

# Market Alert

**West Timmins Mining Inc.**

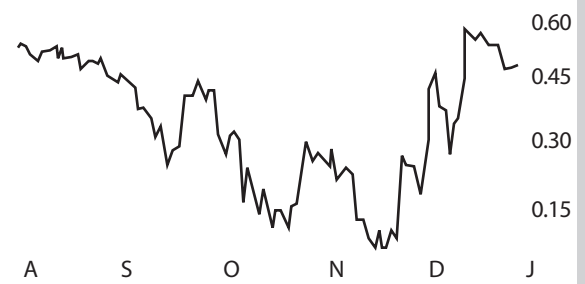
**TSX: WTM**

## DRILLING PROGRAM ACCELERATED ON WTM'S THUNDER CREEK GOLD PROPERTY, TIMMINS, ONTARIO

**Sector:** Mining/Exploration

6 Month Price Chart

► West Timmins Mining Inc (TSX: WTM) is a publicly traded gold exploration company focused on district scale discovery and development opportunities in two of the world's great gold camps: the Timmins Gold Camp in northern Ontario and the Sierra Madre Gold Belt in Mexico. WTM has built major land positions in these two world class districts and has recently announced important new discoveries in each.



► Vancouver, January 21, 2009) West Timmins Mining Inc. (TSX: WTM) (the "Company") announced today that drilling has resumed on the Company's Thunder Creek Property in Timmins, Ontario and that a second drill is due to arrive onsite shortly to target the down-plunge extension of the high-grade Rusk Gold Zone. The second drill will initially target the area approximately 100 metres down-plunge of the recent high-grade intercept in hole TC08-54 - 11.20 g/t gold over 10.40 metres (NR08-33, Dec. 16, 2008). The Rusk Gold Zone has to date demonstrated continuity for over 400 metres down-plunge, returning numerous high-grade gold intercepts. Exploration of the Thunder Creek Property is a joint venture between WTM and Lake Shore Gold Corp. (TSX:LSG) with LSG as the operator.

The Rusk Gold Zone is located less than 800 metres south of the 1.3 million ounce Timmins West Gold Deposit where a 750 metre vertical shaft is currently under construction. Approximately one-third of the current 22,000 metre diamond drill program on the Thunder Creek Property was completed prior to year end. Drilling is currently anticipated to continue at Thunder Creek into the second quarter of 2009 with a goal of further expanding and delineating the Rusk Gold Zone, and testing additional targets on the Property.

WTM also announced that drilling has resumed, with one rig, on its 100% owned Hwy 144 Property, located immediately south of the Thunder Creek Property. The Contact Fault, which hosts both the Rusk Gold Zone and the Timmins West Gold Deposit, can be traced through the Hwy 144 Property for over 4,000 metres. Drilling completed on the Hwy 144 Property prior to year-end, intersected a broad alteration zone characterized by alteration and intrusive host rocks similar to those associated with the most recent high-grade gold intercepts from the Rusk Zone. A 16 hole, 1,800 metre diamond drill program is currently testing this alteration zone, the Contact Fault and additional geophysical targets, in an area approximately 200 metres south of the Thunder Creek Property.

Assay results from 6 holes completed on the Thunder Creek Property and 10 holes completed on the Hwy 144 Property prior to year-end remain pending. Results will be released as they are received by the Company. In addition, final results from 17 holes completed as part of the resource expansion and in-fill program on WTM's Golden River West Zone are in the process of being sampled and assayed. The Golden River West Zone is located 3.0 kilometres southeast of the Rusk Gold Zone on WTM's 100% owned Thorne Property. The West Zone, is one of 10 known zones of gold mineralization located along the Golden River Fault Zone which cuts across the Thorne Property for over 5.0 kilometres. Mr. Darin Wagner (P.Geo), President and CEO of the Company, is the non-independent qualified person for this release.

About West Timmins Mining Inc. ([www.westtimminsmining.com](http://www.westtimminsmining.com)):

WTM is focussed on the exploration and development of district-scale gold and related base metal projects in the major gold camps of North America. The Company is advancing the high-grade Rusk Gold discovery on its Thunder Creek joint venture in Timmins, Ontario where it is currently in the midst of a 22,000 metre diamond drill program. WTM also has active gold exploration projects in Mexico, highlighted by the Montaña de Oro Project in Sonora, Mexico and the high-grade Lluvia de Oro gold-silver Project in Chihuahua, Mexico. West Timmins Mining is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol WTM.

On behalf of the Board of  
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### Market Data

52-week low/high	\$0.13/0.92	Market Cap	\$51 Mil.
Shares Outstanding		Cash & Marketables	\$4 Mil.
- Basic	113.6 Mil.	Debt	None
- Diluted (all mgmt)	124.5 Mil.		

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