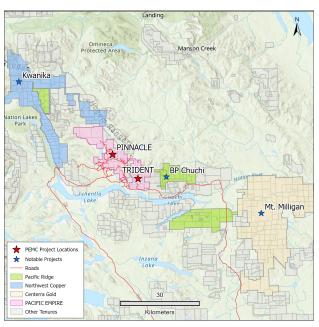


## **President's Newsletter**

## **Trident - Drilling September 2025**



Trident Gold-Enriched Copper Porphyry - Location

High-quality, gold-enriched copper porphyry projects are exceptionally rare — and acquiring one is even more difficult. That rarity is what first drew PEMC to Trident in 2013. Today, after more than a decade of persistence, we now hold 100% ownership and a district-scale position in one of British Columbia's most prospective copper-gold belts.

The regional geological architecture that led us here in 2013 remains as compelling today as it was then. From the copper and gold soil geochemical anomaly that first caught our attention to the discovery of mineralized porphyry dikes in 2014, each layer of data has strengthened our conviction that a significant porphyry deposit could be present.

After optioning the property from the previous owner in 2013, a subsequent diamond drill program by OZ Minerals failed to intersect copper mineralization directly related to a porphyry system and Pacific Empire was forced to return the project to the owner. In 2022, PEMC was able to secure a 100% interest in the property. However, analysis over the past 10 years continued to point to a target area that was previously avoided due to the challenge of building access across a small creek.

That barrier is now gone. Pacific Empire has completed route planning, identified an access corridor, and secured a three-year exploration permit for this high-priority target area. Drilling is scheduled to commence in September 2025 — the first ever test of this compelling target.

# From Discovery to Transaction: Why Location Matters

A decade ago, while attending a mining seminar, I had the opportunity to hear **David Strang**, then President & CEO of Lumina Copper, speak about his experiences in the industry. Mr. Strang played a pivotal role in the 2014 sale of Lumina Copper's Taca Taca deposit in Argentina—one of the most significant copper transactions of its time. What stayed with me from that day was a simple yet profound statement he made: "The only thing harder than finding a mine is selling it."

Those words have proven true time and again. Even a great deposit can languish if it's in the wrong location—whether due to permitting hurdles, lack of infrastructure, or political challenges. This is why the location of Pacific Empire's **Trident** and **Pinnacle** properties is so significant. Both are situated in an established mining district in British

Columbia where mines can actually be built. This factor alone has enormous implications for the potential interest we could attract from major mining companies—the very types of companies that ultimately buy projects or partner on large-scale development.

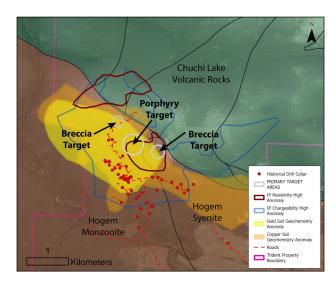
History shows the value of competition among potential buyers. In the nickel world, the story of **Robert Friedland** and Voisey's Bay, told in The Big Score, is legendary. Friedland skillfully used two mining giants—Inco and Falconbridge—to bid against each other, driving the sale price of the Voisey's Bay nickel deposit to unprecedented levels. The lesson is clear: having multiple companies interested in a project not only increases the likelihood of a sale, but can significantly enhance the terms of that transaction.

British Columbia is home to a number of major players actively operating or exploring, including **Teck Resources, Newmont, Centerra Gold, Freeport-McMoRan, and Boliden**. Having projects located in a jurisdiction where these companies already have a presence means Trident and Pinnacle are not only geologically compelling—they're strategically positioned for potential future transactions where strong competition among interested parties could deliver exceptional value to Pacific Empire and our shareholders.

## **Trident Exploration Permit**

PEMC has now received its exploration permit for the Trident property. The permit is a 3-year area-based permit which includes up to **20 diamond drill holes**, road building, geophysical surveys and associated camp and logistics infrastructure. The area based permit covers all target areas on the Trident property identified as priority targets.

Multi year, area based permits are critical for certainty in exploration and despite having initial challenges related to water crossings our current permit allows PEMC to construct water crossings across small creeks that opens up the most attractive area of the project for cost effective exploration. While possible to diamond drill this area with helicopter support, the cost would have been excessive considering the access trail to this area is only a few hundred metres.



2025 Exploration Targets

## 2025 Exploration Plan

With a new three-year exploration permit in hand, Pacific Empire is preparing for an exciting fall program at Trident. A five-hole, 2,500-metre diamond drilling campaign is scheduled to begin in September 2025.

The program will focus on the area north of historical drilling, across a small creek that has acted as a barrier to exploration for more than 50 years. Unlocking this ground represents the first real opportunity to test what we believe could be the heart of the system.

To begin, drilling will start at the A Zone, where very well-mineralized porphyry dikes were first encountered in 2007. Unlike previous programs, which drilled from north to south, PEMC will turn the drills 180 degrees and drill oriented core from south to north. This strategy has two critical advantages:

- Restoring Geometry with Confidence Oriented drill core will allow PEMC to determine the true geometry of mineralized dikes and intrusions for the first time.
- Directly Targeting the Porphyry Centre By drilling down the mineralized dikes, PEMC is taking the most straightforward path toward the potential porphyry centre. This also gives us a strong chance of delivering attractive copper-gold grades in the upper few hundred metres near-surface mineralization that could be highly significant.



Monzonite porphyry emplaced into volcanic rocks; Northparkes Mines, New South Wales, Australia.

The photo above illustrates exactly what PEMC is targeting with its first drill hole: a porphyry dike cutting through surrounding rocks, visible in the pit wall. The presence of the worker in the foreground, standing in an active mine pit, highlights the proximity of porphyry dikes to the main porphyry body. The exploration concept is straightforward—trace the mineralized dike back to its source, the larger porphyry body that drives the system and contains the copper and gold.

## **Blue Sky Potential**

The story of Trident and Pinnacle really began in 2010, when this area first caught attention for its exceptional scale and geologic setting. What stood out immediately was the combination of a large regional flexure — the "Elbow" feature — and the presence of a potential northeast-trending transcurrent fault. Together, these point to the kind of deep-rooted plumbing system required to form large, gold-enriched copper porphyry deposits.

That same year, at a Society of Economic Geologists seminar in Keystone, Colorado, one of the seminars with entitled "10 Keys to Finding a Copper Mine" struck a lasting chord: "If you find visible gold on a copper property — keep looking." That principle guided Pacific Empire to persist and compile data on what was then known as the Colproperty, ultimately optioning it in 2013 and combining it with the Pinnacle property to establish a district-scale land position.

Since then, exploration has reinforced the area's potential. In 2014, PEMC confirmed the presence of well-mineralized porphyry dikes. Placer gold is abundant in the Klawli River, which separates Trident and Pinnacle, and high-grade copper, gold, and zinc values associated with barite veins suggest a telescoping system — where multiple mineralizing events may be superimposed.

Importantly, the style of mineralization here is characteristic of Alkalic Porphyry Systems — rare, gold-rich copper systems known to occur in clusters. Where there is one, there is often more.

The upcoming drill program at Trident is designed to test this potential head-on. A discovery here would not only confirm the scale and grade at Trident, but would also immediately elevate the Pinnacle property to the west as a top-tier drill target for 2026.

Pacific Empire has always believed this district holds the potential for multiple discoveries. Proving Trident is the key that could unlock a much larger copper-gold story in British Columbia.

#### Other Items

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On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank all of our shareholders for their support.

Sincerely,

## "Brad Peters" President & CEO



### **Forward-Looking Information**

Some of the statements in this newsletter contain forward-looking information that involves inherent risk and uncertainty affecting the business of Pacific Empire Minerals Corp. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements.

#### National Instrument 43-101 Information

The disclosure of technical information in this newsletter has been approved by the Company's Vice President of Exploration, Kristian Whitehead, P. Geol., a "qualified person" for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 43-101"). He has verified the data disclosed, including sampling, analytical and test data, underlying such technical information by reviewing and approving all corresponding scientific and technical data relevant to this newsletter.

#### **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

We have implemented quality assurance and quality control measures in our exploration programs.

Field work is conducted under the direct supervision of a Qualified Person. The exploration process (including planning, mapping, sampling, sample preparation, sample security and analysis or testing) is carefully documented and accompanied by a detailed record setting out the procedures followed and the results obtained.

All sampling programs are carried out in a careful and diligent manner using scientifically established sampling practices designed and tested to ensure that the results are representative and reliable. Quality control programs appropriate to the type of sample and the mineralization are implemented, including such measures as external blanks, standards and duplicate samples. The security of samples from sample acquisition to analysis is a vital component of the sampling process. Procedures include the use of secure core logging, sampling, storage and preparation facilities as appropriate and the prompt, secure and direct shipping of samples to the laboratories.

Our exploration procedures are developed to conform to current "best practices" in mineral exploration.