2025 — Guardian Exploration Inc. (TSXV: GX) (OTCQB: GXUSF) (Frankfurt: R6B) ("Guardian" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the successful completion of its 2025 field program at the Sundog Gold Project in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut and to report significant gold assay results.

Guardian's Sundog property spans 94.15 km² (23,265 acres) within the central Ennadai—Rankin Archean greenstone belt, a major Neoarchean supracrustal complex comprising volcaniclastics, mafic volcanic flows, and clastic sedimentary units that were later deformed by Paleoproterozoic shear zones. Guardian's Sundog and Esker Gold projects lie within the Central Hearne domain of the Hearne Craton, part of the Western Churchill Province of the Canadian Shield—an area that preserves one of the world's largest and most prospective Archean greenstone terranes.

The Ennadai–Rankin greenstone belt covers more than 100,000 km² (38,610 sq. miles) and represents both a regionally extensive stratigraphic package and a major gold metallotect. It hosts several significant deposits and gold-bearing systems, most notably the world-class Meliadine mine, which has produced more than 2 million ounces of gold and contains an additional 7+ million ounces in reserves and resources (Agnico Eagle, 2024).

Additionally, the region includes the historic Cullaton Lake mine, located near the Shear Lake deposit. The Cullaton operation produced approximately 200,000 ounces of gold during its years of activity in the early to mid-1980s (1981–1985), further underscoring the gold endowment of the Central Hearne domain.

Within this geological context, the Sundog Gold Project is underlain by Archean volcanic and sedimentary rocks of the Henik Group, which are unconformably overlain by Hurwitz Group sediments—an architecture typical of productive gold-bearing greenstone terranes across the Canadian Shield.

The 2025 Sundog field program was conducted from September 1 to October 7, 2025, comprising geological mapping, structural interpretation, trenching, prospecting, and grid establishment across the northern portion of the property. A total of 248 rock samples were collected within the Sundog project area for analysis, including 86 cut channel samples from

historic trenches 8, 9B, 10, 17 and 29. The program successfully confirmed multiple gold-bearing structures and expanded the known footprint of mineralization.

Guardian established a 10-12 person field camp at the Cullaton lake airstrip, adjacent to the historic Cullaton Lake mine, and located 18km SW of the Sundog exploration area, which will be used for planned 2026 field work. The airstrip was used in 2025 for landing DC-3 fixed wing aircraft, and historically has served larger cargo planes.



(a) Guardian's Cullaton Lake exploration camp.

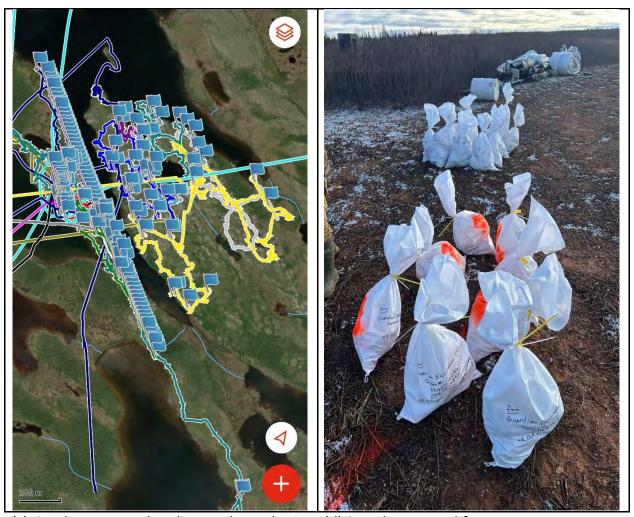


(b) Cullaton airstrip, capable of receiving DC-3 aircraft.

The following reports the results of the Sundog field program. Guardian did not undertake work to establish the existence of any mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and none are reported herein. It is uncertain if future exploration will result in definition of mineral resources or mineral reserves.

The Sundog gold occurrence was first discovered in 1962. Subsequent follow-up work by Abermin Corporation in the Fall of 1987 included a one-month field program of detailed geological mapping of a gridded area, Very Low-Frequency ("VLF") ground geophysics, a humus geochemical survey and a program of excavation and mapping of 38 hand trenches, 27 of which were sampled and assayed.

As part of Guardian's 2025 field work program all historical trenches from 1987 Sundog work programs were relocated with the objective of confirming historical work and observations, as well as resampling of significant gold-bearing intervals within historical trenches. Three new trenches were excavated and sampled (9B, 40 and 41) and 9 historical trenches were reexcavated, enlarged, and sampled (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 29, 30 and 31). Numerous grab and channel samples returned >10 g/t Au, with peak values up to 34.45 g/t Au.



(c) Sundog traverse, baseline, and sample sites. (d) Samples prepped for transport.

Two significant conclusions from a brief report produced by Scott Anderson, Ph.D., P.Geo., following a site visit from Sept 18 - 22, include:

- Gold-bearing veins at Sundog are mainly hosted in competent mafic—intermediate
  intrusive sills with weak to negligible ductile fabrics, indicating that competency contrast
  likely focused quartz veining and mineralization. These sills form shallowly east- and
  northeast-dipping structural panels, suggesting exploration potential at depth to the east
  or along strike to the north and south.
- Veins are primarily associated with steep NNE–SSW brittle-dominant structures, but the
  presence of shallow, low-angle ductile fabrics and high-strain zones indicates additional
  potential for flat-lying mineralized zones, either within fractured favourable rock sheets
  or along flat-lying high-strain zones.

Broad zones of anomalous mineralization (>0.5 g/t Au) have been identified in quartz—carbonate—sulphide veining hosted within dominantly metavolcanic rocks and possible fine-

grained gabbro sills, as reinterpreted from earlier mapping. Further work in 2026 will be required to confirm these lithological relationships.

Panning of soils and weathered bedrock from trench and historical sample sites confirmed the presence of coarse, recoverable gold, consistent with gold reported in prior exploration by Abermin Corporation (1987) and subsequent programs by other operators.



(e) Gold grains recovered from Sundog Trenches





(f) Visible gold in cut channel sample 291634. Pencil indicated location of gold grain.

Initial grab sampling included 162 samples of quartz vein and mafic volcanic wall rock from float, outcrop and trenches. Significant grab/chip sample results are presented in Table 1 below. Note that grab/chip samples are selective in nature and may not represent the overall grade or width of mineralization.

**Table 1: Significant Grab / Chip Sample Results** 

Sample Number	Location	2025 Result by Photonassay (g/t Au)	Overlapping/Adjacent 1987 Chip/Grab Sampling Results
29501	South of Trench 29; Grab/ Float (source unknown)	6.041	
291579	Trench 8; Discont. chip from 12cm vein	2.339	KR-SD-87207; 2.958 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291587	Trench 9; Discont. chip from 10cm vein	5.726	
291590	Trench 9: 20-25cm discont. 291590 chip of altered mafic volcanic		KR-SD-87293; 16.787 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.

291591	Trench 10; Discont. chip from 35cm QV and altered mafic volcanic	3.994	KR-SD-87271; 7.996 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291592	Trench 10; Discont. chip from 15cm quartz vein	20.177	
291593	Trench 10; Discont. chip from 10-12cm quartz vein	34.45	KR-SD-87275; 4.12 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291594	Trench 10; Discont. chip; from 15cm quartz vein	0.722	
291596	Trench 10; Discont. chip; from 10cm quartz vein	0.112	KR-SD-87273; 38.54 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291597	Trench 10; Discont chip over 30cm x 30cm area of QV stockwork and mafic volcanic	22.231	
291600	Trench 10; Discont. chip; from 15cm quartz vein	21.536	KR-SD-87313; 4.37 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291706	Trench 17; Discont chip over 25cm x 25cm area; quartz vein and altered mafic volcanic	1.767	
291708	Trench 17; Discont chip over 35cm x 20cm area; quartz vein and altered mafic volcanic	1.079	
291701	Trench 31; Discont. chip from weathered outcrop; 20cm x 30cm area.	6.687	KR-SD-87248; 2.158 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.

Subsequently, a program of saw-cut continuous channel sampling was undertaken in Trench 8, 9B, 10, 17 and 29 areas.

Table 2: Trenches with Cut Channels

Trench No.	Channel No.	Cut Length (m)	Trench No.	Channel No.	Cut Length (m)
8	1	1.54	17	1	3.00
9B	1	2.03		2	3.58
	2	2.91		3	1.80
10	1	2.43		4	1.60
	2	1.35		5	2.50
	3	2.18	29	1	1.60
	4	1.75		2	1.16
	5	4.97		3	1.30
	6	1.06		4	1.02
	7	2.59		5	2.98
	8	2.08		6	1.35
	9	1.11			
	10	1.21			
	11	2.44			

# Highlights of channel sampling include:

- Samples from Trenches 8 and 9B, located about 260m north of Trench 10, have returned results confirming analyses from previous workers and extending gold mineralization to the south of excavations by previous workers, almost doubling the strike length from 8.8m to 15.4m.
- Trench 10, which is centered on the historic 1962 Selco discovery outcrop, was reexcavated and enlarged, and has been extended to the NE and North, compared with previous work. The strike length of vein-hosted gold mineralization has been extended from 15.5m in 1987 to at least 40m following Guardian's channel sampling program.
- Trench 17, located 240m southwest of Trench 10, has returned anomalous to low-grade gold in almost every sample collected. Fine gold has been panned by Guardian from weathered bedrock and soil from several locations within Trench 17. The area is showing potential as a lower-grade larger target, supported by possible extensions of mineralization eastward towards trench 30 and trench 31. This area will receive extensive follow-up investigation in the 2026 field season.
- Observations and sampling from Trench 30 and 31 confirm that gold is present in narrow quartz veins crosscutting or parallel to shallow dipping foliation in foliated fine grained mafic volcanic rocks, which has not previously been a focus of exploration.



(g) Exposure of Hurwitz Group quartzite, iron formation and quartz veining.



(h) Guardian's management and field crew.

**Table 3: Significant Channel Sampling results** 

Sample Number	Location	Interval (cm)	2025 Result by Photonassay (g/t Au)	Overlapping/Adjacent 1987 Sampling Results
291731	Trench 8	96	4.695	KR-SD-87208 (grab sample); 9.566 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291733	Trench 9b	60	1.068	
291738	Trench 9b	72	8.851	
291676	Trench 10; Channel 1	30	10.914	
291677	Trench 10; Channel 1	72	0.88	
291678	Trench 10; Channel 1	46	8.23	
291682	Trench 10; Channel 2	32	1.474	KR-SD-87275 (grab sample); 4.12 g/t Au from metallic screen assay.
291687	Trench 10; Channel 3	45	1.273	
291696	Trench 10; Channel 5	10	1.038	
291622	Trench 10; Channel 8	51	7.411	
291624	Trench 10; Channel 8	94	7.429	
291627	Trench 10; Channel 9	20	20.072	

291634	Trench 10; Channel 10	63	6.451	
291636	Trench 10; Channel 11	17	0.813	
291637	Trench 10; Channel 11	11	2.98	

All cut intervals were oriented across the strike of the veining. Although most of the sampled veins are near-vertical, the reported intervals represent apparent widths of mineralization. True thicknesses are not known at this time.

Additional information is available on the company website at <u>guardianex.com</u>.

Graydon Kowal, President and CEO, commented:

"Our 2025 field work at Sundog has delivered encouraging results in a highly fertile gold field. The results confirm the presence of high-grade gold, and visible coarse gold observed in the field supports our interpretation of a nuggety system. These positive results are providing the next level of confidence as we prepare to expand the exploration area and for drill targeting in 2026."

Exploration plans for 2026 field work include expansion of the historically gridded area, additional geological mapping, soil sampling, trenching, drone geophysics (magnetics and radiometrics), and diamond drilling.

### **QA/QC Protocols**

All rock and channel samples collected during the 2025 program were securely bagged, tagged, and shipped with numbered security seals to maintain full chain-of-custody compliance. The bags were shipped to Paragon Analytical Ltd. in Surrey, B.C., a facility accredited under ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 9001 standards.

Guardian's QA/QC program includes insertion of certified reference materials (standards), blanks, and field duplicates. Paragon Analytics Ltd. also follows a QA/QC program of insertion of 350-500g aliquots (the quantity required for effective Photonassay analysis) of standards, blanks and duplicate samples into the stream.

All QA/QC data were reviewed and verified by the Company's Qualified Person prior to disclosure.

# **Historical Analytical Results**

The historical 1987 analytical results contained in this news release were generated by previous operators (Abermin Corporation) prior to the implementation of NI 43-101 and have not been independently verified by the Company's Qualified Person. These results are considered historical in nature. While the Company considers the historical data to be relevant to assessing

the exploration potential of the property, the Company has not completed sufficient work to classify the historical estimates or analyses as current in accordance with NI 43-101. The Company is not treating the historical results as current and they should not be relied upon. Future exploration work, including verification sampling, may produce results that differ materially from those reported herein. Further to that the analytical methodologies, sampling procedures, and QA/QC protocols used by previous operators may not meet current NI 43-101 standards. The Company's Qualified Person has reviewed the information to the extent possible but cannot confirm the reliability or accuracy of the historical analytical results.

### **Analytical Procedure**

Guardian's 2025 samples were analyzed at Paragon Analytical Ltd., an ISO-accredited geochemical laboratory based in Surrey, B.C. using the PhotonAssay™ method. All samples are also being submitted for multi-element analysis (4-acid digestion with ICP-MS 48 element analysis) by Paragon's facilities in Reno, Nevada.

PhotonAssay™ is particularly advantageous in coarse-gold systems such as Sundog, where small-scale variability in gold distribution (the nugget effect) can cause under- or over-reporting in conventional assays. To further assess this variability, Guardian has submitted selected high-grade samples for PhotonAssay-to-Extinction, in which multiple aliquots of each sample are analyzed independently and averaged to generate a statistically representative gold value. Results are pending.

All samples returning >0.5 g/t Au are being re-analyzed using Screen Metallic Fire Assay with AAS finish (Paragon Method FAS-211) to confirm grade distribution and validate PhotonAssay™ results. Results are pending.

#### **Qualified Person**

The technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Steven Dudka, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

# **About Guardian Exploration Inc.**

Guardian Exploration Inc. is a TSXV-listed company (TSXV: GX) (OTCQB: GXUSF) (Frankfurt: R6B) engaged in oil, gas, and mineral exploration and development. Guardian's assets include the Sundog and Esker gold projects in Nunavut's Kivalliq Region, the Mount Cameron Property in Yukon's Mayo Mining District, and the Kaigani claims in Southeast Alaska.

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