



## NEWS RELEASE

### Independence Gold Files Updated National Instrument 43-101 Resource Report for the 3Ts Gold and Silver Project, BC

Vancouver, B.C. (January 5, 2026) – Independence Gold Corp. (TSX.V: IGO, OTCQB: IEGCF, FRA:625) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the filing of an updated National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report (the “NI 43-101”) on SEDAR+, for the 3Ts Gold and Silver Project located in the Omineca Mining Division of British Columbia. The Company recently engaged SGS Geological Services to review the drill data from the 3Ts Gold and Silver Project and update the resource model.

The updated resource estimate includes the Tommy and Ted-Mint vein systems, as well as the recently discovered Larry, Johnny and Ian veins. This updated estimate has been prepared by SGS Geological Services group within SGS Canada Inc. under the supervision of a Qualified Person and in accordance with CIM Definition Standards and NI 43-101. This estimate delivers both increased tonnage and the addition of an Indicated resource category, marking a significant progress in project advancement.

Cut-Off* AuEq (g/t)	Type	Classification	Tonnes	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	AuEq (g/t)	Gold (Ounces)	Silver (Ounces)	AuEq (Ounces)*
0.3	In-Pit	Indicated	2,218,000	3.01	81.94	4.07	217,000	5,843,000	290,000
2.0	Underground		576,000	3.72	83.87	4.77	69,000	1,553,000	88,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,794,000</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>82.35</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>286,000</b>	<b>7,396,000</b>	<b>378,000</b>
0.3	In-Pit	Inferred	968,000	2.71	67.80	3.56	84,000	2,110,000	111,000
2.0	Underground		1,994,000	3.35	75.93	4.30	215,000	4,868,000	276,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,962,000</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>73.27</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>299,000</b>	<b>6,978,000</b>	<b>387,000</b>

**Table 1:** Updated (2025) In-Pit and Underground Mineral Resource Estimate

- (1) The effective date of the 3Ts Mineral Resource Estimate is November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- (2) The mineral resource was estimated by Rohan Millar, P.Geo. of SGS Geological Services and is an independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.
- (3) The classification of the current Mineral Resource Estimate into Indicated and Inferred mineral resources is consistent with current 2014 CIM Definition Standards - For Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves.
- (4) Figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate and numbers may not add due to rounding.
- (5) The mineral resources are presented undiluted and in situ, constrained by continuous 3D wireframe models, and is considered to have reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction.
- (6) Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. An Inferred Mineral Resource has a lower level of confidence than that applying to an Indicated Mineral Resource and must not be converted to a Mineral Reserve. It is reasonably expected that most Inferred Mineral Resources could be upgraded to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration.
- (7) The 3Ts mineral resource estimate is based on a validated database which includes data from surface diamond drilling completed between 1995 and 2025.
- (8) The MRE for 3Ts is based on 13 three-dimensional (“3D”) resource models representing the Tommy, Ted-Mint, Ian, Johnny and Larry veins.
- (9) Grades for Au and Ag were estimated for each mineralization domain using 1.0 metre capped composites assigned to that domain. To generate grade within the blocks, the inverse distance squared (ID2) interpolation method was used. An average

SG value of 2.70 g/cm<sup>3</sup> was used for tonnage calculation.

- (10) Based on the location, surface exposure, size, shape, general true thickness, and orientation, it is envisioned that parts of the 3Ts may be mined using open-pit mining methods. In-pit mineral resources are reported at a base case cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t AuEq. The in-pit resource grade blocks are quantified above the base case cut-off grade, above the constraining pit shell, below topography and within the constraining mineralized domain (the constraining volume).
- (11) The pit optimization and base-case cut-off grade consider a gold price of \$2,400/oz and a silver price of \$30 /oz and considers a gold recovery of 97% and silver recovery of 94%. The pit optimization and base case cut-off grade also considers a mining cost of US\$2.80/t mined, pit slope of 55° degrees, and processing, treatment, refining, G&A and transportation cost of USD\$22.00/t of mineralized material.
- (12) The results from the pit optimization, using the pseudoflow optimization method in Whittle 2022, are used solely for the purpose of testing the "reasonable prospects for economic extraction" by an open pit and do not represent an attempt to estimate mineral reserves. There are no mineral reserves on the Property. The results are used simply as a guide to assist in the preparation of a mineral resource statement and to select an appropriate resource reporting cut-off grade. A Whittle pit shell at a revenue factor of 1.00 was selected as the ultimate pit shell for the purposes of the current MRE.
- (13) Based on the size, shape, general true thickness, and orientation, it is envisioned that parts of the 3Ts deposit may be mined using underground mining methods. Underground mineral resources are reported at a base case cut-off grade of 2.0 g/t AuEq. The mineral resource grade blocks were quantified above the base case cut-off grade, below surface/pit surface and within the constraining mineralized wireframes (considered mineable shapes). Based on the size, shape, general thickness, and orientation of the mineralized structures, it is envisioned that the deposit may be mined using a combination of underground mining methods including sub-level stoping (SLS) and/or cut and fill (CAF) mining.
- (14) The underground base case cut-off grade of 2.0 g/t AuEq considers a mining cost of US\$80.00/t mined, and processing, treatment, refining, G&A and transportation cost of USD\$25.00/t of mineralized material.
- (15) AuEq grades are based on metal prices of US\$2,400/oz Au and US\$30/oz Ag. The Au to Ag equivalency ratio is  $\$2,400/\$30 = 80.0$ . Therefore, the AuEq conversion = Au g/t + (Ag g/t/80.0).
- (16) The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues.

The 2022 resource estimate reported an Inferred resource of ~4.47 million tonnes grading 3.64 g/t Au and 96.26 g/t Ag, equivalent to ~522,330 ounces gold and ~13.83 million ounces silver (see [news release](#) dated August 18, 2022); the new 2025 model delivers an increase in tonnage, and for the first time includes an Indicated category, opening the possibility of mineral reserves on the property — a step-change in confidence for both the Company and investors.

Under the CIM Definition Standards and NI 43-101, an *Indicated Mineral Resource* is estimated with sufficient confidence in geological continuity and data that modifying factors (mining, processing, economic, legal, environmental) can be applied to support mine planning and evaluation. By contrast, an *Inferred Mineral Resource* is estimated on more limited evidence and sampling and cannot be converted directly into mineral reserves. The addition of the Indicated category demonstrates a higher level of confidence, reducing execution risk, improving the project's investment profile and facilitating advanced studies (pre-feasibility, feasibility).

### **About Independence**

Independence Gold Corp. is a well-financed mineral exploration company with holdings ranging from early-stage grassroots exploration to advanced-stage resource expansion in British Columbia and Yukon. The Company is positioned to add shareholder value through systematic project advancement, while management continues to evaluate additional gold and silver projects for possible acquisition. For additional information, visit the Company's website [www.ingold.ca](http://www.ingold.ca).

The 3Ts Project is located approximately 185 kilometres southwest of Prince George, British Columbia, the 3Ts Project comprises thirty-one mineral claims covering approximately 35,486 hectares in the Nechako Plateau region. The project lies 16 km southwest of Artemis Gold Inc.'s Blackwater Mine and hosts a low-sulphidation epithermal quartz-carbonate vein district within which at least nineteen known

mineralized veins, ranging from 50 to over 1,100 metres in strike length and true widths of up to 32 m have been identified, twelve of which remain untested by drilling.

The Independence Gold 3Ts project 2025 Mineral Resource Estimate was prepared by Rohan Millar, P.Geo., of SGS Geological Services, an independent Qualified Person, in accordance with the guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, with an effective date of November 12, 2025.

Certain technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Andy Randell, P.Geo. Mr. Randell is a qualified person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and is an independent consultant for the Company.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF INDEPENDENCE GOLD CORP.**

“Randy Turner”

Randy Turner, President and CEO

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