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# Faraday Copper Intersects Massive Copper Sulphide and Provides Exploration Update at the Copper Creek Project in Arizona

**January 10, 2023 – Vancouver, British Columbia** – Faraday Copper Corp. ("**Faraday**" or the "**Company**") (TSX:FDY) (OTCQX:CPPKF) is pleased to provide an exploration update at its Copper Creek project in Arizona, USA.

## **Highlights**

- Commenced a 10,000-metre ("m") Phase II Drilling Program on October 30, 2022, with the
  objectives of expanding the mineral resource, delineating high-grade zones and testing new
  generative exploration targets.
- Drilling to date has intersected massive copper sulphide over approximately 15 m (from 234 m) as an extension to the Copper Prince breccia (Figure 1). Assay results are pending.
- Established a dedicated, generative team to focus on new discoveries outside of the Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE").
- Identified twelve generative target areas outside of the MRE (Figure 2).
- Identified eight priority exploration targets in proximity to the MRE which have the potential to expand the mineral resource footprint (Figure 2).
- Over 400 breccia occurrences have been mapped at surface, of which 14 have been included in the MRE and a total of 35 have one or more drill holes in them. Breccias offer the potential to host highgrade, near-surface copper mineralization (Figures 3 and 4).

Thomas Bissig, VP Exploration, commented, "We are excited to initiate a generative exploration program at Copper Creek with the aim of making new discoveries in this under-explored district. The large number of previously untested breccia and porphyry occurrences offers significant exploration upside. As part of the Phase II Drill Program, we have initiated reconnaissance drilling on several regional targets as well as drill testing near-resource opportunities."

**Figure 1:** A portion of drill core from Phase II drill hole FCD-22-013 showing massive copper sulphide from the Copper Prince breccia at the Copper Creek Project *(assay results are pending)* 



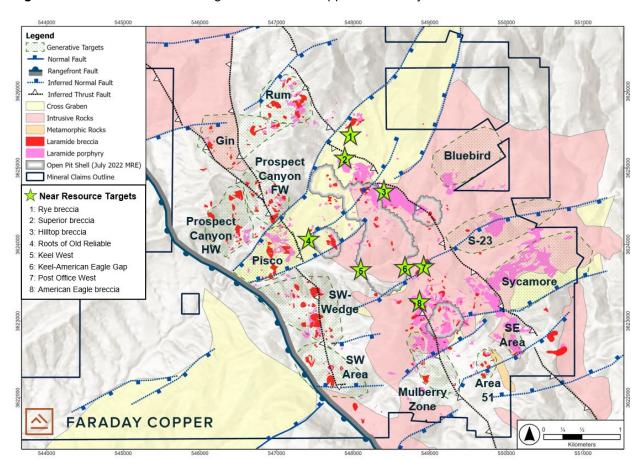
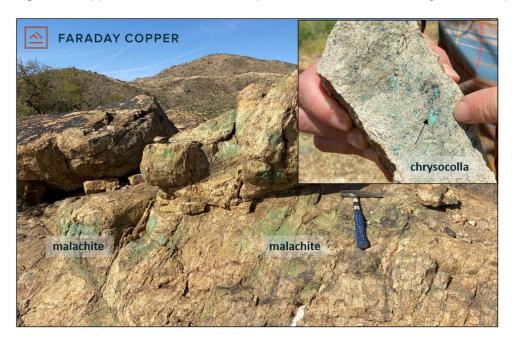


Figure 2: Structural model and target areas at the Copper Creek Project





Figure 4: Copper oxide mineralization exposed at the Rum breccia target at the Copper Creek Project



## **Generative Exploration Target Areas**

A dedicated exploration team has been established to evaluate targets outside of the mineral resource area. Field work is ongoing including mapping, sampling and reconnaissance drilling. Additionally, a detailed review of previous geophysical data is underway to evaluate the collection of additional geophysical data as well as an airborne spectral survey.

A newly developed structural model (Figure 2) highlights that the hydrothermal breccias and porphyries follow two principal northwest trends. The eastern trend is interpreted to follow the main Holy Joe thrust fault and contains the breccias and porphyry mineralization included in the MRE. The western trend shows alteration characteristics consistent with a less deeply eroded part of the mineral system and is interpreted to follow a second order northwest striking thrust fault and remains under explored. High-grade brecciahosted mineralization is known to occur in the southeastern extension of the western trend to the south of the Copper Creek Project, highlighting the prospectivity of this trend.

Following is a brief description of each exploration target area, as outlined in Figure 2. All results referenced below are available in the Faraday drilling database.

## Rum and Gin Breccias

This target area, with dimensions of 1.5 km by 0.7 km, is located 1.3 km to the northwest and along strike from the mineral resource area in the hanging wall of the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault. The target area follows a northeast trending magnetic low that is coincident with a zone of sericite alteration and subtle northeast-trending Z-Tipper Axis Electromagnetic ("ZTEM") geophysical conductivity anomaly. Topographically the target area occupies a bowl-shaped depression where more than 15 breccias with abundant iron oxide outcrop at surface. Copper oxide mineralization can be observed at surface near the Rum breccia (Figure 4). Two historic drillholes (RUM-1 and R-1-1X) intersected near-surface copper mineralization with grades of 1.07% over 48.8 m from surface and 0.82% over 27.4 m from 32 m.

## Area 51

This target area is situated in the hanging wall of the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault's southeasterly continuation from the mineral resource area and covers an area of 250 m by 400 m. Surface geochemistry reveals several anomalous copper, molybdenum and bismuth values spatially associated with mapped breccia outcrops. The area straddles the boundary between magnetic highs and lows.

# Mulberry Zone

This target area, with dimensions of 800 m by 400 m, is the southward continuation from known mineralization. It is on a magnetic low area explained by widespread sericite-clay alteration. Surface rock samples show strong copper anomalies in this area. Historical drilling was limited and includes three, near-vertical drill holes with isolated copper grades above 0.3% in drill hole NE-1.

# SE Area

This target area is characterized by Proterozoic sedimentary rocks intruded by the Copper Creek batholith. Localized, structurally controlled copper oxide mineralization is exposed at surface. This area may be prospective for sedimentary rock-hosted mineralization. Historical drilling is limited in the area.

# SW Area

Located northwest along strike from known mineralization to the south of Copper Creek, this area features several breccia outcrops with localized, but compelling, surface copper anomalies with 10 rock samples with 0.1% to >1% copper values. A Titan-24 Induced Polarization ("IP") geophysical survey identified a prominent chargeability anomaly approximately 200 m below surface. A single hole drilled nearby intersected 9 m to 14 m intervals of 0.28% to 0.54% copper, with individual samples up to 1.5% copper below 960 m depth in drill hole REX-10-046.

# SW Wedge

This target area contains a high concentration of mapped breccias along a northwest structural trend and at intersections with northeast striking fractures. Some subtle surface copper anomalies along with a 300 m northwest oriented Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic ("VTEM") anomaly are observed, whereas

the target area lies at the southern margin of a prominent east-west ZTEM conductivity anomaly. Historical drilling is limited in the area.

### Pisco

This target area is located immediately west of the mineral resource area and includes numerous breccias, some of which are tourmaline-rich and widespread sericite alteration is present in the area. Limited old mine workings are evident from waste piles. Historical drilling (REX-14-079) did not focus on the breccias but intercepted low-grade copper mineralization associated with early halo veins and weak potassic alteration in granodiorite porphyry.

## Prospect Canyon Hanging Wall

This target area is located in the hanging wall of an interpreted secondary thrust fault paralleling the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault to the east. The area is characterized by elevated ZTEM conductivity response in the 250 m depth slice of the inversion model. Circular magnetic lows characterize the breccias, which is likely the result of the associated hydrothermal alteration.

### Prospect Canyon Footwall

This target area is characterized by an abundance of breccias and porphyries apparently controlled by cross cutting structures. The target area is located in the footwall of a postulated secondary thrust fault paralleling the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault to the east. Anomalous copper occurs in some targeted vein samples. The area is a magnetic low in a northwest trend which coincides with clay-sericite alteration.

# **Bluebird**

This target area is named after the historical Bluebird mine which exploited vein-hosted polymetallic silver-copper-zinc-lead mineralization and is located in the footwall of the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault. East to northeast trending veins including early halo veins crosscut granodiorite. Surface geochemistry includes some of the highest-grade copper rock samples, but these appear to be restricted to narrow veins and limited alteration. Breccias are rare in this area.

# S-23 and Sycamore

These two target areas have similar characteristics, and both locate in the footwall of the inferred Holy Joe thrust fault to the southeast of Bluebird. Northeast trending veins are common but only limited surface geochemical anomalies are associated with early halo veins. Similar to the Bluebird area, breccias are rare in this area. Historical drilling did not intersect significant mineralization, but drill holes were largely vertical and not designed to intersect northeast trending vein zones.

# West Expansion of Keel

A prominent ZTEM conductivity anomaly extends from the American Eagle area westward. There is currently no adequate drill coverage testing the westward extension of the ZTEM conductivity anomaly at depth. Phase I drill hole FCD-22-007 (included in the news release dated October 18, 2022) intersected high-grade mineralization in the western part of Keel, highlighting the potential for mineral resource expansion to the west.

# Gap between Keel and American Eagle

Keel and American Eagle currently form two separate underground resource footprints. This appears, in part, to be the result of limited drilling between the two areas. Intersecting high-grade copper mineralization has the potential to link the underground mineralization into a single continuous footprint.

# Roots of Old Reliable

The Old Reliable breccia is hosted in Glory Hole volcanics near the intrusive contact to the Copper Creek batholith. Drilling is densely spaced, focused on the breccia, but is limited to about 230 m below surface. The westward dipping contact of the volcanics with the intrusion is a zone of weakness along which mineralization may have been focused. This area has not been drill-tested and provides a compelling target for high-grade breccia or porphyry-hosted mineralization below Old Reliable.

## Hilltop Breccia

The Hilltop breccia measures 90 m by 50 m in surface exposure and crops out at the top of a hill immediately northeast of the mineral resource area. Copper oxide mineralization is present at surface (Figure 3). A near-vertical, historical drill hole was collared approximately 50 m east of the Hilltop breccia and intersected 15.24 m of 0.25% copper from 3 m in drill hole CC-02. The Hilltop breccia has never been drilled.

### Superior Breccia

Three historical drill holes (S-1, S-2 and S-3) targeted this prominent breccia outcrop approximately 400 m northwest of the Copper Giant breccia. The drill holes intersected narrow zones of breccia but did intercept porphyry with D-type veins and sericite alteration. Only one of those holes (S-1) has geochemical data but no significant copper was intercepted. The geometry of the Superior Breccia remains to be defined at depth.

#### Rve Breccia

The Rye breccia includes several breccia outcrops approximately 300 m north of the Superior breccia. These breccias have never been drilled but feature compelling geochemical anomalies at surface with 12 rock samples ranging from 0.1% to 6.5% copper.

### Post Office West Breccia

The Post Office breccia has one historic drill hole (PO-1R) with marginal copper grades. Two additional breccias are mapped 100 m and 200 m to the southwest of the Post Office breccia and only one of those has a drill hole (HN-8). This hole was drilled vertically and intercepted approximately 60 m of 0.3% to 0.5% copper from 44 m.

# American Eagle Breccia

The American Eagle breccia was the site of small-scale historical mining. The breccia geometry is not well-understood due to the limited drilling compared to other breccias. Copper grades are variable and currently not consistent enough to have this area included in an open pit mineral resource.

# Phase II Drill Program

The Copper Creek Phase II Drill Program was initiated on October 30, 2022 with 10,000 m of planned drilling. The program objectives include:

- Commencing reconnaissance drilling on new targets outside of the MRE;
- Expanding the MRE; and
- Better delineating high-grade mineralized zones.

Geological mapping and collection of field data has been initiated and will guide the drilling program. Approximately 20% of the Phase II drilling will be aimed at newly identified target areas.

## **Qualified Person**

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Faraday's VP Exploration, Dr. Thomas Bissig, P. Geo., who is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101").

# **About Faraday Copper**

Faraday Copper is a Canadian exploration company focused on advancing its flagship copper project in The United States of America. The Copper Creek project, located in Arizona, is one of the largest undeveloped copper projects in North America with open pit and bulk underground mining potential. The Company is well-funded to deliver on its key milestones and benefits from a management team and board of directors with senior mining company experience and expertise. Faraday trades on the TSX under the symbol "FDY".

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