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# NORTH AMERICAN METALS CORP.

## NEWS RELEASE

### UNDERGROUND PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROVE UP HIGH-GRADE RESERVES

Robert G. Hunter, President of North American Metals Corp. (NAM:V) today announced further assay results from the company's underground development and drill program on the Golden Bear property near Dease Lake, B.C.

Assay results for crosscut and raise headings in the Bear Deposit area (see attached maps) are as follows:

<u>HEADING</u>	<u>POSITION METRIC</u>	<u>WIDTH FEET</u>	<u>GOLD GRADE OZ/TON</u>
Crosscut	23911N	11.2	0.90
	24000N	35.1	0.55
	24015N	30.0	0.30
Raise			
Sub Crosscut			
Elev. 1453m	23926N	20.7	0.32
1436m	23962N	41.7	0.36
1428m	23962N	50.8	1.00

The raise at 23926N was driven up-dip and inside the mineralized zone for an inclined distance of 156.8 feet. Detailed panel sampling returned an average grade of 0.74 oz. Au/ton for the 156.8 feet of advance. The raise at 23962N confirmed the continuity of wide, high-grade mineralization in adjacent diamond drill holes.

A major underground drill program designed to block out reserves below the 1400 metre level is now in progress. Initial underground drill results reported are:

<u>Hole Number</u>	<u>Northing (Metric)</u>	<u>Azimuth (Degrees)</u>	<u>Dip (Degrees)</u>	<u>Interval (Feet)</u>	<u>True Width (Feet)</u>	<u>Gold Grade oz./ton</u>
*UG-4	24015	090	0	4.8 - 35.2	30.4	0.36
*UG-5	23911	090	0	11.6 - 22.7	11.1	1.24
UG-6	23897	090	0	35.8 - 40.7	4.9	0.18
				62.3 - 64.1	1.8	0.57
UG-7	23897	090	-50	110.0 - 148.0	20.7	0.49
UG-8	23897	090	-34	76.9 - 100.0	18.0	0.55

\* Drill hole centered on and coincident with crosscut.

Further underground development work has begun. This work is budgeted at \$2.5 million and is designed to extend the 1400 metre level drift 2000 feet north of the Bear Deposit to test a target area which contains several mineralized drill intercepts (see attached map). The target area is 2800 feet south of the Fleece Deposit where joint venture partner Chevron Minerals Ltd. has reported inferred reserves of 660,000 tons grading 0.2 oz. Au/ton.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Robert G. Hunter,  
President

The Vancouver Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the information contain herein.

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Longitudinal Section  
BEAR DEPOSIT  
Golden Bear Property

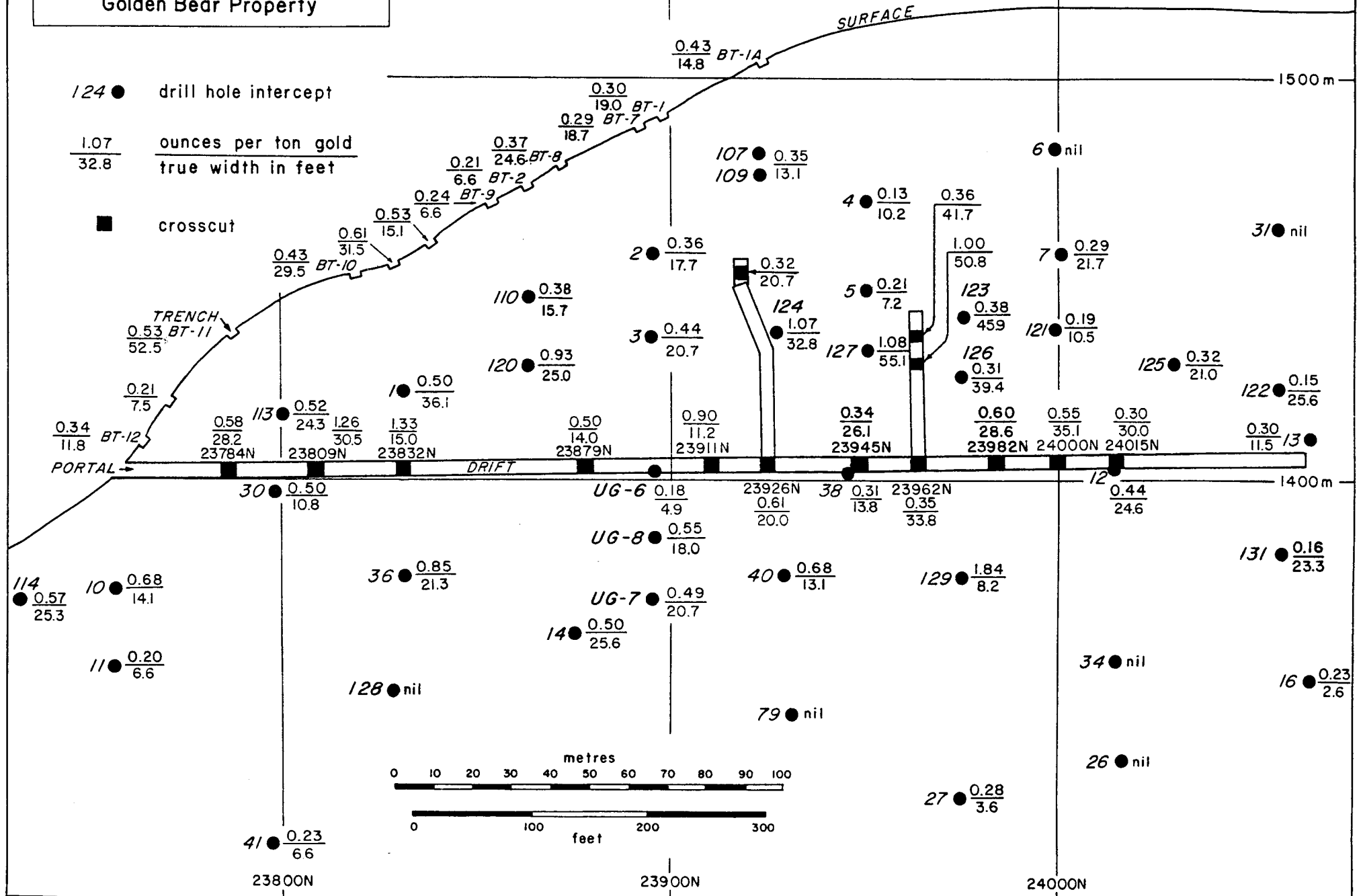
23900N

24000N

124 ● drill hole intercept

$\frac{1.07}{32.8}$  ounces per ton gold  
true width in feet

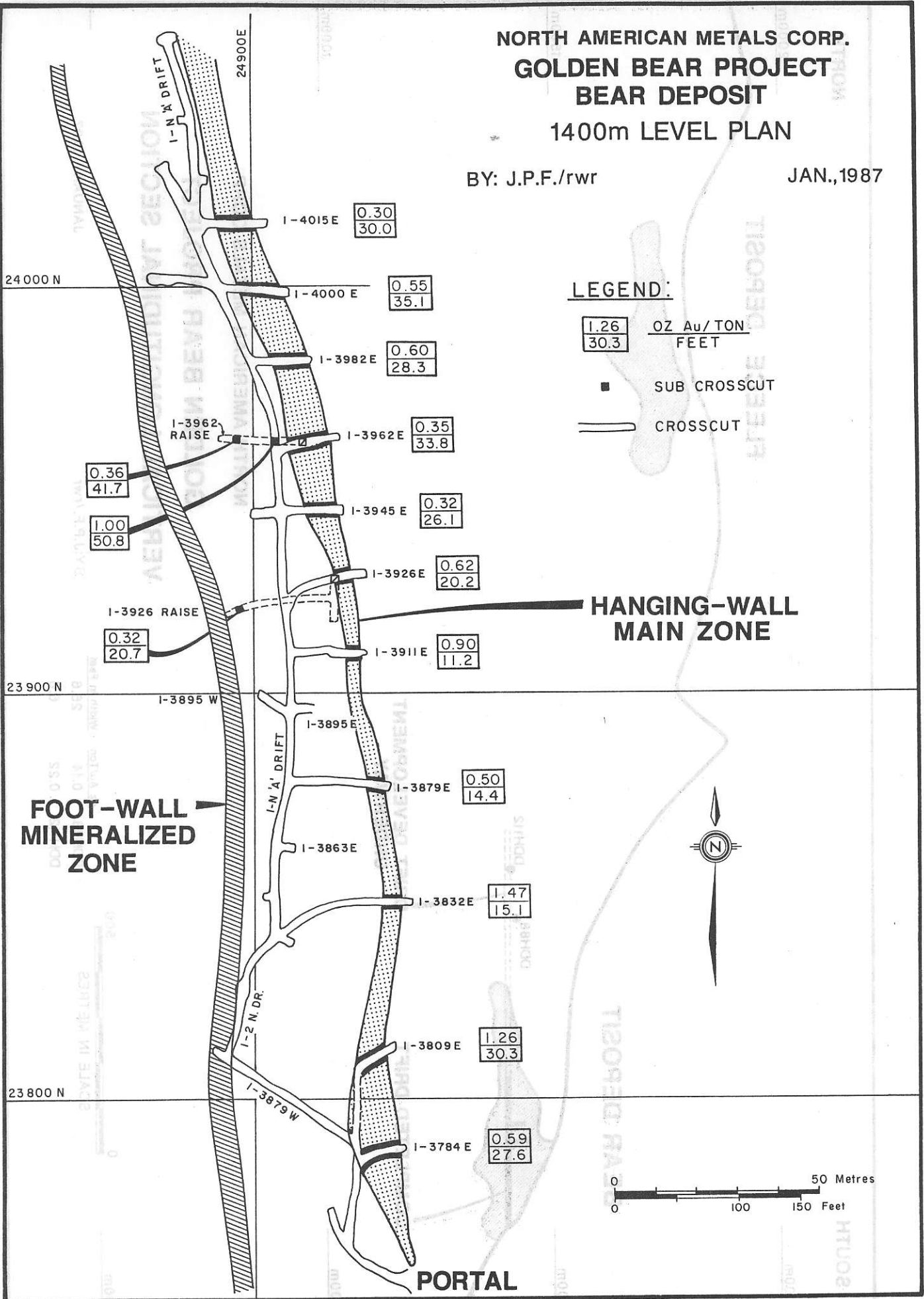
■ crosscut

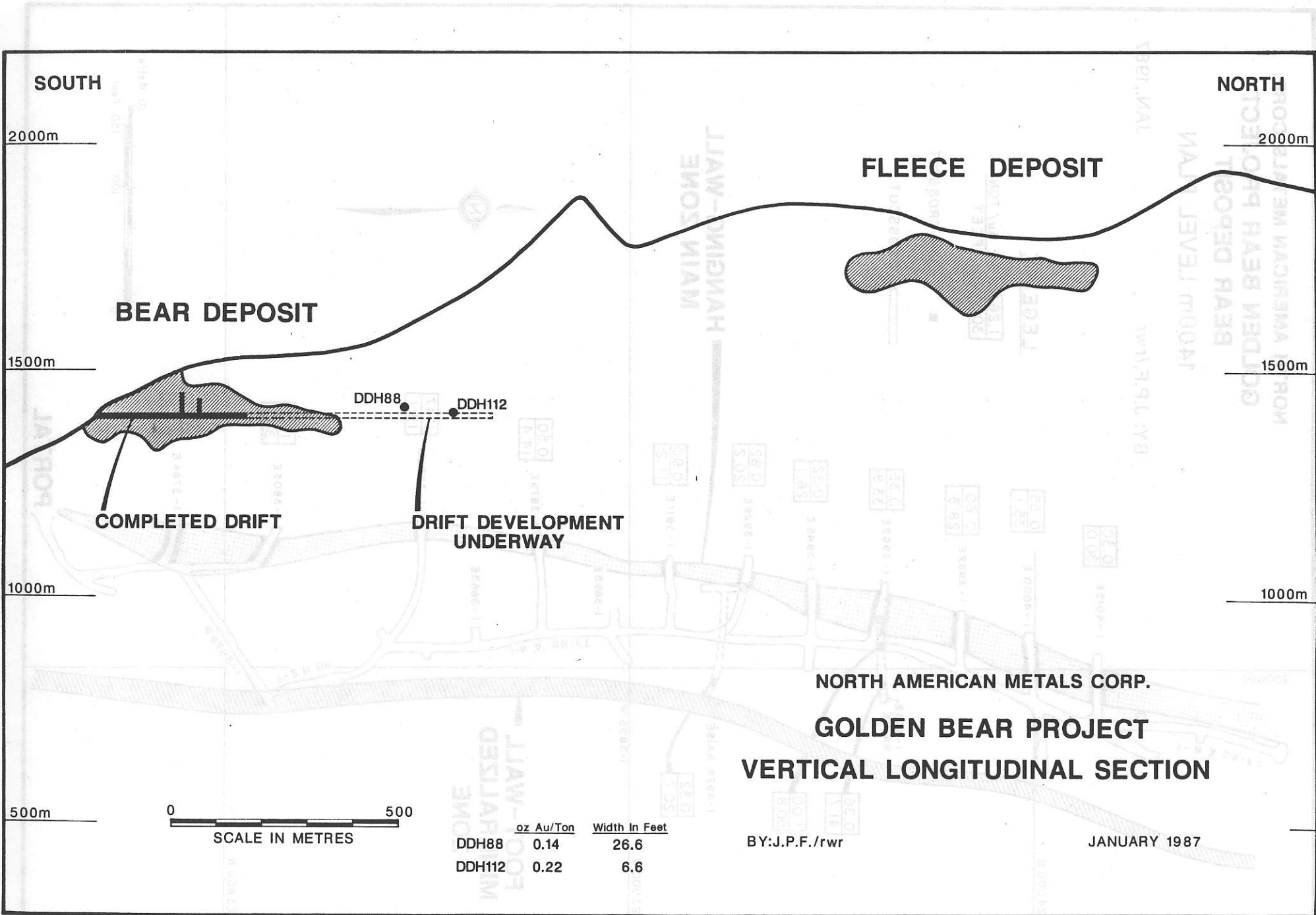


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**GOLDEN BEAR PROJECT**  
**BEAR DEPOSIT**  
 1400m LEVEL PLAN

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 SCALE IN METRES

	oz Au/Ton	Width In Feet
DDH88	0.14	26.6
DDH112	0.22	6.6