

New Found Gold Confirms High-Grade Gold Mineralization Over Broad Widths from Keats Zone Initial Grade Control Drilling, Queensway Gold Project:

219 g/t Au over 9.35 m from 19.00 m and 160 g/t Au over 10.30 m from 15.80 m

Vancouver, BC, December 1, 2025 – New Found Gold Corp. ("**New Found Gold**" or the "**Company**") (TSX-V: NFG, NYSE-A: NFGC) is pleased to announce initial results from grade control drilling at the Keats zone ("**Keats**") excavation in the AFZ Core ("**AFZC**"), completed as part of the Company's ongoing 2025 drill program on its 100%-owned Queensway Gold Project ("**Queensway**" or the "**Project**") in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

Highlights include:

- Keats excavation grade control program:
 - o 219 g/t Au¹ over 9.35 m² from 19.00 m (NFGC-25-GC-005)
 - o 160 g/t Au over 10.30 m from 5.10 m (NFGC-25-GC-009)
 - o 105 g/t Au over 10.20 m from 15.80 m (NFGC-25-GC-007)
 - o 24.7 g/t Au over 26.25 m from 34.25 m (NFGC-25-GC-007)
 - o 35.3 g/t Au over 12.85 m from 36.25 m (NFGC-25-GC-006)
 - o 27.1 g/t Au over 12.85 m from 14.65 m (NFGC-25-GC-012)
 - o 142 g/t Au over 2.25 m from 4.15 m (NFGC-25-GC-004)
 - o 50.8 g/t Au over 4.10 m from 0.00 m (NFGC-25-GC-003)
 - o 17.1 g/t Au over 11.85 m from 21.45 m (NFGC-25-GC-009)
 - o 9.61 g/t Au over 18.05 m from 25.25 m (NFGC-25-GC-003)
 - o 9.29 g/t Au over 15.40 m from 1.10 m (NFGC-25-GC-008)
 - o 38.3 g/t Au over 3.40 m from 4.10 m (NFGC-25-GC-011)

Melissa Render, President of New Found Gold stated: "We are excited to share these first results from grade control drilling at the Keats excavation, which continue to define the high-grade tenor of the near-surface portion of this zone. These results provide detailed data to further validate our resource models, specifically with respect to grade top cutting and influence limiting of high-grade intersections in advance of a MRE update and further mine planning. We look forward to updating the market with further results from grade control drilling at both Keats and Iceberg."

"The program was executed safely and successfully over challenging topography. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hard-working employees and contractors for their efforts," continued Ms. Render.

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¹ g/t Au= grams of gold per tonne

² m = metres



Work Summary

The results presented in this release include the first 16 of 84 diamond drill holes ("**DDH**"), or approximately 20%, of the results from the Company's recently completed Keats excavation grade control drill program ("**KEGCDP**"). This phase of work was designed to improve confidence in the grade distribution of high-grade, near-surface mineralization and support mine planning as outlined in the Preliminary Economic Assessment ('**PEA**') Phase 1 open pits (see the New Found Gold news release dated July 21 2025).

This press release reports results from an initial 638 m of drilling across 16 DDH completed in H2/25 (Figures 1 to 3). The full KEGCDP comprises 84 DDH totalling 2,772 m; remaining results will be reported as they become available. Drill highlights, along with detailed results for these 16 DDH, are provided in Tables 1 to 3 below.

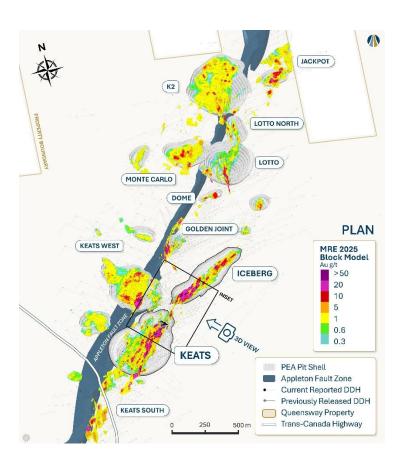


Figure 1: Plan view map of the AFZ Core with location of Keats and Iceberg excavation grade control drill programs.



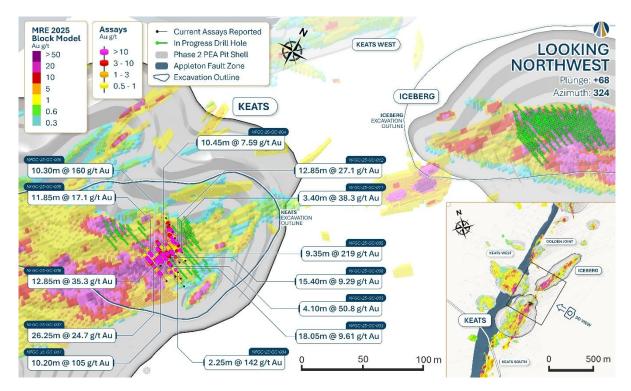


Figure 2: Keats and Iceberg excavations with proposed grade control drill holes and location of results received.

The KEGCDP tests a volume that is approximately 65 m long by 30 m deep by 40 m wide with a drill spacing of 5 m by 5 m; a near-surface high-grade region that was uncovered as part of the Company's ongoing excavation program (see the New Found Gold news releases dated September 23, 2024, December 2, 2024 and September 25, 2025).

These initial results conform well with the initial mineral resource estimate ("MRE") block model and appear to confirm the strong continuity of the high-grade mineralization at Keats, with most intervals occurring at or within a few meters of surface.

The Keats and Iceberg zones are hosted within the Keats-Baseline Fault Zone ("**KBFZ**"), a high-grade gold-bearing structure that has been defined over a current strike length of 1.9 kilometres ("**km**"). This corridor consists of a broad mineralized fault zone with limited deep drill testing to date. Drilling completed in 2024 confirms that the system extends to vertical depths of up to 1.1 km (see the New Found Gold news releases dated <u>July 11, 2024</u>, <u>October 31, 2024</u>, <u>April 29, 2025</u>.

The Company will expand the KEGCDP in 2026, leveraging results from the 2025 program to optimize drill hole spacing and program scope.





Figure 3: Keats excavation grade control drilling.

Looking Ahead

The 70,000 m 2025 Queensway drill program commenced in May 2025, with approximately 80% of the drilling focused on the AFZ Core area and the remaining 20% focused on exploration targets outside the MRE area. The 2025 Queensway drill program is over 90% complete and is on track to finish all proposed drilling in Q4/25.

Infill drilling covering the PEA Phase 1 open pits, with the objective of converting resources from inferred to indicated has been completed and results will be released once they are available. Additional ongoing drilling at Queensway includes geotechnical drilling of PEA Phase 1 pits, condemnation drilling for infrastructure and plant siting and hydrogeological drilling, all of which has commenced and is expected to conclude in Q4/25.

Exploration drilling continues in the vicinity of the Dropkick zone in the AFZ Peripheral ("**AFZP**") area, approximately 11 kilometres north of the AFZC, where the Company has begun to outline a new zone of gold mineralization (see the New Found Gold news releases dated <u>February 11</u>, 2025, May 21, 2025, October 30, 2025).



In addition to the 2025 drill program, an excavation program was undertaken to excavate, map and channel sample near-surface zones of the AFZC, with the objective of validating the geological model and collecting detailed analytical information across key zones that will be part of the PEA Phase 1 mine plan. Excavation, mapping and channel sampling of the Lotto zone ('Lotto") is now complete, and samples have been sent for analysis. The Lotto excavation has uncovered a 210 m long by 70 m area; results from this work will be released once they are available.

With channel sampling at the Keats and Iceberg excavations complete (see the New Found Gold news releases dated <u>September 23, 2024</u>, <u>December 2, 2024</u> and <u>September 25, 2025</u>), a 5 m by 5 m definition drilling program covering a 65 m by 30 m area has recently been completed at the Keats zone and a 5 m by 5 m definition drilling program covering a 60 m by 45 m area has commenced at the Iceberg zone in late Q4/25.

Table 1: Drill Result Highlights.

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	True Width (%)	Zone
NFGC-25-GC-003	0.00	4.10	4.10	50.79	70-95	
Including	0.50	0.80	0.30	20.56	70-95	
Including	2.20	4.10	1.90	105.60	70-95	
And	25.25	43.30	18.05	9.61	40-70	Keats Trench
Including	28.10	28.75	0.65	29.58	40-70	
Including	39.25	41.65	2.40	18.37	70-95	
Including	42.95	43.30	0.35	224.15	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-004	4.15	6.40	2.25	141.91	65-95	
Including	5.60	6.40	0.80	397.65	65-95	
And	33.70	44.15	10.45	7.59	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	34.25	34.65	0.40	23.61	70-95	Reals Trench
Including	38.05	38.65	0.60	88.32	70-95	
Including	43.85	44.15	0.30	17.00	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-005	19.00	28.35	9.35	219.01	70-95	
Including	19.40	20.40	1.00	1885.50	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	22.30	23.30	1.00	70.77	70-95	
Including	24.15	24.70	0.55	153.66	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-006	36.25	49.10	12.85	35.31	60-90	
Including	36.25	37.85	1.60	17.40	70-95	
Including	38.85	40.60	1.75	225.98	70-95	
And Including	38.85	39.60	0.75	501.03	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	41.25	41.65	0.40	11.92	70-95	
Including	42.30	42.65	0.35	51.82	70-95	
Including	46.95	47.50	0.55	24.05	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-007	15.80	26.00	10.20	104.76	50-80	
Including	16.25	16.80	0.55	589.19	50-80	Keats Trench
Including	17.15	19.20	2.05	385.12	50-80	Teats Hellell
And Including	18.05	18.75	0.70	743.20	50-80	



Including	20.60	21.55	0.95	11.60	50-80	
And	34.25	60.50	26.25	24.70	70-95]
Including	35.40	36.40	1.00	23.78	70-95	
Including	46.60	47.05	0.45	42.85	70-95	
Including	52.80	54.30	1.50	135.39	70-95	
Including	56.90	58.20	1.30	291.90	70-95	
And Including	57.50	57.90	0.40	910.95	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-008	1.10	16.50	15.40	9.29	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	6.05	7.80	1.75	63.65	70-95	Reals Hellon
NFGC-25-GC-009	5.10	15.40	10.30	159.92	50-80	
Including	6.05	9.40	3.35	355.36	50-80	
And Including	6.05	6.85	0.80	1288.27	50-80]
Including	10.00	10.65	0.65	10.07	50-80	
Including	13.45	14.40	0.95	454.69	50-80	Keats Trench
And Including	13.45	13.95	0.50	850.86	50-80	
And	21.45	33.30	11.85	17.09	70-95]
Including	25.20	26.10	0.90	192.08	70-95]
Including	31.00	32.60	1.60	12.35	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-011	4.10	7.50	3.40	38.28	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	4.10	6.55	2.45	52.57	70-95	Neats Hellon
NFGC-25-GC-012	14.65	27.50	12.85	27.07	65-95	_
Including	14.65	15.30	0.65	482.12	65-95	Keats Trench
Including	20.75	21.25	0.50	18.29	70-95	

Note that the host structures are interpreted to be moderately to steeply dipping. Infill veining in secondary structures with multiple orientations crosscutting the primary host structures are commonly observed in drill core which could result in additional uncertainty in true width. Composite intervals reported carry a minimum weighted average of 1 g/t Au diluted over a minimum core length of 2 m with a maximum of 4 m consecutive dilution when above 200 m vertical depth and 2 m consecutive dilution when below 200 m vertical depth. Included high-grade intercepts are reported as any consecutive interval with grades greater than 10 g/t Au. Grades have not been capped in the averaging and intervals are reported as drill thickness. Details of all 16 drill holes are included in Table 2 and Table 3 below.



 Table 2: Summary of composite drill hole results reported in this news release for Keats

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	True Width (%)	Zone
NFGC-25-GC-001	15.65	20.30	4.65	1.23	70-95	Keats Trench
NFGC-25-GC-002	36.60	47.75	11.15	1.56	50-80	Keats Trench
NFGC-25-GC-003	0.00	4.10	4.10	50.79	70-95	
Including	0.50	0.80	0.30	20.56	70-95	
Including	2.20	4.10	1.90	105.60	70-95	
And	13.25	15.80	2.55	4.42	70-95	
Including	15.25	15.80	0.55	18.78	70-95	Keats Trench
And	25.25	43.30	18.05	9.61	40-70	
Including	28.10	28.75	0.65	29.58	40-70	
Including	39.25	41.65	2.40	18.37	70-95	
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NFGC-25-GC-004	4.15	6.40	2.25	141.91	65-95	
Including	5.60	6.40	0.80	397.65	65-95	
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Including	34.25	34.65	0.40	23.61	70-95	Reals Hellon
Including	38.05	38.65	0.60	88.32	70-95	
Including	43.85	44.15	0.30	17.00	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-005	7.65	11.30	3.65	2.93	25-55	
And	19.00	28.35	9.35	219.01	70-95	
Including	19.40	20.40	1.00	1885.50	70-95	
Including	22.30	23.30	1.00	70.77	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	24.15	24.70	0.55	153.66	70-95	
And	35.40	43.40	8.00	4.22	70-95	
Including	41.15	41.90	0.75	26.68	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-006	9.55	15.80	6.25	7.38	55-85	
Including	9.55	10.45	0.90	48.00	55-85	
And	36.25	49.10	12.85	35.31	60-90	
Including	36.25	37.85	1.60	17.40	70-95	
Including	38.85	40.60	1.75	225.98	70-95	Keats Trench
And Including	38.85	39.60	0.75	501.03	70-95	
Including	41.25	41.65	0.40	11.92	70-95	
Including	42.30	42.65	0.35	51.82	70-95	
Including	46.95	47.50	0.55	24.05	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-007	15.80	26.00	10.20	104.76	50-80	
Including	16.25	16.80	0.55	589.19	50-80	
Including	17.15	19.20	2.05	385.12	50-80	
And Including	18.05	18.75	0.70	743.20	50-80	
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Including	52.80	54.30	1.50	135.39	70-95	
Including	56.90	58.20	1.30	291.90	70-95	



And Including	57.50	57.90	0.40	910.95	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-008	1.10	16.50	15.40	9.29	70-95	
Including	6.05	7.80	1.75	63.65	70-95	1
And	24.10	26.25	2.15	1.50	70-95	Keats Trench
And	32.60	39.50	6.90	7.08	70-95	7
Including	33.15	34.25	1.10	33.84	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-009	5.10	15.40	10.30	159.92	50-80	
Including	6.05	9.40	3.35	355.36	50-80	
And Including	6.05	6.85	0.80	1288.27	50-80	1
Including	10.00	10.65	0.65	10.07	50-80	
Including	13.45	14.40	0.95	454.69	50-80	
And Including	13.45	13.95	0.50	850.86	50-80	Keats Trench
And	21.45	33.30	11.85	17.09	70-95	1
Including	25.20	26.10	0.90	192.08	70-95	7
Including	31.00	32.60	1.60	12.35	70-95	1
And	37.45	40.25	2.80	1.61	70-95	-
NFGC-25-GC-010	22.70	25.15	2.45	1.30	40-70	
And	34.50	43.15	8.65	1.33	70-95	Keats Trench
NFGC-25-GC-011	4.10	7.50	3.40	38.28	70-95	
Including	4.10	6.55	2.45	52.57	70-95	
And	26.00	35.40	9.40	2.06	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	26.00	26.35	0.35	16.63	70-95	
Including	29.25	29.65	0.40	18.18	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-012	0.00	5.75	5.75	7.09	70-95	
Including	4.50	5.20	0.70	44.75	70-95	
And	14.65	27.50	12.85	27.07	65-95	Keats Trench
Including	14.65	15.30	0.65	482.12	65-95	
Including	20.75	21.25	0.50	18.29	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-013	1.40	4.05	2.65	1.25	70-95	
And	17.00	19.10	2.10	5.82	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	17.95	18.40	0.45 No Significant	20.86	70-95	
NFGC-25-GC-014		Keats Trench				
NFGC-25-GC-015	0.70	5.15	4.45	1.33	70-95	Keats Trench
NFGC-25-GC-016	0.00	5.20	5.20	6.10	70-95	_
Including	0.00	0.40	0.40	25.72	70-95	Keats Trench
Including	3.20	4.00	0.80	11.48	70-95	TOOLS HEHOII
And	10.20	12.25	2.05	1.78	70-95	

Note that the host structures are interpreted to be moderately to steeply dipping. Infill veining in secondary structures with multiple orientations crosscutting the primary host structures are commonly observed in drill core which could result in additional uncertainty in true width. Composite intervals reported carry a minimum weighted average of 1 g/t Au diluted over a minimum core length of 2 m with a maximum of 4 m consecutive dilution when above 200 m vertical depth and 2 m consecutive dilution when below 200 m vertical depth. Included high-grade intercepts are reported as any consecutive interval with grades greater than 10 g/t Au. Grades have not been capped in the averaging and intervals are reported as drill thickness.



Table 3: Details of drill holes reported in this news release.

Hole No.	Azimuth (°)	Dip (°)	Length (m)	UTM E	UTM N	Prospect
NFGC-25-GC-001	300	-45	24	658245	5427513	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-002	300	-45	53	658238	5427517	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-003	300	-45	47	658226	5427521	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-004	300	-45	49	658233	5427520	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-005	300	-45	47	658229	5427528	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-006	300	-45	54	658234	5427516	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-007	299	-45	65	658231	5427509	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-008	299	-45	44	658221	5427527	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-009	300	-45	47	658219	5427517	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-010	300	-45	48	658232	5427532	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-011	300	-45	42	658226	5427536	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-012	300	-45	34	658220	5427539	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-013	300	-45	27	658214	5427543	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-014	300	-45	13	658198	5427552	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-015	300	-45	23	658204	5427548	Keats
NFGC-25-GC-016	300	-45	21	658209	5427545	Keats

Sampling, Sub-sampling, and Laboratory

All drilling recovers HQ core. For deep holes, the core size may be reduced to NQ at depth. The drill core is split in half using a diamond saw or a hydraulic splitter for rare intersections with incompetent core.

A geologist examines the drill core and marks out the intervals to be sampled and the cutting line. Sample lengths are mostly 1.0 meter and adjusted to respect lithological and/or mineralogical contacts and isolate narrow (<1.0m) veins or other structures that may yield higher grades.

Technicians saw the core along the defined cutting line. One-half of the core is kept as a witness sample and the other half is submitted for analysis. Individual sample bags are sealed and placed into totes, which are then sealed and marked with the contents.

New Found Gold has submitted samples for gold determination by PhotonAssay™ to ALS Canada Ltd. ("**ALS**") since February 2024. ALS operates under a commercial contract with New Found Gold.

Drill core samples are shipped to ALS for sample preparation in Thunder Bay, Ontario. ALS does not currently have accreditation for the PhotonAssay™ method at their Thunder Bay, ON laboratory. They do however have ISO/IEC 17025 (2017) accreditation for gamma ray analysis of samples for gold at their Australian labs with this method, including the Canning Vale lab in Perth, WA.

Samples submitted to ALS beginning in February 2024, received gold analysis by photon assay whereby the entire sample is crushed to approximately 70% passing 2 mm mesh. The sample is



then riffle split and transferred into jars. For "routine" samples that do not have VG identified and are not within a mineralized zone, one (300-500g) jar is analyzed by photon assay. If the jar assays greater than 0.8 g/t, the remaining crushed material is weighed into multiple jars and submitted for photon assay.

For samples that have VG identified, the entire crushed sample is riffle split and weighed into multiple jars that are submitted for photon assay. The assays from all jars are combined on a weight-averaged basis.

Select samples prepared at ALS are also analyzed for a multi-element ICP package (ALS method code ME-ICP61) at ALS Vancouver.

Drill program design, Quality Assurance/Quality Control, and interpretation of results are performed by qualified persons employing a rigorous Quality Assurance/Quality Control program consistent with industry best practices. Standards and blanks account for a minimum of 10% of the samples in addition to the laboratory's internal quality assurance programs.

Quality Control data are evaluated on receipt from the laboratories for failures. Appropriate action is taken if assay results for standards and blanks fall outside allowed tolerances. All results stated have passed New Found Gold's quality control protocols.

New Found Gold's quality control program also includes submission of the second half of the core for approximately 2% of the drilled intervals. In addition, approximately 1% of sample pulps for mineralized samples are submitted for re-analysis to a second ISO-accredited laboratory for check assays.

The Company does not recognize any factors of drilling, sampling, or recovery that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the assay data disclosed.

The assay data disclosed in this press release have been verified by the Company's Qualified Person against the original assay certificates.

Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information disclosed in this press release was reviewed and approved by Melissa Render, P. Geo., President, and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. Ms. Render consents to the publication of this press release, by New Found Gold. Ms. Render certifies that this press release fairly and accurately represents the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this press release.

About New Found Gold Corp.

New Found Gold is an emerging Canadian gold producer with projects in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. The Company holds a 100% interest in the Queensway Gold Project, as well as the recently acquired Hammerdown Gold Project, the Pine Cove Mill and the Nugget Pond Hydrometallurgical Gold Plant. The Company is currently focused on advancing the Queensway Gold Project into production and bringing the Hammerdown Gold Project into steady-state gold production.



In 2025, the Company completed a PEA at Queensway (see New Found Gold news release dated <u>July 21, 2025</u>). Recent drilling continues to yield new discoveries along strike and down dip of known gold zones, pointing to the district-scale potential of the Project that covers a +110 km strike extent along two prospective fault zones. On September 8, 2025, the Company announced it had entered into a property purchase agreement with Exploits Discovery Corp. ("**Exploits**") that would provide New Found Gold with a 100% interest in certain mineral claims in Newfoundland and Labrador held by Exploits (see news release dated <u>September 8, 2025</u>).

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