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## Cardero Stakes 425 Hectares of Additional Claims Adjacent to Zonia Copper Project, Arizona, U.S.A.

Vancouver, British Columbia...Cardero Resource Corp. (“Cardero” or the “Company”) (TSXV: CDU, Frankfurt: CR5, OTCBB: CDYCF) reports that it has completed staking a total of 57 claims, the Silver Queen block, covering 424.5 hectares along the southeast edge of the Zonia Copper Project, Arizona, USA (“Zonia” or the “Project”; see Figure 1).

Detailed examination of historical reports and data led to the delineation of a prospective area, covering favourable geology and geophysical anomalies that do not appear to have been drill tested. The same rock types that are host to disseminated oxide copper at Zonia are reported to also occur on the new Silver Queen block. Structural evidence suggests the rocks may repeat themselves in a fold limb dipping to the southeast (Figure 2). This interpretation is corroborated by a 400 by 2700 metre aeromagnetic low parallel to the Zonia deposit, suggestive of magnetite-destructive alteration and possibly mineralization at depth. There are numerous historical adits and shafts excavated which historically exploited high-grade copper bearing structures along the edges of the anomaly, similar to historical workings on the Zonia property.

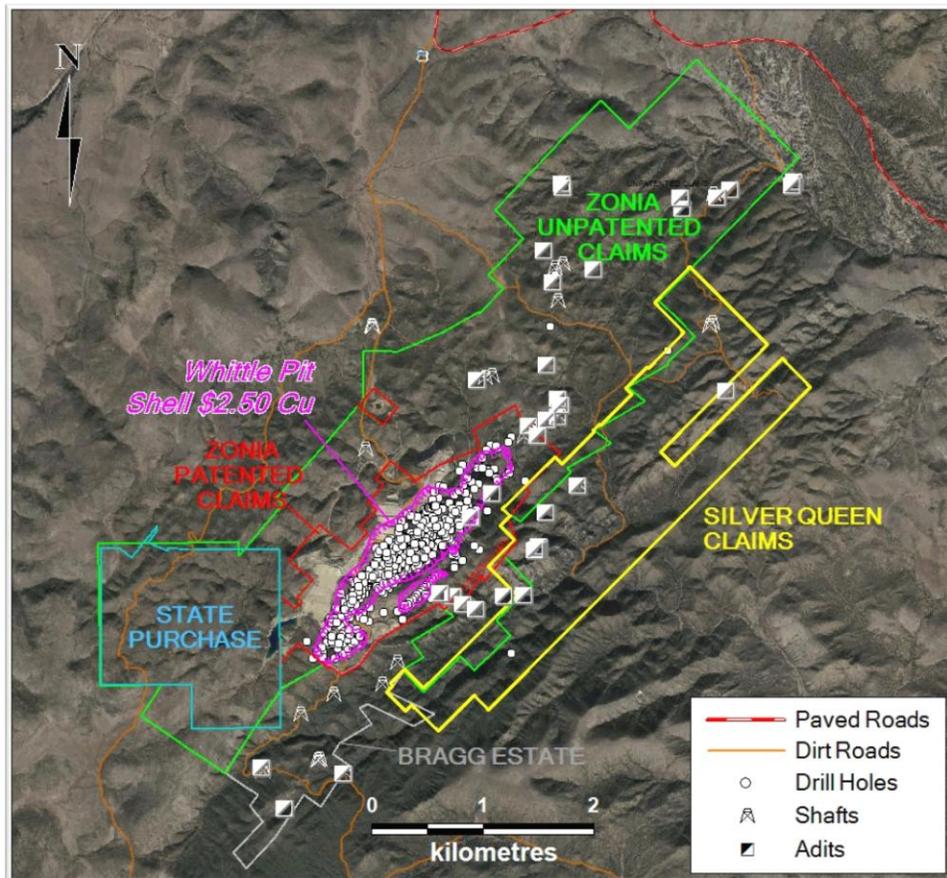
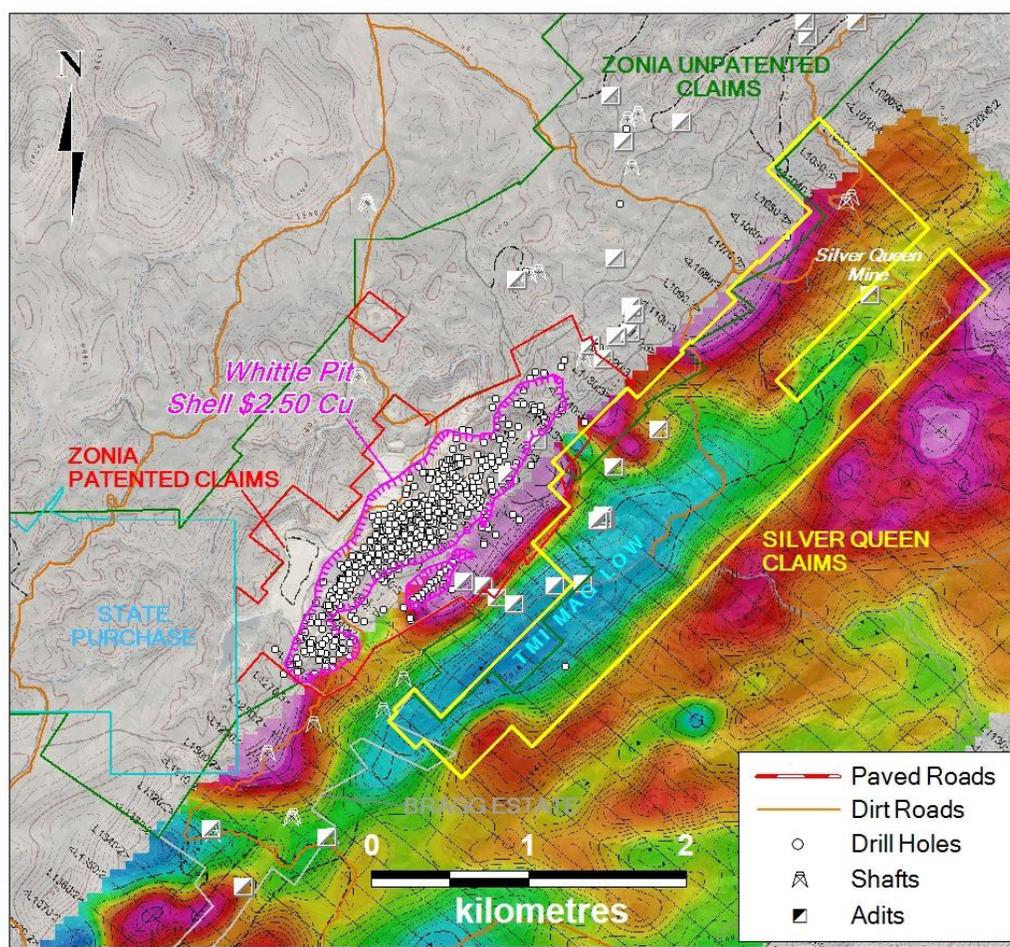


Figure 1: Map of the Silver Queen claim block relative to the Zonia property.



*Figure 2: Total Field Aeromagnetic anomaly (flown by Alliance Mining Corp. in 2011) on the Silver Queen claim block, relative to the Zonia property.*

### Next Steps

Cardero is planning to cover the area of interest described above with ground geophysics (induced polarization and magnetics), mapping, and soil and rock sampling. This work will cover the area of the drill-defined Zonia mineralization as well as the Silver Queen claims in order to put any new anomalies in context with the known mineralization at Zonia. This work will commence as soon as funding is in place and is estimated will cost approximately \$200,000.

### Qualified Person

John Drobe P.Ge., Cardero's Chief Geologist and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed the scientific information that forms the basis for this news release, and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr. Drobe is not independent of the Company as he is a shareholder and holds stock options.

### ABOUT CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

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Company readers are referred to the Company's web site ([www.cardero.com](http://www.cardero.com)), Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of  
**CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.**

*"Henk van Alphen" (signed)*

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