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Near Surface Shaft Zone Mineralization Remains Open Below 130m Depth

Toronto ON – January 17, 2012 - Xmet Inc. ("Xmet" or the "Company") (TSXV-XME) is very pleased to report further significant assay results from the recently completed 2011 drilling program at the Shaft Zone. Hole DO-11-61 returned 4.4 g/t Au over 4.9 metres, while hole DO-11-54 intersected 3.65 g/t Au over 4.0 metres and hole DO-11-60 intersected 3.4 g/t Au over 4.35 metres. With these latest results, the previously reported high grade gold mineralization discovered on surface has now been extended to a vertical depth of 130m below surface, and remains open at depth to further expansion.

Length Au g/t (cut Hole From (m) To (m) (m) 30g/t) DO-11-53 106.2 105.0 1.2 0.15 DO-11-54 28.8 32.8 4.0 3.65 DO-11-56 No significant results DO-11-57 DO-11-58 25.4 27.3 1.9 0.15 DO-11-59 60.4 64.0 3.6 0.44 DO-11-60 129.3 133.65 4.35 3.4 140.4 4.9 DO-11-61 135.5 4.4

Table 1: Summary of Latest Shaft Zone Drill Results

Results are plotted in longitudinal section in figure 1 along with previously reported results for the shaft zone published on 27 October and on 13 December 2011 (see Xmet's website at www.xmet.ca or visit www.sedar.ca). These results clearly indicate that the Shaft Zone forms a steeply west plunging mineralized zone in this part of the property and that the zone remains open at depth.

"We are very encouraged with these latest results which demonstrate excellent continuity of gold mineralization at the Shaft Zone. Xmet's 2011 trenching program resulted in a reinterpretation of previous drill results. The combined surface trenching and drilling program results demonstrate good continuity of mineralization over a strike length of 125 meters from surface to a minimum depth of 130 meters. Expansion of the current resource at Shaft is warranted, reports Charles Beaudry, President and COO of Xmet."

More drilling is planned in 2012 to extend the zone to at least 200m vertical and to link up with historic hole DQ-95-16 located another 150m further west along strike which assayed 3.2 g/t Au over 3.5 metres. Xmet's 2012, 5,850 metre Phase 1 drilling program on the Duquesne-Ottoman property has commenced with one rig and drilling will continue until the spring.

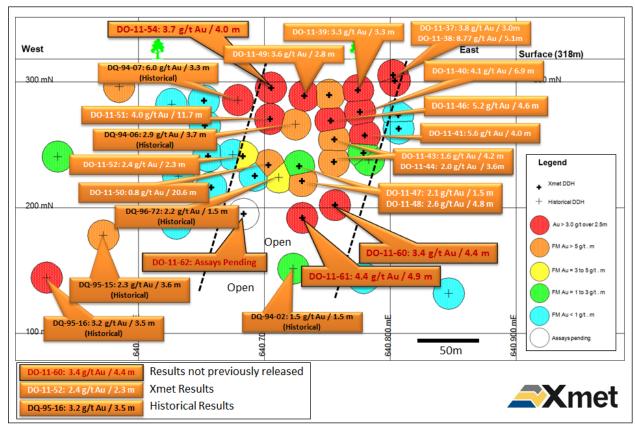


Figure 1: Longitudinal Section of Eastern, near surface portion of Shaft Zone, Duquesne-Ottoman Property. All lengths are core intervals and true mineralized widths represent approximately 80% of core lengths.

About Xmet Inc

Xmet is a gold exploration company focused on advanced projects in existing mining camps in Canada where exploration and mining costs are minimized and where previous and historic producing mines make for much easier permitting and minimizes community and First Nations social community risks. Xmet's flagship project, the Duquesne-Ottoman property, which covers an area of 928.6 hectares, is located approximately 30 kilometres north of the city of Rouyn-Noranda and 10 kilometres east of the village of Duparquet within the townships of Duparquet and Destor in the Province of Quebec.

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