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Western Atlas Resources announces initial Diamond Drill Program at its Meadowbank Gold Project

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (February 18, 2020) – Western Atlas Resources Inc. (“**Western Atlas**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: **WA**), is pleased to announce plans for its upcoming initial diamond drill program of up to 4,000 meters (the “**Program**”) at its 100% owned Meadowbank Gold Project - Block B, target B1 (the “**Project**”), located in Nunavut, Canada. The Project is adjacent to Agnico Eagle’s Meadowbank and Amaruq producing gold mines (*please see figure 1*) and is fully permitted for exploration (inclusive of drilling).

The Program will start late April/beginning of May this year, will primarily be discovery focused and will target previously identified geological features such as banded iron formation (BIF) and shear zones with interpreted total strike lengths of 15 km and 6 km, respectively (*please see figure 3*). The definition of these drill targets is the result of the interpretation of the 2017 to 2019 exploration program data sets, which include geological and geochemical results, data from the high-resolution geophysical data including aeromagnetic survey, helicopter-borne VTEM and ground IP.

This area has never been drilled before and early indications show that the Company’s Meadowbank Gold Project hosts similar geology settings as the Agnico Eagle’s Meadowbank and Amaruq gold producing mines. Western Atlas intends to test other prospective target areas within Block B, Targets B1 to B3 and within Block A, Targets A1 to A3 in future drill programs (*please see figures 2 and 4*).

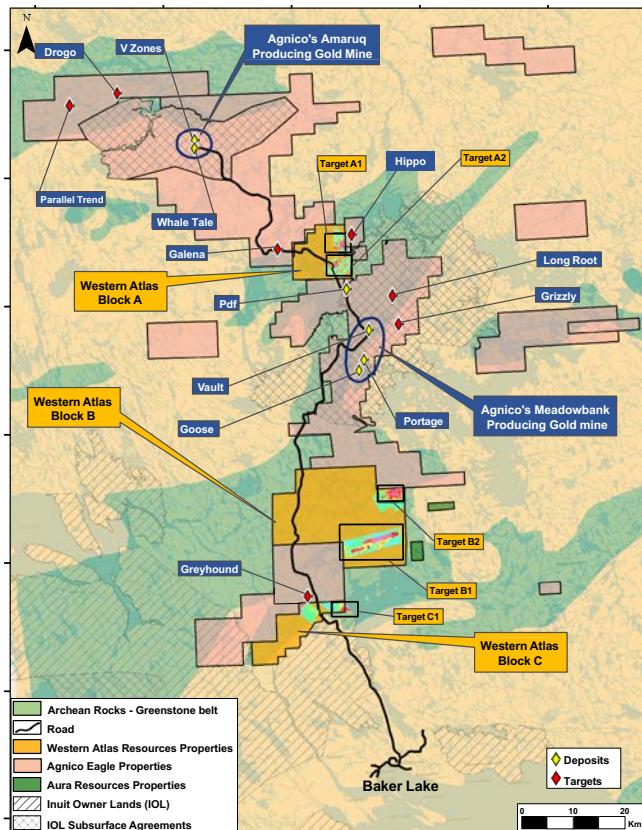


Figure 1: Meadowbank Gold Project, Property Layouts

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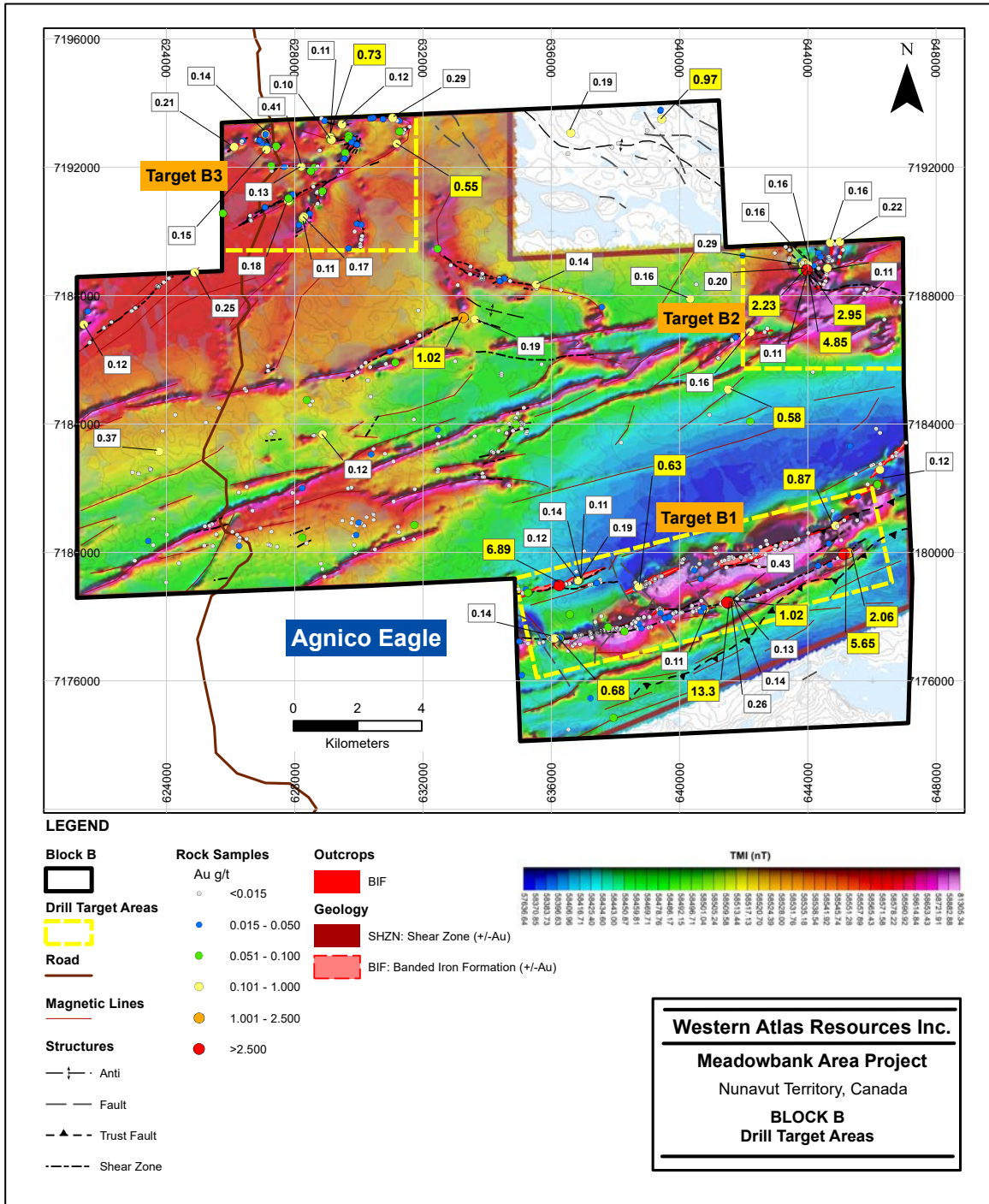


Figure 2: Block B, Target B1, B2 and B3

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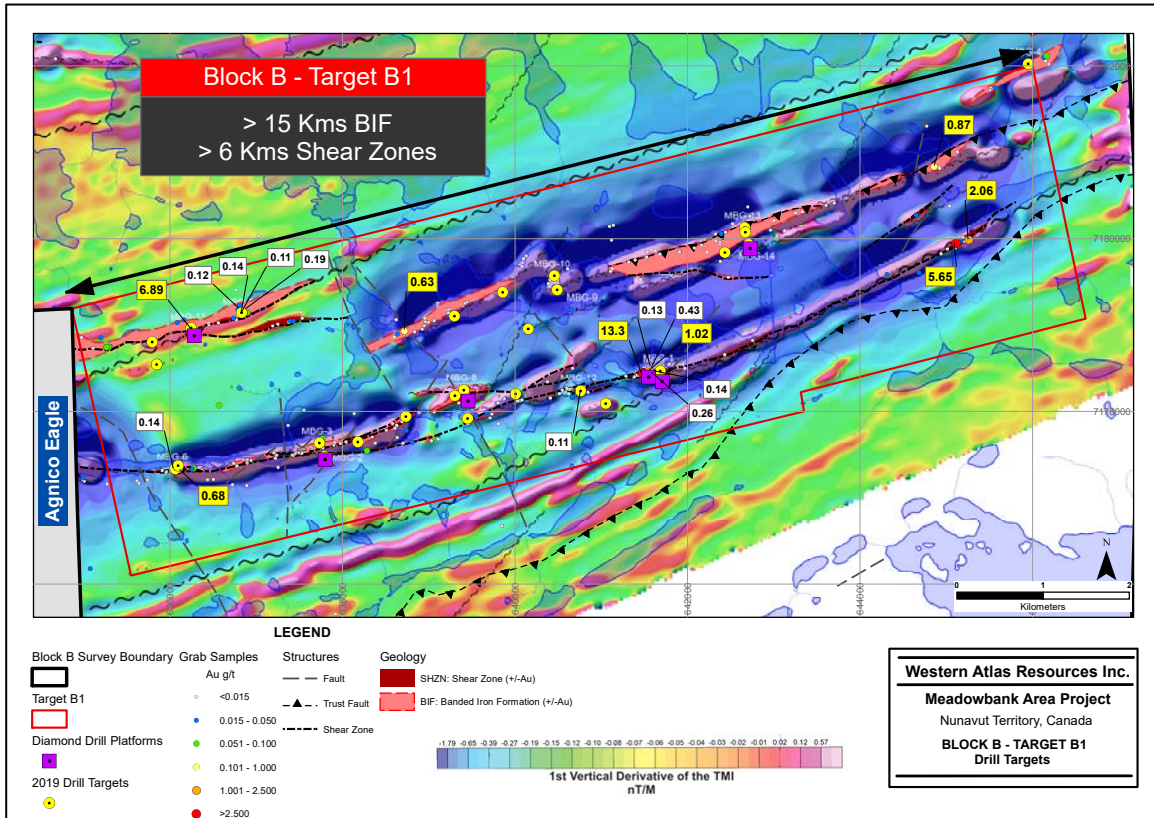


Figure 3: Block B, Target B1

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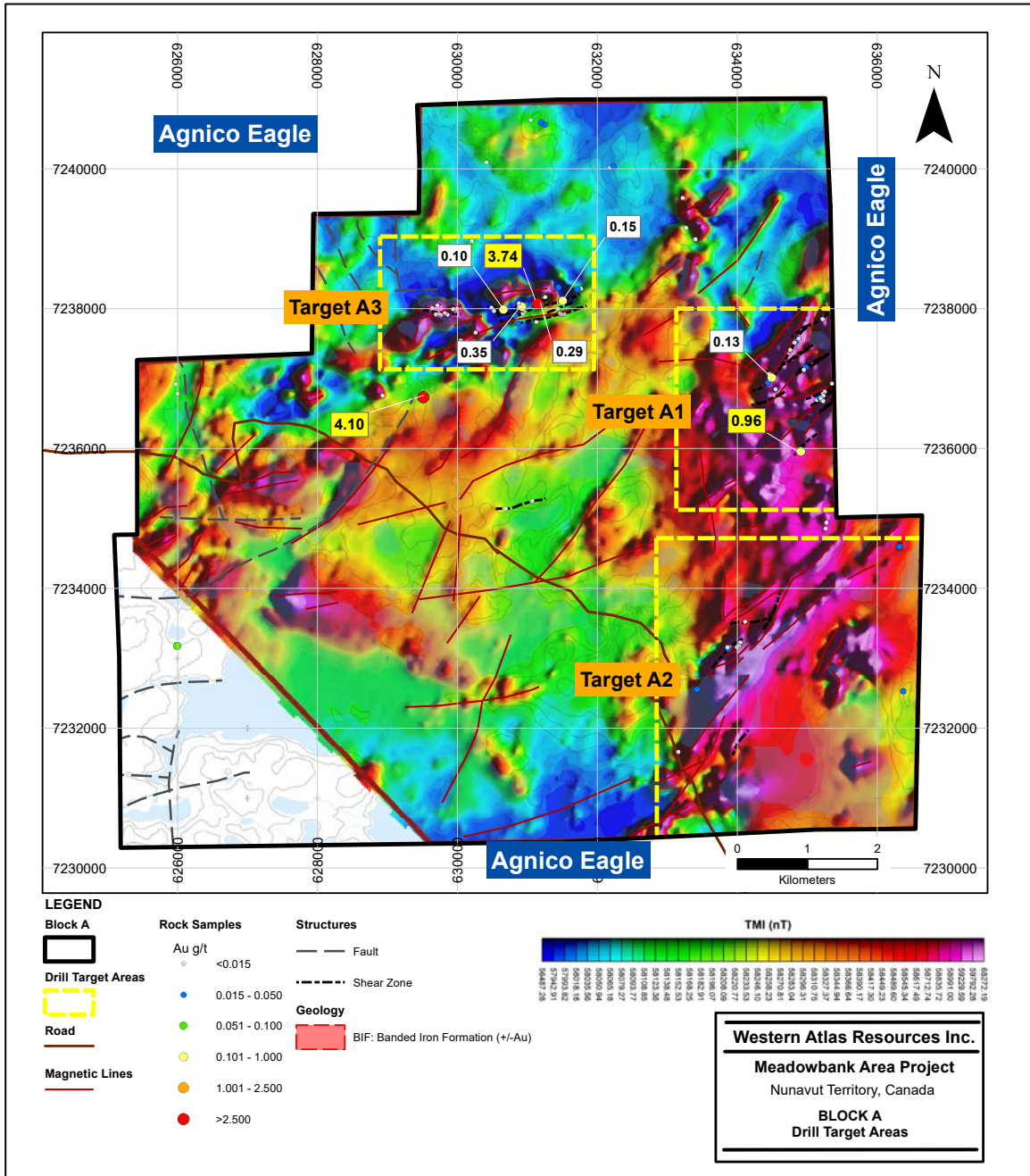


Figure 4: Block A, Target A1, A2 and A3

Fabio Capponi, CEO stated: "This initial drill program represents an important milestone for Western Atlas and is the beginning of a significant exploration opportunity due to the Project district scale, the numerous drill target areas that may lead to major discoveries and the proximity to the major gold producer, Agnico Eagle."

Paul Chamois, P.Geo, is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and is responsible for reviewing and supervising the preparation of the scientific and technical disclosure in this

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news release.

About Western Atlas

The Company's common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WA. Western Atlas is focused on the acquisition and development of scalable precious metals projects in premier mining jurisdictions. Western Atlas's wholly-owned subsidiary, 5530 Nunavut Inc., holds its interests in the Meadowbank Gold Project located in Nunavut, Canada.

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