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## **Ormonde Mining plc**

### **Ormonde reports wide gold intersection in first drillhole in sheeted vein gold system in Salamanca**

DUBLIN & LONDON: 01 November 2007 - Ormonde Mining plc ("Ormonde" or "the Company") is pleased to report that the first drilling and trenching on a new prospect termed "Sierro" at its Salamanca Gold Project in western Spain has returned very encouraging wide gold intersections in a sheeted vein system.

The Company identified its ground holdings in Salamanca as having potential to host large, granite-related gold systems and it now believes it may have located such a system.

#### **Main Points**

- The first hole on **Sierro**, drilled on a gold-in-soil geochemical anomaly some 800m long by 400m wide, returned gold over a **62 metre interval averaging 0.5 g/t**, within a newly-defined sheeted vein system;
- A trench excavated across the part of the anomaly tested by this drillhole returned **25 metres grading 1.0 g/t gold** within a broad zone of **57 metres averaging 0.7 g/t gold**;
- Gold occurs as continuous mineralisation within wide zones of sheeted quartz veining of a broadly similar nature to the extensive systems hosting large low-grade granite-related gold deposits;
- These thick gold intersections are deemed by the Company to be extremely encouraging; neither the trench nor the drillhole established the boundaries of the mineralised system and further drilling will be carried out to establish the extent and average grade of this system.

Kerr Anderson, Managing Director, said today,

"These latest drilling and trenching results highlight the potential for new gold discoveries on our extensive exploration acreage in the Salamanca Project. In particular, the first hole drilled in Sierro supports our belief that the Salamanca area has the potential for large tonnage gold deposits. Although this is only one hole, it is possibly one of the most significant drilled in our gold programmes over the past few years, and we now intend to resume drilling on this prospect. In addition, our geochemical programmes continue to identify new drilling targets; most of the permit area has not been sampled to-date by such programmes."

#### **Sierro**

Ormonde has completed a single drillhole (WS-1) at Sierro for a total of 127.9 metres. This hole was designed to give a rapid test to a large coherent gold-in-soil anomaly some 800m long by 400m wide (> 75ppb gold). To assist in the location of the drillhole, a trench was excavated across part of the soil anomaly. Sampling of zones of quartz veining exposed in the trench returned 25.0 metres averaging 1.0 g/t gold, within a

broader zone of 57.0 metres averaging 0.7 g/t gold. Hole WS-1 was drilled beneath this trench.

Hole WS-1 intersected a series of sheeted quartz veins cutting metasediments, which can be traced up to the surface trench, and returned:

<b>From (m)</b>	<b>To (m)</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Gold (g/t)</b>
32.0	94.0	62.0	0.5

The style of sheeted quartz veining with an associated Ag-As-Bi-Sb geochemical signature and the considerable thickness of the gold mineralisation, are broadly similar to that seen in certain large tonnage gold deposits in other parts of the world (these include Dublin Gulch with a grade of 0.9 g/t gold – under evaluation; and Fort Knox with a grade of 0.8 g/t gold – in production, both in North America).

The hole was collared in the middle of the gold anomaly, which is some 400 metres wide on this drill section, and has therefore only been partly tested by drillhole WS-1. A diagram is included in the PDF version of this announcement at [www.ormondemining.com/doc/press/pr071101.pdf](http://www.ormondemining.com/doc/press/pr071101.pdf).

Step-out drilling is now planned to test the lateral and vertical extent of the gold mineralisation in this first hole. In addition, these highly successful soil sampling programmes will be extended to the other prospective parts of the large permit area.

Kerr Anderson PhD EurGeol PGeo, Managing Director of Ormonde Mining plc, and a qualified person as defined in the Guidance Note for Mining, Oil and Gas Companies, March 2006, of the London Stock Exchange, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this announcement.

A glossary explaining technical terms contained in this announcement can be found at [www.ormondemining.com/projects/glossary.htm](http://www.ormondemining.com/projects/glossary.htm).

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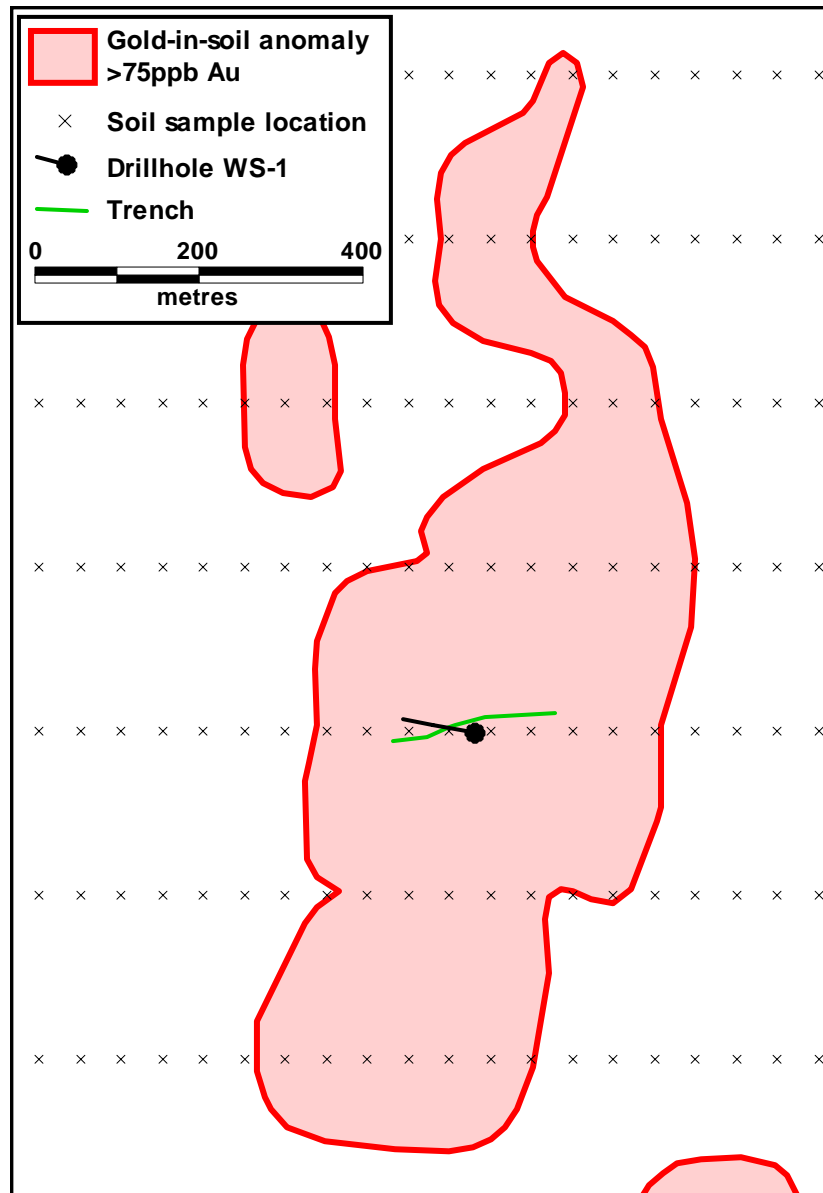
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#### **About Ormonde**

Ormonde Mining plc is quoted on the AIM in London and the IEX in Dublin. Ormonde is a mineral development and exploration company focused on Spain, with the objective of developing mining projects and taking them into production.

Ormonde's main projects are the La Zarza Copper-Gold-Zinc Project in southern Spain where a Bankable Feasibility Study is being carried out by leading international engineering firms and the Barruecopardo high-grade tungsten deposit in the Salamanca area where a continuous programme of in-fill and step-out drilling is now underway with a view to fast-tracking the evaluation of this project.

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**Figure:** The soil geochemistry anomaly, drillhole and trench at Sierra.