



NEWS RELEASE

INDEPENDENCE GOLD ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF A SECOND DRILL RIG AND ENGAGES AI SYSTEM FOR MINERAL TARGETING AT THE 3TS GOLD AND SILVER PROJECT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, B.C. (May 13, 2026) – Independence Gold Corp. (TSX.V: IGO, OTCQB: IEGCF, FRA: 625) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has added a second drill rig at its 100% owned 3Ts Gold and Silver Project (“3Ts”). The Company is also undertaking an AI targeting study using exploration data collected at 3Ts. 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 metres, have been identified, ten of which remain untested by drilling. Several of the drill tested veins to date remain open along strike and at depth.

Drilling Update

A 10,000 metre drill program commenced in late March 2026 and is ongoing. To date, approximately 3,500 metres of drilling has been completed in eighteen holes targeting both known vein systems and newly discovered geophysical and geochemical anomalies. A second drill rig has been added to the project to allow for faster sample collection and processing by the lab. The current program is designed to test extensions of known mineralized structures for resource expansion, evaluate new target areas identified through geophysics and surface work, and expand the Company’s interpretation of the broader geological systems. Drilling to date has intersected multiple zones of veining, alteration, and structural complexity across the Project area. Drill core from several holes have been submitted to SGS Labs and assay results will be released upon receipt and confirmation by the Company.

AI Targeting Study

Mineural Inc., a Montreal-based firm, has been contracted by the Company to carry out a mineral targeting study on the 3Ts Gold and Silver Project utilizing IRIS, its proprietary geology-aware AI system. IRIS integrates geophysical, geochemical, geological and drill datasets into a single unified model to identify signatures of mineralization across a given area. By focusing on the full suite of available exploration data across the 35,486 hectare property, IRIS will generate ranked exploration targets, enabling the Company to systematically leverage its existing data to identify high-priority targets for follow-up exploration.

Randy Turner, CEO, commented:

“We are pleased to have the addition of a second drill rig at the 3Ts project, which will enable us to complete the 10,000 metre program faster, allowing us to plan the next steps for the project using data collected from the current program.”

The Company has carried out extensive exploration at the 3Ts Gold and Silver Project in recent years and using powerful AI tools to analyze this data will allow us to generate drill targets in areas that have been underexplored or are buried below thick glacial cover. ”

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.

Andy Randell, P.Geo., the Company's Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and who is an independent consultant for the Company, has reviewed the technical information in this news release.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF INDEPENDENCE GOLD CORP.

“Randy Turner”

Randy Turner, President and CEO

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