

## **Patricia Mining Corp.**

**Press Release**

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**Patricia Mining Corp. initiates underground exploration program at Island Gold Project, Ontario**

Patricia Mining Corp. ("Patricia") is pleased to announce that the underground exploration program at the Company's Island Gold Project, located 125 km southeast of Hemlo, Ontario, is now underway. The program has been initiated following the receipt of necessary advanced exploration approvals from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines on April 2, 2004 and the earlier receipt of a permit to take water from the Ministry of the Environment.

Dumas Mining Contracting Ltd. (Dumas) has mobilized mining equipment to the site and it is anticipated that dewatering of the Lochalsh ramp will begin in mid-April. Once the ramp has been rehabilitated, Dumas will carry out a program consisting of approximately 350 meters of drifting on two levels from the Lochalsh Ramp. Forage Orbit Inc. has also been contracted to carry out a 7,500 meter underground diamond drilling program from the Lochalsh ramp. The underground program has the objective of defining a mineable resource at the Island/Lochalsh zone that will enable a decision to be made on recommencing gold production at the existing mill on the property.

In addition, Patricia is currently completing a surface drill program at the Island Gold Project. Nine holes have been drilled to explore the North Shear Zone and deep extensions of the Island/Lochalsh zone. Assay results are pending.

On completion of the surface and underground exploration program, Richmond Mines Inc. (Richmont) may exercise its option to earn a 55% undivided joint venture interest in the Island Gold Project by placing the project into production or by expending \$10 million on the project. After vesting, and if further financing is required, Richmont has agreed to arrange additional financing to the joint venture up to a maximum of \$10 million.

Patricia's Island Gold Project has a modern fully permitted, 650 tonne per day mill and related mining infrastructure on the site, with access ramps to several zones of mineralization. A resource calculation by Patricia has outlined a significant high-grade Inferred Resource of 2,034,000 tonnes at 8.3 g/t (0.24 opt) at a 5 g/t cut-off for a total of 544,000 ounces of gold. This is part of the larger bulk tonnage Inferred Resource of 20.6 million tonnes, grading 2.35 g/t (0.07 oz/ton) gold for a total of 1,559,000 ounces of gold contained at a cut-off grade of 0.75g/t gold.

Patricia currently has 21,479,817 shares outstanding and has over \$3.2 million in cash.

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