



Gladiator Receives Class 3 Exploration Permit for Whitehorse Copper Project

Vancouver B.C. - March 30, 2026 - Gladiator Metals Corp. (TSX-V: GLAD, OTC: GDTRF, FSE: ZX7) ("Gladiator" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has received a Class 3 Quartz Exploration Permit from the Government of Yukon for its Whitehorse Copper Project (the "Project").

SUMMARY

- **Class 3 Quartz Exploration Permit received from the Government of Yukon for the Whitehorse Copper Project**
- **Class 3 granted following a positive recommendation from the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board ("YESAB") including positive consultation from Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council**
- **The 5-year term of the Class 3 Permit allows for rapid resource definition, resource expansion and new discoveries along the high-grade Whitehorse Copper Belt.**

Gladiator CEO, Jason Bontempo commented:

"We're absolutely thrilled to have received the Class 3 permit after a positive and constructive YESAB assessment process. This authorisation empowers us to access high priority targets in the Whitehorse Copper Belt not previously accessible under the Class 1 permit and access for systematic drilling to rapidly deliver high grade copper resources inventories. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Government of Yukon, Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council for their support and engagement during this process.

We also sincerely thank the entire Whitehorse Community for their overwhelming support during the YESAB public consultation process and trusting Gladiator Metals to reveal the significant copper resource potential that lies within their Whitehorse Copper Belt.

The future is looking incredibly bright for Gladiator and the Whitehorse Copper Project which has the potential to be a multi-decade intergenerational project once again for the City of Whitehorse."

THE WHITEHORSE COPPER PROJECT

The Whitehorse Copper Project is an advanced-stage high grade copper (Cu), molybdenum (Mo), silver (Ag) and gold (Au) skarn exploration project in the Yukon Territory, Canada.

Copper mineralization was first discovered in 1897 on the Whitehorse Copper Belt and comprises over 30 copper-related, primarily skarn occurrences covering an area of 35 km long by 5 km wide on the western margin of Whitehorse City, Yukon.

Exploration and mining development have been carried out intermittently since 1897 with the main production era lasting between 1967 and 1982 where production from primarily the Little Chief deposit totalled 267,500,000 pounds copper, 225,000 ounces of gold and 2,838,000 ounces of silver from 10.5 million tons of mineralized material milled (Watson, 1984). The Whitehorse Copper Project is accessible by numerous access roads and trails located within 2 km of the South Klondike Highway and the Alaska Highway. An extensive network of historical gravel exploration and haul roads exists throughout the project area, providing excellent access to the claim package. Access to existing electric power facilities is available through the main Yukon power grid.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Advanced 35 km long high-grade copper belt.
- Located on western margin of infrastructure rich Whitehorse City, Yukon
- Greater than 40,000 m of drilling planned for 2026, focussed initially on near-term high-grade copper skarn resources prospects including the cornerstone Cowley Prospect, the recently discovered Cub East Prospect and the significant exploration potential surrounding the Cowley and Cub East mineralized systems.
- Later in the year focus will revert to the known mineralized areas adjacent to previous operating mines, including the Chiefs and Arctic Chief-Best Chance trends.
- Targeting to report maiden high-grade copper NI 43-101 compliant inferred resource(s), in 2026 for Cowley on completion of Class 3 delineation drilling.
- The Project area was a previous producer at Little Chief, Arctic Chief, Keewenaw & Black Cub South and other deposits.
- Between 1967-82 Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting, mined 10.5 mt at 1.5% Cu plus 0.75 g/t Au (Watson P.H. (1984) The Whitehorse Copper Belt - A Compilation. Yukon Geological Survey, Open File 1984-1).
- Key Institutional Investors - Dynamic, Mackenzie, Macquarie Bank and Orimco.

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