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DRILLING SUSPENDED AT SABOUSSIRI IN MAURITANIA

Drilling has been suspended at Shield Mining Limited's (ASX: SHX) Diaguili copper prospect at its 60% owned Saboussiri project in southern Mauritania. The 3 hole/760m RC percussion drilling programme to test the VTEM anomaly has been effected by equipment problems and the onset of the wet season.

It is expected that the programme will be completed when heavy equipment access to the site becomes more viable in December 2010.

The suspension of the programme will allow further analysis of a number of gold-in-soil anomalies at the project, with a view to establishing further drill targets for the December campaign.

The focus will once again revert to the Tijirit gold project (which is 35km from Redback's Tasiast Gold Mine), preparing for the continuation of the drilling campaign.

Background

Saboussiri is located in the south of Mauritania, with Shield holding a 60% interest under a joint venture with General Mining Services (GMS). It consists of two licence areas totalling 220 km², EL879 of 187km² and EL236 of 33km². Shield announced a strong geophysical target on EL236 in 2008 and some strong coherent gold anomalies in May, 2010.

Shield Mining Limited (ASX: SHX) is an Africa-focused gold and base metals explorer listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Shield is active in Mauritania where it holds 100% of 2 and 60% of 2 exploration licences, covering a total area of 2,429km².

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