

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Midlands Minerals Corporation Completes Preliminary Test RC Drilling Program of Gold and Kimberlite Targets on its Itilima Concessions in Tanzania**

Midlands Minerals Corporation is pleased to announce the completion of an initial 14 hole, 1344 meter reverse circulation (RC) drilling program. The objective of this initial drilling program was to test and confirm two known gold-bearing structures as well as evaluate the diamond potential of two kimberlite targets identified by previous exploration work and the airborne magnetic and radiometric survey conducted by Fugro Airborne Surveys (Pty) Limited in July, 2003.

Field work commenced, in Tanzania on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2004 with drilling commencing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2004. Stanley Mining Services Pty Ltd. was the drilling contractor. Eleven holes were drilled to test the Itilima and Chanya shear zones and three holes were drilled to provide composite samples of the two confirmed kimberlite bodies.

The Itilima property consists of two contiguous prospecting licenses ("PL"), PL 1406/99 and PL 2043/02, totalling approximately 65 square kilometers, and is located 15 kilometers southeast of the town of Shinyanga. Nine holes tested the Itilima shear structure along a strike length of approximately 1.5 kilometers to a maximum vertical depth of 150 meters and two holes, drilled on the same section, tested the Chanya shear structure located 3.5 kilometers to the east on the adjacent license. Visible gold was observed in some panned concentrates of samples from eight of the drill holes. The remaining three holes tested the K 1 (two holes) and K 2 kimberlite targets on each of the two licenses. The kimberlite targets were drilled down to depths of 48 and 60 meters, respectively.

Drill holes were logged and the entire length of each of the holes was sampled at one meter intervals. Chip boards were prepared for each hole and have been stored along with sample splits at Midlands' field exploration office located in Shinyanga, Tanzania. Split samples from the gold zones were submitted to SGS Mineral Services laboratory in Mwanza, Tanzania, and due diligence samples are being tested by SGS Mineral Services Laboratory in Toronto, Ontario.

Final assay results for the gold zones are expected in approximately three weeks time. Approximately 140 kilograms of composite sample material from each of the kimberlites was submitted to SGS Lakefield Research for macro- and micro- diamond analysis. These results are expected in approximately four to six weeks.

An artisanal worker washing and screening material from the K1 target recovered kimberlite indicator mineral grains and reported recovering several diamonds. This cannot be confirmed prior to obtaining the results of samples submitted to SGS Lakefield Research.

The drilling program was carried out by Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited, under the direct supervision of qualified person Paul Dunbar P.Geol. who conducted the previous exploration program on this project and has worked extensively in Africa in similar geological environments.

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Further work on the two Tanzania Concessions will be based on the results of the current drill program. Midlands Minerals Corp. intends to carry out further exploration of the gold-bearing potential of the Itilima, Chanya and related structures and the eighty other potential kimberlite targets identified by Patterson, Grant & Watson Limited from the airborne geophysical survey data. The company also has a prospective gold property on the north – east end of the Ashanti Gold Belt in Ghana.

Midlands Minerals Corporation is a privately held Canadian resource company which is in the process of amalgamating with Grand Oakes Resources Corp, a public reporting issuer in the jurisdiction of Ontario. The amalgamated company is in the process of applying for a listing on the TSX Venture Exchange.

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