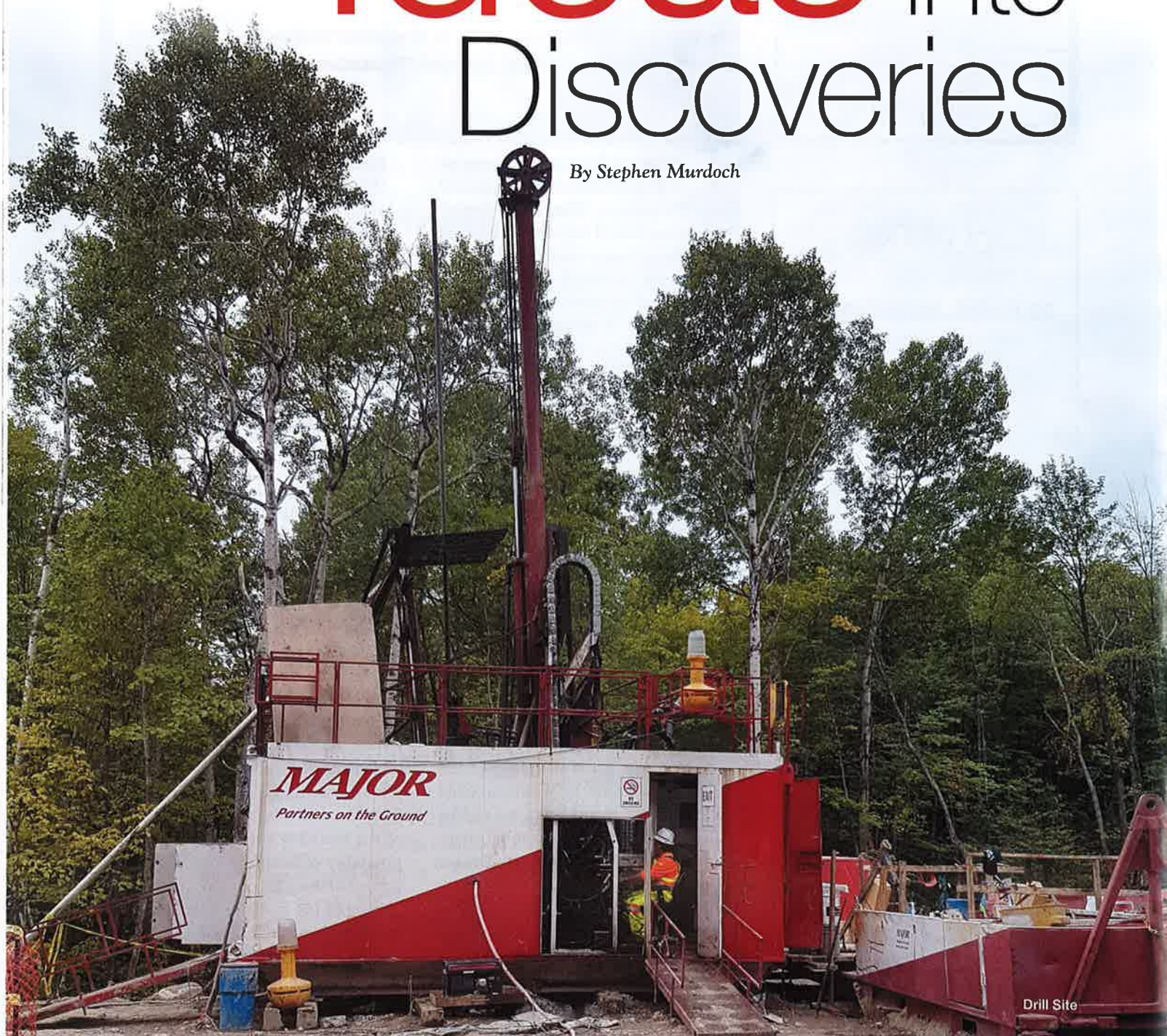


# Turning Exploration Ideas into Discoveries

By Stephen Murdoch



For eight years, an award-winning team of geoscientists has been actively developing and testing new ideas for discovering mineralization in locations that others have not looked. Their rigorous fieldwork combining traditional and new techniques has put Sudbury-based Transition Metals on the map.

The multi-commodity exploration company boasts a portfolio that currently includes gold, copper, nickel and platinum projects. "We are known for our project business model to acquire and advance multiple projects simultaneously. This concept allows us to maximize shareholder exposure to discovery and capital gain. Through the years, our business model has allowed us to undertake projects in Ontario, Nunavut and Saskatchewan," explained Scott McLean, P.Geo., President and CEO of Transition Metals.

The project generator business model has been at the heart of the Sudbury operations success. "We have been able to maintain a portfolio of multiple projects, funded in large part by our option, joint-venture and strategic alliance partners. Our strength is combining custom-built digital compilations, advanced 3D geoscience modeling and interpretive techniques, with rigorous fieldwork to identify attractive markets. The team has spent most of its time conducting grass roots exploration in Canada and has been very successful in identifying new discoveries that have led to robust exploration projects," McLean said.

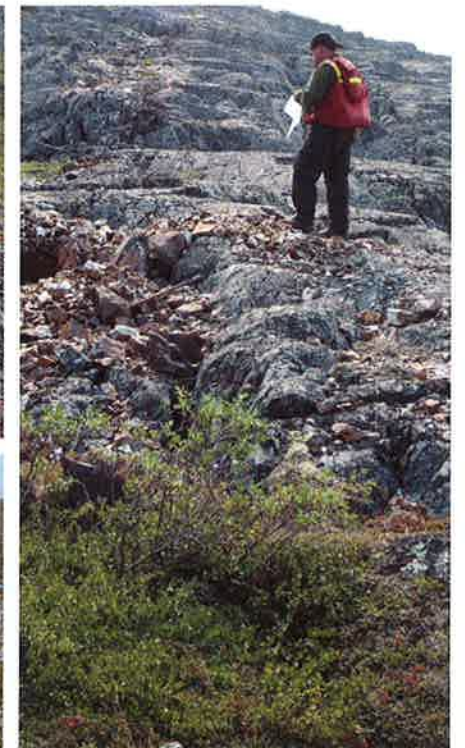
Transition Metals shows no signs of slowing down as they continue to take on projects at various stages of exploration. "Sunday Lake is an emerging platinum discovery in the midcontinent rift ("MCR") region, 25 km north of Thunder Bay, Ontario. Under a Joint Venture agreement with Impala Platinum Holdings, the project has advanced significantly since we first assembled the property in 2013. To date, 20 holes for a total of 12,000 metres have been completed and hit some of the best reported PGM intercepts in decades. More importantly, we've been able to demonstrate the value of the project generator model where we retain an interest in the project while our partner funds the exploration," McLean went on to say.



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The team of nine has executed their newest option agreement with Aldershot Resources Ltd. "Our latest partnership has us drilling at the very prospective Gowganda Gold project. The Haultain discovery within the project area was made by the company a few years ago, however, the project remained idle during the industry downturn. We are very excited about this opportunity and we have fired up the drill over the past few weeks."

Like other companies servicing the mineral exploration industry, Transition Metals feel the greatest challenge will be the demand for commodities. "Changing mineral commodity demand and prices impact investor interest and the need for potential partners to acquire interests in our assets. We've witnessed several

consecutive years of downward pressure, but we are now slowly seeing signs of a recovery. Stock prices are moving in the right direction as are some commodity markets, which should bode well for companies looking to raise money or attract new strategic partners to advance projects," McLean explained.

Additional opportunities for McLean and his team will be identifying projects that others have not been able to maintain them through the industry's recent deterioration. "Some companies have folded and certain projects have been abandoned. As a company, we see this as an excellent opportunity to make low cost acquisitions ahead of the next bull market. We're sifting through mounds of data files and looking to identify only

the projects and new conceptual targets with merit that fit our business model.”

“In addition to all that work, we have been advancing our own projects further and still making new important discoveries like our Saturday Night PGM intersection that we announced in late January.”

Outside of the three aforementioned projects, Transition Metals has about 30 other projects in North America and have mitigated the downside risk that is inherent to the exploration sector. “We have enjoyed excellent partnerships which have continued to fund projects through the last significant industry downturn and as a result Transition has not had a requirement to finance at low valuations but instead has continued to make discoveries. With our forecasted upturn in the industry, Transition could not be better positioned with great projects, strong partnerships and money in the bank. We will continue to have a primary focus in Ontario over the next few years where we believe there is exceptional mineral bounty and opportunity,” McLean said.

A proud member of the OPA for several years, the President and CEO sees great

value in his membership with the association. “We view our membership in the OPA as necessary in the goal of supporting prospecting and mining throughout Ontario. It’s important the regional interests of prospectors, and the mineral industry, are pushed forward across the various levels of government and the general public. As a project generator based in Sudbury with large number of projects in Ontario, the OPA is a good source of information for us and allows significant networking opportunities. I’ve met many members at conferences, trade shows and just out in the field. It’s been a real advantage from a business perspective but I’ve also made some good friends along the way.”

Looking ahead, Transition Metals have been very active on several fronts and expects the momentum to continue through 2017. “Notably, we are quickly advancing our two subsidiaries, Sudbury Platinum Corporation and Canadian Gold Miner. Sudbury Platinum Corporation is completing a 18,000 metre campaign at its Aer-Kidd PGM-Ni-Cu project and recently completed geophysics at its Lockerby Project. The geophysics at

Lockerby identified significant conductors down dip of known resources on the property. Our plan for Lockerby over the coming months is to analyze the results, identify drill targets and commence a drill program before the end of the year. Both projects are located in the Sudbury mining camp and we believe hold tremendous exploration potential,” McLean explained.

Their second subsidiary, Canadian Gold Miner, has assembled a district scale portfolio of gold projects in the Abitibi. “It’s taking advantage of the current mining cycle to consolidate an unprecedented package of high quality gold projects. Canadian Gold Miner’s focus is on early to mid-staged exploration projects along key breaks such as the Cadillac Larder and Lincoln-Nipissing. Its current portfolio holds 165 km<sup>2</sup> of highly prospective ground. We completed a \$500k seed round last August and have commenced marketing for the next round of financing to advance certain projects ahead of public offering this year or early next year,” McLean concluded.

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