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### Exploration Update, Ramsay Brook Gold Prospect, New Brunswick

**Stratabound Minerals Corp.** is pleased to provide shareholders with a progress report on its Ramsay Brook gold prospect. The property is in Restigouche County, north-central New Brunswick, near two formerly producing mines, the Murray Brook (gold-silver-copper) and the Restigouche (zinc-lead-copper-silver-gold).

Stratabound has completed eight backhoe trenches, exposing a total of 320 metres of bedrock, and has collected 81 grab and channel samples from these trenches. To date, assays have been received from five grab samples taken from a single trench located about 100 metres northeast of the 2002 Smith gold occurrence. Assays are pending for the remaining 76 samples.

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Gold</u>	
	<u>grams/tonne</u>	<u>oz/ton</u>
22846	11.00	0.32
22847	5.06	0.15
22848	2.93	0.09
22849	2.28	0.07
22850	3.58	0.10

Distinct geophysical and gold-in-soil anomalies are associated with all eight trenches. Six trenches were excavated along a northeast trending zone, exposing three parallel gabbro dykes over a strike length of 400 metres across a width of 25 to 35 metres. These dykes are intruded into calcareous sedimentary rocks, and are notable for extensive zones of fracturing, with hematitic and limonitic quartz-siderite veins, fracture fillings, boxworks and coatings.

A seventh trench, about 100 metres south of this trend, has uncovered stockwork veining and disseminated pyrite. The eighth trench, 700 metres to the north, has exposed a gabbro with similar alteration, veining and strike direction to the "main zone" gabbros.

Exploration work at Ramsay Brook has also included grid-controlled geological mapping, prospecting, soil sampling (1,294 samples at 25 metre intervals) and geophysics (magnetic and VLF-electromagnetic surveys) covering the easternmost 1.5 kilometres of the property.

Results indicate numerous gold-in-soil, VLF and magnetic anomalies. Additional trenching is planned to test these newly discovered anomalies for near-surface gold mineralization.

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Similar anomalies were detected on the property in the mid-1980s by previous owners Rio Algom and Noranda, along a 3.2 kilometre strike length that includes the Simpson's Field gold occurrence, extending southwest from Stratabound's new grid. These anomalies were left un-examined and will also require trenching.

In view of results to date, the company has staked 17 additional claims along the property's northern and eastern borders, increasing the property size to 78 claims (3,120 acres).

The Ramsay Brook program is being supervised by Glenn Lutes, P.Geol., of Hanwell, New Brunswick. All rock and soil samples were submitted to ALS Chemex of Mississauga, Ontario for geochemical analysis. Geophysical surveys were conducted by Lone Pine Exploration Services of Bathurst, New Brunswick.

A grant from the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy's Junior Mining Assistance Program is covering fifty percent of the Ramsay Brook program costs.

**Marusia Diamond Prospect, Otish Mountains, Quebec:** Stratabound has completed a helicopter-supported program of glacial till sampling, down-ice from aeromagnetic anomalies that could represent kimberlites. The sampling was carried out by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. of Toronto. Samples will be processed for diamond and kimberlite indicator minerals.

Additional details and maps pertaining to the Ramsay Brook and Marusia projects are available on the company's website: [www.stratabound.com](http://www.stratabound.com).

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