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Press Release

The Discover Abitibi Initiative announced today that the contract to complete the Regional Gravity Surveys has been awarded to Sander Geophysics Limited of Ottawa, Ontario. The contract involves data acquisition, and final map production for 4 large areas spread across the region.

Sander intends to complete the surveys utilizing fixed-wing aircraft flying from the Kirkland Lake and Timmins airports. The surveying will be completed at 1 km line spacings on the Timmins North, South and West survey areas (refer to the website for area details) http://www.discoverabitibi.com/technical-projects.htm. The larger block, Timmins East, will be flown at 500-meter line separations.

Dave McGirr, Chair of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation, said, “…these surveys conducted over areas of poor present coverage will provide the exploration community with a greatly enhanced data set and will assist them in the interpreting the geology and increase their understanding of a large section of the greenstone belt.”

Dan Gignac, Chair of the management committee agreed with McGirr, “the completion of these surveys in conjunction with the magnetometer surveys previously announced and the MegaTEM II results already released will provide the exploration community with one more piece of the puzzle in their search for new ore deposits which could lead to greater economic stability in the region. We have seen a significant increase in activity over the last several months and we are hopeful that the increased activity will locate additional mineral resources in the area.”

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