

The Company enjoyed another successful year of exploration on its gold and copper/gold projects in eastern Russia. Drilling at the Svetloye gold project resulted in a significant extension on the known mineralization at the Amy, Tamara and Elena targets. Work on the new Malmyzh copper/gold project also yielded excellent results, demonstrating the excellent potential of this project.

Fortress recently received two prestigious awards for excellence in exploration from the Khabarovsk Ministry of Natural Resources in Russia. The awards were presented to the Company in recognition of the discovery and continued successful exploration of the Svetloye gold deposit and the Malmyzh copper/gold project.

Svetloye

In early 2009, prior to the 2009 drill program, the Company completed an updated NI 43-101 resource estimate for the Amy target. Inferred resources were estimated at 5.975 million tonnes averaging 2.43 grams/tonne (g/t) gold containing 467,000 ounces of gold based on a 1 g/t gold cutoff and a 10 g/t capped gold grade. The total inferred resources at Svetloye, including Elena, Amy and Tamara are 20.103 million tonnes grading 2.21 g/t gold containing 1.428 million ounces of gold. (Report dated June 1, 2009 by James C. Ashleman, Thomas E. Bowen and Dean D. Turner – available on www.sedar.com).

The 2009 work program at Svetloye included trenching, sampling and over 9,500 metres of drilling. Much of the drilling was conducted on the Amy target and this program extended mineralization 320 metres south of its previous southern limit. Highlights from the 2009 program include drill hole PDSC-243, located 160 metres south of the known area of mineralization, which intersected 40.0 metres (from 20.4 to 60.4 metres) grading 3.68 g/t gold.

The balance of the drilling was carried out on the Elena and Tamara prospects. At the Elena prospect, results include drill hole PD SC-273, which intersected 50.5 metres (from 11.6 to 62.1 metres) grading 4.50 g/t gold. At Tamara, drill hole PDSC-263 intersected 96.6 metres (from 27.3 to 123.9 metres) grading 0.48 g/t gold.

The Company received an Exploration and Mining License for the Svetloye valid until December 31, 2030.

Mobilization for the 2010 drill program has been completed. Work is expected to commence in June.

Malmyzh

In September, Fortress acquired a 51% interest in the Amur licenses which include the Malmyzh copper/gold project from Freeport-McMoRan Exploration Corporation ("Freeport"). Reconnaissance drilling carried out by Freeport in 2008 was very encouraging and included drill hole PDMC-002, which intersected 215 metres from surface grading 0.34% copper, hole PDMC-004, which intersected 195.6 metres (from 2 metres to end of hole) grading 0.39% copper and 0.29 grams per tonne (g/t) gold and hole PDMC-005, which intersected 181.7 metres (from 12 to 193.7 metres) grading 0.30% copper.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company completed 6,673 metres of drilling in 23 widely spaced holes with excellent results. Highlights include hole AMM-012 at the Central prospect, which intersected 444.7 metres grading 0.36% copper from 3.8 metres to the bottom of the hole. In addition, hole FMCX-2, which was drilled 200 metres to the north of hole AMM-012 intersected 215 metres grading 0.34% copper. Drill results from the Central prospect show strong westward-increasing vectors in copper grade, increasing gold to copper ratios, and overall increasing grade-thickness along a coincident magnetic anomaly. The western extension of this anomaly will be tested during the second round of drilling.

Other highlights include hole AMM-007 drilled into the Valley prospect, which intersected 391.3 metres (from 16.4 metres to the bottom of the hole) grading 0.25% copper and 0.14 g/t gold. The mineralization at the Valley

prospect is open at depth and laterally in all directions. The Valley prospect which is located 5 kilometres northeast of the Central prospect and 2.5 kilometres east of the Flats Prospect was tested by hole AMM-002 which intersected 474.7 metres grading 0.26% copper and 0.29 g/t gold.

Looking Forward

At Svetloye, the 2010 summer drill program is expected to get underway in June and encompass approximately 4,000 metres of drilling. Work will primarily focus on reconnaissance drilling in areas that have received limited or no drilling on targets that have been identified by geophysics and soil samples.

Phase one drilling at the Malmyzh project was completed in early April and totaled 6,673 metres. The second phase of drilling is expected to begin in November where an additional 4,500 metres is planned.

We look forward to another good year of exploration and furthering the advancement of our projects as we build Fortress into a leading Russia-focused gold and copper exploration company.

On behalf of the Board,

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