Opawica Announces Au-Cu Drilling Results from Atikwa Lake, Ontario, Confirms Mineralized Footwall Zone of Up to 183 Meters in Width

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 5 /CNW/ - Opawica Explorations Inc. (TSX.V: OPW / OTC: OPWEF / Frankfurt: 0E5A) ("Opawica"/ the "Company") announces the following drill hole results from the Company's 100% owned Atikwa Lake gold and copper project, Ontario, located about 60km northeast of Rainy River Resources Ltd.

Hole No.	Section	Zone		From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Au g/t	Cu %	AuEQ g/t
AT-10-24	844 N	Maybrun Main		163.0	170.0	7.0	0.27	0.420	0.99
				239.0	244.0	5.0	0.32	0.581	1.32
		Maybrun FW		262.0	417.0	155.0	0.32	0.073	0.45
			including	262.0	360.0	98.0	0.45	0.101	0.62
			including	277.0	312.0	35.0	0.98	0.160	1.25
			including	297.0	309.0	12.0	1.87	0.134	2.10
			including	300.0	302.0	2.0	5.18	0.086	5.33
				324.0	329.0	5.0	0.39	0.177	0.69
				356.0	360.0	4.0	0.62	0.250	1.05
				411.0	413.0	2.0	1.08	0.017	1.11
AT-10-19	886 N	Maybrun Main		3.0	20.0	17.0	0.36	0.267	0.82
			including	8.0	11.0	3.0	0.61	0.509	1.48
			and	17.0	20.0	3.0	0.83	0.764	2.14
			including	18.0	19.0	1.0	1.81	1.750	4.81
AT-10-20	927 N	Maybrun Main		24.0	28.0	4.0	1.00	0.696	2.19

*Note:AuEQ(Au Equivalent)calculated using US$800/oz for Au and $2.00 per lb for Cu: AuEQ = Cu+(Cu*22.05*2.00/800*31.1035)*

The intercept in hole AT-10-24 is situated about 150m west and down dip from hole AT-10-01 and both holes have confirmed a broad zone of gold and copper mineralization of approximately 155m to 183m wide associated with the new Footwall Zone. This mineralization is wide open on strike and to depth. Previously announced hole AT-10-01 has been calculated using the 0.40 g/t AuEq cut off for Atikwa Lake resources and is outlined below.

Hole No.	Section	Zone		From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Au g/t	Cu %	AuEQ g/t
AT-10-01	844 N	Maybrun Main		74.8	125.0	50.2	0.30	0.300	0.81
			including	77.0	92.0	15.0	0.64	0.421	1.36
			including	77.0	78.0	1.0	3.07	0.308	3.60
			and	84.0	92.0	8.0	0.78	0.644	1.88
		Maybrun FW		158.0	341.0	183.0	0.35	0.072	0.47
			including	158.0	172.0	14.0	0.07	0.057	0.17
			and	185.6	214.6	29.0	0.20	0.157	0.47
			including	207.0	214.6	7.6	0.41	0.251	0.84
				235.0	271.0	36.0	0.74	0.113	0.93
			including	256.0	271.0	15.0	1.41	0.165	1.69
			including	268.0	271.0	3.0	3.04	0.246	3.46
			also	256.0	260.0	4.0	2.60	0.236	3.00
			including	256.0	258.0	2.0	3.79	0.096	3.95
				276.0	288.0	12.0	1.24	0.045	1.32
			including	284.0	286.0	2.0	5.09	0.003	5.10
			including	285.0	286.0	1.0	8.16	0.004	8.17
				325.0	326.0	1.0	0.42	0.214	0.79
				339.0	341.0	2.0	5.21	0.162	5.49
			including	339.0	340.0	1.0	8.94	0.212	9.30

*Note:AuEQ(Au Equivalent)calculated using US$800/oz for Au and $2.00 per lb for Cu: AuEQ = Cu+(Cu*22.05*2.00/800*31.1035)*

The above drill intercepts are approximate true widths. The stated AuEq herein are head grades and do not include metallurgical recovery rates or net smelter returns. Assaying for the above drill core was completed by AGAT Laboratories of Mississauga, Ontario.

A further 4 holes are pending from the 2010 drill program. In addition, a further 700 core samples are pending for 11 holes in the Footwall Zone from holes drilled between 2006 to 2010.

The above Footwall Zone drilling and Maybrun Main Zone drilling is outside of the previously reported August, 2009 NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource Estimates which are as follows:

Classification	Cut-off Grade Au Eq (g/t)	Mineral Zone	Tonnes	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Au Eq (g/t)	Au (oz)	Cu (lb)
Indicated	0.40	Maybrun Main	7,366,000	0.64	0.41	1.34	151,000	66,466,000
Inferred	0.40	Maybrun Main	1,738,000	1.15	0.30	1.66	64,000	11,622,000
	0.40	Maybrun Footwall	5,400,000	0.94	0.18	1.25	163,000	21,696,000
	0.40	Maybrun North	3,454,000	0.67	0.25	1.10	74,000	18,921,000

AuEq (Au Equivalent) calculated using US $800 per oz for Au and $2.00 per lb for Cu.

Mr. Robert Laakso, P.Eng., is the Qualified Person for the Atikwa Lake project and he has reviewed the contents of this release.

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