



## PRESS RELEASE

### SURFACE DRILLING AT MARTIN ZONE COMPLETED

**Val-d'Or, Quebec – March 2, 2012** – Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd (WDO: TSX) has received the remaining results from its 2011 surface diamond drilling program on the Martin Zone located 1.2 kilometres east of the Kiena mine shaft.

Drilling results demonstrate potential to double the known vertical extent of mineralization above drifting and detailed definition drilling from the 330 metre level underground workings. We are planning to develop and mine the Martin Zone from the 330 metre level. It offers potential to boost overall grades at the Kiena Mine Complex.

These results follow those previously released July 19 and September 19, 2011 available on the company's website – [www.wesdome.com](http://www.wesdome.com).

The location and results are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 and on the accompanying surface plan (Figure 1) and composite longitudinal section (Figure 2).

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- **5.00 gAu/tonne over 9.6 m including 11.25 gAu/tonne over 3.4 m (core length)**
- **3.36 gAu/tonne over 9.0 m including 11.26 gAu/tonne over 2.5 m (core length)**
- **1.36 gAu/tonne over 17.2 m including 5.71 gAu/tonne over 1.6 m (core length)**
- **23.17 gAu/tonne over 0.7 m and 12.13 gAu/tonne over 0.5 m (core length)**

George Mannard, VP Exploration, comments "We are seeing potential of a second structure opening up. This will be evaluated progressively as we develop the main Martin Zone."

**Table 1: Drill Hole Locations**

Hole No.	Easting (UTM)	Northing (UTM)	Azimuth (degrees)	Dip (degrees)	Length (metres)
S695A	284344	5333599	243	-50	252
S699	284285	5333698	250	-50	255
S700	284285	5333698	249	-58	306
S701	284272	5333757	243	-50	243
S702	284272	5333757	244	-56	297
S703	284344	5333792	243	-50	501
S704	284344	5333792	243	-58	548
S705	284254	5333806	244	-50	252
S706	284248	5333803	245	-55	318
S707	284319	5333836	243	-50	492
S708*	284319	5333836	243	-55	54
S708A	284319	5333836	243	-58	591
S709	284227	5333849	243	-50	306

S710	284227	5333849	243	-58	342
S711	284208	5333890	243	-50	294
S712	284208	5333890	243	-58	352
S713	284392	5333457	244	-51	252
S714	284402	5333458	245	-59	321

\* Drill hole abandoned

**Table 2: Drill Hole Results**

Hole No.	From (metres)	To (metres)	Section	Core length (metres)	Estimated True Width (metres)	Grade (gAu/tonne)	Cut Grade** (gAu/tonne)
S695A	178.50	183.50	9925N	5.0	3.1	1.92	1.92
<i>S695A</i>	<i>199.00</i>	<i>200.50</i>	<i>9925N</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>3.24</i>	<i>3.24</i>
S699	182.80	184.90	10050N	2.1	1.3	0.87	0.87
S700	206.50	212.50	10050N	6.0	3.2	0.92	0.92
S701	160.20	162.40	10100N	2.2	1.6	2.47	2.47
Incl.	160.20	161.00	10100N	0.8	0.6	6.36	6.36
S702	222.70	223.40	10100N	0.7	0.4	4.62	4.62
S703	345.60	347.00	10100N	1.4	0.8	1.21	1.21
<i>S703</i>	<i>437.30</i>	<i>446.90</i>	<i>10100N</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>3.56</i>
<i>Incl.</i>	<i>443.50</i>	<i>446.90</i>	<i>10100N</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>11.25</i>	<i>7.19</i>
S704	354.60	356.70	10100N	2.1	1.1	1.42	1.42
<i>S704</i>	<i>452.20</i>	<i>454.60</i>	<i>10100N</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>2.01</i>	<i>2.01</i>
S705	188.00	192.40	10150N	4.4	3.2	1.38	1.38
<i>S705</i>	<i>222.00</i>	<i>231.00</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>3.36</i>	<i>3.36</i>
<i>Incl.</i>	<i>223.00</i>	<i>225.50</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>11.26</i>	<i>11.26</i>
S706	227.30	231.00	10150N	3.7	2.4	0.64	0.64
<i>S706</i>	<i>288.00</i>	<i>289.50</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>4.47</i>	<i>4.47</i>
S707	394.70	396.50	10150N	1.8	1.1	0.65	0.65
<i>S707</i>	<i>427.80</i>	<i>430.40</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>3.83</i>	<i>3.83</i>
S708*			10150N				abandoned
S708A	466.10	466.60	10150N	0.5	0.3	1.03	1.03
<i>S708A</i>	<i>566.70</i>	<i>583.90</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>1.36</i>	<i>1.36</i>
<i>Incl.</i>	<i>582.30</i>	<i>583.90</i>	<i>10150N</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>5.71</i>	<i>5.71</i>
S709	219.20	220.00	10200N	0.8	0.5	0.29	0.29
S710	290.10	291.50	10200N	1.4	0.8	2.19	2.19
S711	175.50	176.00	10250N	0.5	0.3	4.41	4.41
<i>S712</i>	<i>89.20</i>	<i>94.60</i>	<i>10250N</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.95</i>	<i>2.95</i>
S712	283.20	286.00	10250N	2.8	1.8	1.49	1.49
<i>S713</i>	<i>91.00</i>	<i>92.00</i>	<i>9775N</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>5.56</i>	<i>5.56</i>
S713	151.20	151.70	9775N	0.5	0.3	3.02	3.02
<i>S714</i>	<i>98.50</i>	<i>99.20</i>	<i>9775N</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>23.17</i>	<i>23.17</i>
<i>S714</i>	<i>103.70</i>	<i>104.20</i>	<i>9775N</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>12.13</i>	<i>12.13</i>
S714			9775N			NSA	NSA

\*\* An upper grade cutting limit of 34.28 gAu/tonne was applied.

Note: Results tabled in blue italic text represent an interpreted branch of the Martin Zone.

## **GEOLOGICAL CONTEXT**

The Martin Zone strikes northwest and is subvertically dipping. It is a tabular zone consisting of albitized quartz stockwork veining and quartz-albite-pyrite veining in brecciated tholeiitic basalts. The Martin Zone structure supported historic production of 139,000 tonnes grading 6.2 gAu/tonne above 230 metres depth during the period 1936 – 1938 from the former Martin Mine, located 1.0 kilometres to the southeast of current work. The Martin Zone appears to be branching into at least two zones along strike to the northwest as illustrated on the accompanying longitudinal section (Figure 2).

## **TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE**

The technical content of this press release has been verified by Marc Ducharme, P.Geo. OGQ, Chief Exploration Geologist, Kiena mine in his capacity as a “Qualified Person”, as per requirements of National Instrument 43-101. Assaying was done by fire assay methods at the Kiena mine assay office. In addition to internal duplicate, standards and blanks, the geology department inserts blind standards and blanks into the sample stream at a frequency of one in twenty to monitor quality control.

## **ABOUT WESDOME**

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