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Diamond Hole Testing Bedrock Conductor at **Target 19 gets Underway**

Mount Ridley Mines Ltd (ASX: MRD) (or "the Company") is pleased to announce that it has commenced diamond drilling at its 100% owned Mt Ridley Project in the highly sought after Albany-Fraser Range Province. The diamond drilling program represents an exciting period of exploration activity at the Mt Ridley Nickel-Copper Project.

The program will focus primarily on the bedrock conductor T19C01 announced recently (See ASX announcement dated 8th July). Drilling will consist initially of one diamond hole (MRDD005) positioned to hit the conductor approximately 150m vertical below surface (Figure 1.0). The hole has been designed to intersect the conductive body along with the interpreted peridotite layer and SE contact of the intrusion (Figure 2.0). The hole will be drilled to a depth of approximately 350-400m and is expected to take around a week to complete.

Further follow-up drilling into the conductor will take place once the first hole has been logged and analysed. Downhole EM surveying will also be carried out once MRDD005 has been completed. Downhole EM surveying will detect any significant conductors at depth within the vicinity of the hole. This valuable data will help guide further follow-up diamond holes.

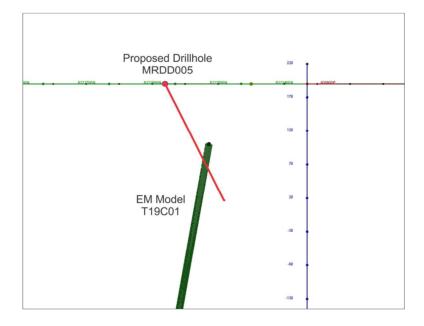


Figure 1.0: Conductor model showing planned trace of diamond hole MRDD005.



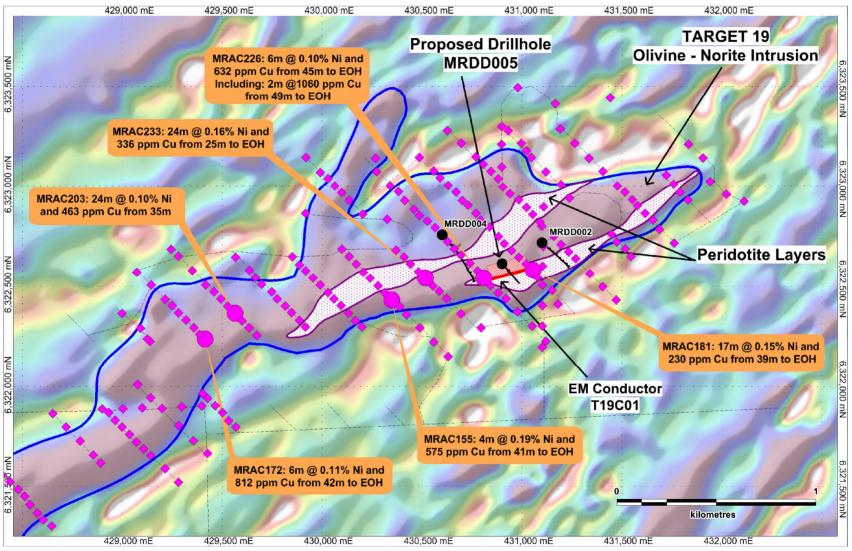


Figure 2.0 — Aeromagnetic Image showing location of planned diamond hole MRDD005 together with conductor T19C01, existing aircore drilling and position of interpreted peridotite layers.

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