

## **Rupert Resources Provides Ikkari Project Update**

TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 19, 2024--Rupert Resources Ltd. (TSX: RUP) (the “**Company**”) today provides an update on the Prefeasibility Study (“PFS”) for its flagship Ikkari Project as well as a summary of its exploration programs as Central Lapland enters the key winter drilling season.

Graham Crew, new Chief Executive Officer of Rupert Resources says “*After two months in the role, I am more excited than ever about the opportunities at Ikkari and across our 100% owned land package. We are in the final stages of completing the PFS for Ikkari and plan to publish the report in the first quarter of 2025. Planning for the DFS will commence immediately thereafter. We are looking forward to our key winter drilling season in early 2025, during which we plan to return to Heinä South and test targets east of Ikkari identified through a new geophysical survey.*”

### **2024 Highlights**

- Discovery of new zone with high grade potential at Heinä South (1km from Ikkari)
- Results from metallurgical test work for Ikkari confirm simplified flowsheet for project with recoveries of over 95%
- Progression of advanced engineering for PFS and subsequent DFS

### **2025 catalysts**

- Drilling of Ikkari satellites (Q1 2025)
- Publication of PFS for Ikkari (Q1 2025)
- Submission of EIA for Ikkari in (H2 2025)

### **Ikkari project update**

The company is in the final stages of completing its PFS for Ikkari with critical path items including mine, mill and waste facility design finished and final review underway. The study will be published in Q1 2025 with work on a Definitive Feasibility Study planned to commence shortly afterwards. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report is planned for submission in H2 2025, with excellent progress on the EIA program over 2024.

### **Exploration update**

The focus of the exploration team over the last few months has been the progression of a number of key targets along the main regional structure east of Ikkari (“The Rajala Line”). Previous scout drilling has confirmed the same intercalated ultramafic and sedimentary units that host the Ikkari deposit up to 15km along strike to the east. During the Autumn, a wide spaced Induced Polarization (IP) survey was undertaken to identify areas at depth that exhibit a similar structural setting to Ikkari (Figure 1). The survey has successfully outlined several locations along strike which share a similar large-scale structural setting to that at Ikkari. Given that these do not subcrop below the glacial till they would not be expected to present a Base of Till (BoT) anomaly

which has been the primary targeting tool for the other seven discoveries in Area 1. Follow-up drill testing of these settings will be prioritized in 2025. During Q1 2025 focus will also return to Heinä South where drilling intersected 25m at 16.5g/t Au in hole 124019 (see press release 3 March 2024) and 24.4m at 10.5g/t Au in hole 124061 (see press release May 1, 2024) during the previous drill campaign. The objective of the follow up drilling will be to establish a control to the high-grade mineralisation following a detailed geological review of the 2024 program.

## **About Rupert Resources**

Rupert Resources is a gold exploration and development company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “RUP”. The Company is focused on making and advancing discoveries of scale and quality with high margin and low environmental impact potential. The Company’s principal focus is Ikkari, a new high quality gold discovery in Northern Finland. Ikkari is part of the Company’s “Rupert Lapland Project,” which also includes the Pahtavaara gold mine, mill, and exploration permits.

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## **Review by Qualified Person, Quality Control and Reports**

Craig Hartshorne, a Chartered Geologist and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London is the Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, responsible for the accuracy of scientific and technical information in this news release.

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