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**High Desert Gold Corporation Announces Start of Drilling at the Gold Lake Porphyry
Copper-Molybdenum-Gold Property in New Mexico, USA**

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High Desert Gold Corporation (“HDG” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the beginning of drilling on the Gold Lake copper-molybdenum-gold property. Gold Lake is located approximately 10 km south-southeast of the Tyrone porphyry copper deposit and 23 km west-southwest of the Chino and Santa Rita porphyry copper deposits in Grant County, New Mexico.

The Company has identified a porphyry copper-molybdenum-gold target at Gold Lake which is expressed through surface geochemistry, strong porphyry-style alteration and a large Self Potential (“SP”) geophysical anomaly. The Gold Lake property may represent the upper-level expression of a porphyry copper-molybdenum-gold system, with an area of leached cap having been identified with elevated copper-molybdenum-gold geochemistry over an area of approximately 2.9 kilometres by 1.0 kilometre. HDG plans to drill approximately 3,000 metres of core during this initial program. The drill holes are positioned to test a portion of the large copper in soil anomaly as well as the SP geophysical anomaly. The first analytical results are expected in March.

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