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Additional sampling identifies 300 m strike length of Rare Earth Elements & Thorium on Marble Breccia Zone at the Mount Copeland Project, Revelstoke, BC

Torch River Resources Ltd. (“**Torch**” or the “**Corporation**”) (TSX-V: TCR) (FRANKFURT: WNF) (U.S. pink sheets: TORVF) is pleased to announce results from a total of 48 rock chip samples from Mount Copeland were analyzed for REE & multi-element ICP-MS carried out at Pioneer Labs Inc., Richmond, BC (certificate number 2111123), and ALS Minerals, N Vancouver (certificate number VA11211509). Elevated values of cerium, lanthanum, neodymium, praseodymium, samarium, dysprosium, gadolinium, zirconium, thorium, molybdenum & niobium occur in 24 of 48 rock chip samples. Management is encouraged by these expanding results.

The north slope of Mt. Copeland was covered by a glacier when the high grade molybdenum mine closed in 1973. Subsequent melting of the glacier has allowed Torch to conduct surface prospecting above the old underground mine site and entry adit. The Marble Ridge Breccia Zone was the location of rock chip sample AR22 which contained, as previously reported, total **REEs of 4.13%**. The average of the new samples 821, 828, 829, 832, 834 and 838 is over **1.2% REEs** and ranges over 300 meters of strike length. As reported on October 5, 2011 samples 804,805,808,809 and 810 averaged .67% REEs. A new reassay of these samples returned **.91% REEs** (certificate number VA11238839). This area will be a main target of our 2012 drill program. New maps of this area and other data referring to Mt. Copeland can be viewed on the Company’s web site:

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The geochemical analysis of rock chip samples was taken from a 300 m strike length of semi-continuous outcrop and there was identified REE & Th (low U) bearing mineralization on Torch’s 100% owned Mount Copeland mineral tenures. In August, 2011 the Marble Ridge Breccia Zone was only exposed over a strike length of 15 m, but additional sampling in Sept reveals that the zone has over 300 m strike, and is open at both ends. The following table lists results:

sample	ppm Ce	ppm La	ppm Nd	ppm Pr	ppm Sm	ppm Dy	ppm Y	ppm Zr	ppm Th	ppm Mo	ppm Nb
804	2220	1650	432	155	59.3	42.8		291	407	8	
805	2120	1740	339	133	40.9	34.1		113	405	25	
808	3440	2790	552	218	65.6	64.2		164	575	70	
809	1820	1540	277	112	31.5	25.6		149	527	21	
810	2920	2690	389	168	41.6	33.9		81	351	3	
814	1390	1335	222	93.9	26.1	22.9	174.5	48	337	64	26.4
815	1365	1295	224	93.4	27.7	22.4	160.5	92	292	63	34.1
821	2350	2450	408	148.5	41.1	33.8	253	93	349	3	22.8
822	1235	1255	230	82.3	23.9	20.9	152	98	247	4	23.1
827	1270	1090	264	100.5	37.5	28.1	191.5	503	576	6	239
828	2140	1970	374	155	43.3	32.4	250	826	248	8	159
829	3360	3130	548	230	61.2	51.2	397	356	>1000	3	96.9
831	1795	1715	300	126.5	34.5	26.9	212	167	162	10	52.7
832	6100	5780	969	405	104.5	87	712	145	>1000	589	88.2
834	4750	4070	747	316	77.6	60.8	114.5	558	>1000	16	195.5
835	1695	1435	285	121.5	30.4	21.2	412	123	>1000	26	39.8
836	714	697	134	50.9	18.3	14.3	112.5	1930	172	44	164

837	520	515	86.9	35.1	10.7	6.69	50.1	141	67.1	312	44.2
838	7850	7040	1215	512	152	123	856	161	>1000	183	93.8
839	553	495	102	39.6	13.35	8.65	53.1	140	58.6	9	30
842	187	96.6	66.7	19.7	11.85	9.37	70.8	275	2.61	6520	198.5

sample	ppm Ce	ppm La	ppm Nd	ppm Pr	ppm Sm	ppm Dy		ppm Zr	ppm Th	ppm Mo	ppm Nb
901	29.1	21.4	6.5	2.31	0.96	0.95	7.9	1940	6.47	3760	1100
902	34.9	19.4	11.2	3.4	1.82	1.18	8.4	1360	4.58	12225	501
903	55.6	30.4	17.1	5.43	2.65	1.51	9.8	937	14.05	6020	1965

NOTE- all rock chip samples represent a true width of 0.5 m, samples 801-842 were from the Marble Ridge Breccia, samples 901-903 were from the Glacier Zone

In addition to rock chip sample a detailed magnetometer survey was carried out over a 350 X 200 m area to locate zones of pyrrhotite and/or magnetite/ilmenite (which are magnetic and paramagnetic minerals). The magnetometer survey revealed numerous 1000-3,000 nT anomalies located on and adjacent to the marble breccia ridge crest. The magnetometer anomalies represent future drill targets because pyrrhotite, magnetite and ilmenite are closely associated with elevated rare earth elements.

The geological setting for the Copeland molybdenite occurrence is within concordant bodies of nepheline syenite gneiss that occur adjacent to the calc-silicate gneiss and marble unit. The syenite have locally developed an augen texture with large porphyryblasts of K-feldspar in a fine-grained groundmass. Calc-silicate assemblages contain diopside, garnet and actinolite. Carbonates and carbonatites are re-crystallized to medium and locally coarse-grained granoblastic marbles. Lithologies present are summarized as follows:

PROTEROZOIC (PRE-CAMBRIAN)

8- Syenite Aplite/Syenite Pegmatite: K-feldspar, kaolinite, sericite, calcite, biotite, fluorite, garnet, sphene, specularite, pyrrhotite, pyrite, molybdenite, ilmenite, chalcopyrite, scheelite, tourmaline, apatite, riebeckite, poikilitic aegirine, zircon, zeolite, cancrinite, and analcite

7- Hangingwall Syenite Gneiss, Nepheline Syenite: K-feldspar, green/brown phlogopite, calcite, chlorite, accessory apatite, zircon, sphene, tourmaline, sphene, apatite, riebeckite, poikilitic aegirine, zircon, fluorite, zeolite, cancrinite and analcite

6- Biotite-Amphibole Marble: weathered and deeply pitted appearance, biotite, hornblende, chlorite, marble (granoblastic), actinolite, diopside

5- Black Biotite Amphibole Gneiss: biotite, hornblende, chlorite, oligoclase, magnetite

4- Quartzite Gneiss: feldspar, granular, interbedded marble bands, actinolite & diopside

3- Footwall Schist: massive biotite, minor feldspar, chlorite

2- Footwall Syenite Gneiss: microcline/oligoclase, green/brown mica, chlorite

1- Green Diopside Gneiss: 50% feldspar, 10-35% biotite, 2-10% green diopside,

Mount Copeland Glacier Zone features underground production (1970-73) that extracted 169,729 tonnes and recovered 2,625,046 pounds (1,190,713 kilograms) of molybdenum. When the Mount Copeland Glacier Zone molybdenum mine went into production in 1970, development work (diamond drilling, mapping, sampling) indicated there was 163,340 tonnes @ 1.1% Mo (Fyles, 1973). Mount Copeland nepheline syenite complex geologically correlates with the west flank of the Frenchman's Cap gneiss dome, which includes REE enriched deposits located along the Perry River/Ratchford Creek and Mount Grace areas.

The fieldwork carried out in 2011 on Mount Copeland was conducted and supervised by Andris Kikauka, P.Geo., a Qualified Person pursuant to National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Kikauka has reviewed the contents of this news release. Torch River Resources will be following up REE, Mo, Nb & Th bearing mineralization on its 100% owned Mount Copeland mineral property. In order to assess Copeland Project mineral resources Management will be conducting surface sampling and diamond drilling in the area of the molybdenum-niobium bearing vein type mineralization (Glacier Zone) and exploring granoblastic replacement type mineralization (Marble Breccia Ridge Zone).

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