



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Centaury Minerals Mobilizes for First Drilling Program at Rio Grande Gold-Copper Project Since 2013**

VANCOUVER, CANADA (October 13, 2026) – **Centaury Minerals Inc. (TSX-V: CENT)** ("**Centaury**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to provide an update on exploration activities at the Rio Grande gold-copper project ("Rio Grande") in Salta province of Northern Argentina.

#### **Progress and Execution Highlights Include:**

- Completion of the geophysical program at the Rio Grande gold-copper project identifies new drill targets for both near surface resource expansion and potential mineralization sources at depth.
- Mobilization continues with full refurbishment of historical camp at Rio Grande to support the first new drilling programs since 2013:
  - The Phase 1 program targets 12,000 m of diamond drilling, with two drill rigs from a local provider being mobilized to site this month.
  - The first rig will focus on near surface exploration to expand the understanding of known resources and for collection of new samples for future engineering/metallurgical test work.
  - The second rig will focus on deeper targets identified from the integration of the historical and recently acquired geophysics, which could help identify potential generative sources of the mineralized system at Rio Grande.
  - The Phase 1 program is expected to take approximately 6-months (into Q2 2027), at which time Centaury will evaluate findings and has funded optionality to continue towards 24,000 m with two-rigs or further ramp up activities as part of a Phase 2 program.
- Recent exploration team additions are supporting ramp-up of drilling at Rio Grande as Centaury's immediate priority, however new fieldwork initiatives have commenced at the other portfolio projects; Aguas Calientes, Catua, and Frontera (subject of a future press release).

**Sam Leung, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Centaury**, commented:

"One month into Centaury as a public company, we are pleased with the promising target generation results that support mobilization and ramp-up to drilling at Rio Grande, which is in full swing on the ground in Northern Argentina. Our first priority is drilling at Rio Grande, but we have also begun parallel preparations for exploration across our earlier stage portfolio in the region. Our team appreciates the continuing investor support as we work hard to begin a steady pace of results driven catalysts in the weeks and months ahead."

#### **Geophysical Program & Drill Target Generation at Rio Grande**

In the third quarter of 2026, Centaury completed a 3D Magneto-Telluric ("MT") survey on Rio Grande which covered an area of approximately 56 km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 1), combined with a reprocessing review of historical geophysics, geochemistry, and geological mapping in order to define drill targets for; (a) shallow areas with near-surface resource expansion potential, and (b) high-priority porphyry targets at depth that aims to confirm the potential of a larger-scale gold-copper-silver system.

Figure 2 is a plan view map that summarizes the results of Centaury's latest interpretative model which highlights shallow zones of higher resistivity vectoring towards the southwest and northeast of the known mineral resources at

Rio Grande. The shallow Phase 1 drilling program will evaluate infill areas where the geological, geochemical, and geophysical data show greater potential to expand the existing Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE), as well as to improve understanding of current estimated pit shell models and where extensions may be possible.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of these consolidated results at Rio Grande, with resistivity signals highlighted. A large low-resistivity (i.e., high-conductivity) target area measuring over 1.3 by 2.0 km appears to be located beneath the currently known ring-shaped mineralization that defines the Rio Grande deposit.

This distribution of low resistivity (i.e., high-conductivity) may relate to a predominantly intrusive setting in the central area which transitions outward to higher resistivity that could be volcano-sedimentary dominated rocks toward the peripheries and/or to alteration zoned concentrically outwards. The 3D inversion modelling presents a central domain of moderate-high resistivity (nominally  $>100 \Omega\text{m}$ ) open to the east, partially ringed by moderate-low resistivity (nominally  $<50 \Omega\text{m}$ ). Within the central zone, an anomalous body of low resistivity ( $<30 \Omega\text{m}$ ) is buried, compatible with a mineralized nucleus of a porphyry-type system. The MT data from the recently completed large survey area supported 1D and 3D inversion modelling that allowed imaging of the resistivity distribution down to a depth of 3 to 4 km.

Centauri's compilation and targeting work to date, which included a variety of geophysical datasets (ground magnetics, gradient array induced polarization and resistivity survey, MT survey), supports the potential presence of a large porphyry-type body at depth beneath the known ring-shaped deposit area and suggests a potential extension towards the northeast, which must be confirmed with future drilling.

### **Phase 1 Drill Targets:**

As a result of the compilation and targeting work, three main exploration areas have been defined for Phase 1 drilling:

- **Ring-shaped deposit (shallow drilling):** drilling within and around the known ring-shaped mineralization to confirm and expand the existing MRE, including testing the shallow resistive zones to the southwest and northeast described above (Figures 2 and 3), and collecting new core suitable for engineering and metallurgical test work.
- **Area A (deep targets beneath the ring):** located beneath the ring-shaped resources, where a magnetic low coincides with low resistivity-high conductivity ( $<50 \text{ ohm}\cdot\text{m}$ ). The geophysics indicate that the higher conductivity begins at relatively shallow depths beneath the ring and continues down to the limits of the MT model. The low resistivity may reflect zones of more intense veining and sulphide mineralization. Area A can be further subdivided into three to four deep sub-targets (T1 to T3, Figure 2), consistent with those defined by Regulus Resources Inc. in 2017, which have been refined using the new information collected by Centauri.
- **Area B (northeast – shallow and deep targets):** Area B is both a shallow and a deep target:
  - **Shallow target:** the Cerro Cori area contains a different style of gold mineralization near surface related to fine stringers of sulphides and magnetite. In 2012 to 2013, Regulus Resources Inc. completed a small four-hole, 1,200 m drill program at the Cerro Cori target, approximately 1,000 m east-northeast of the Sofia zone of the Rio Grande deposit (Figures 2 and 3). Although the results were not considered notable at the time, the best intercepts included 297 m at 0.36 g/t Au from surface (hole RGR-12-118) and 19.0 m at 0.59 g/t Au (hole RGR-13-126). Please refer to the Regulus press releases dated November 16, 2012 and June 27, 2013.
  - **Deep target (northeast):** reprocessing of historical gradient array IP/resistivity and ground magnetic data has identified a zone of high chargeability and low magnetism trending northeast from beneath the ring-shaped resources, at elevations of around 3,000 m.a.s.l. This may represent magnetite destruction by alteration and the presence of disseminated sulphides. This deeper target, also defined by the MT survey, is untested and may be contiguous with the deep conductive zone in Area A, suggesting the Rio Grande system may remain open to the northeast (Figures 2 and 3). Area B will be tested as part of the Phase 1 or Phase 2 program.

## **Camp Facilities and Established Infrastructure at Rio Grande**

Centaury is completing and upgrading its existing camp at Arita, on the southern margin of the Salar de Arizaro, Salta, approximately 9 km east of the Rio Grande deposit (Figure 1). The site is located in an established mining district neighbouring the Lindero gold mine (Fortuna Mining Corp.), with year-round road access and an airstrip owned by Centaury. In the third quarter of 2026, the camp was put into service to support the 3D MT geophysical program, with some services provided by a local supplier from the village of Tolar Grande. Work is now underway ahead of drilling which includes construction of a new accommodation block for work crews, a new core logging facility, a power generation system, a fuel and waste storage system, a wastewater treatment system, and health and safety services to support the Phase 1 and 2 drilling programs. Centaury continues to prioritize employee hiring from the communities of Tolar Grande and San Antonio de los Cobres. The camp is expected to receive the first drill rigs at site later this month.

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## **About Centaury Minerals Inc.**

Centaury Minerals Inc. is a mineral exploration company focused on Northern Argentina, a mining region of increasing global significance. Centaury holds a 100%-interest in a portfolio of exploration projects spanning approximately 40,000 hectares in the provinces of Salta, Jujuy, and Catamarca, which was spun-out from Aldebaran Resources Inc. The most advanced is the Rio Grande gold-copper project located in Salta, which has an independent National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate that highlights significant gold, copper and silver quantities. Centaury has offices and facilities in Salta, Argentina and Vancouver, Canada. Centaury trades on the TSX Venture Exchange with the symbol: CENT.

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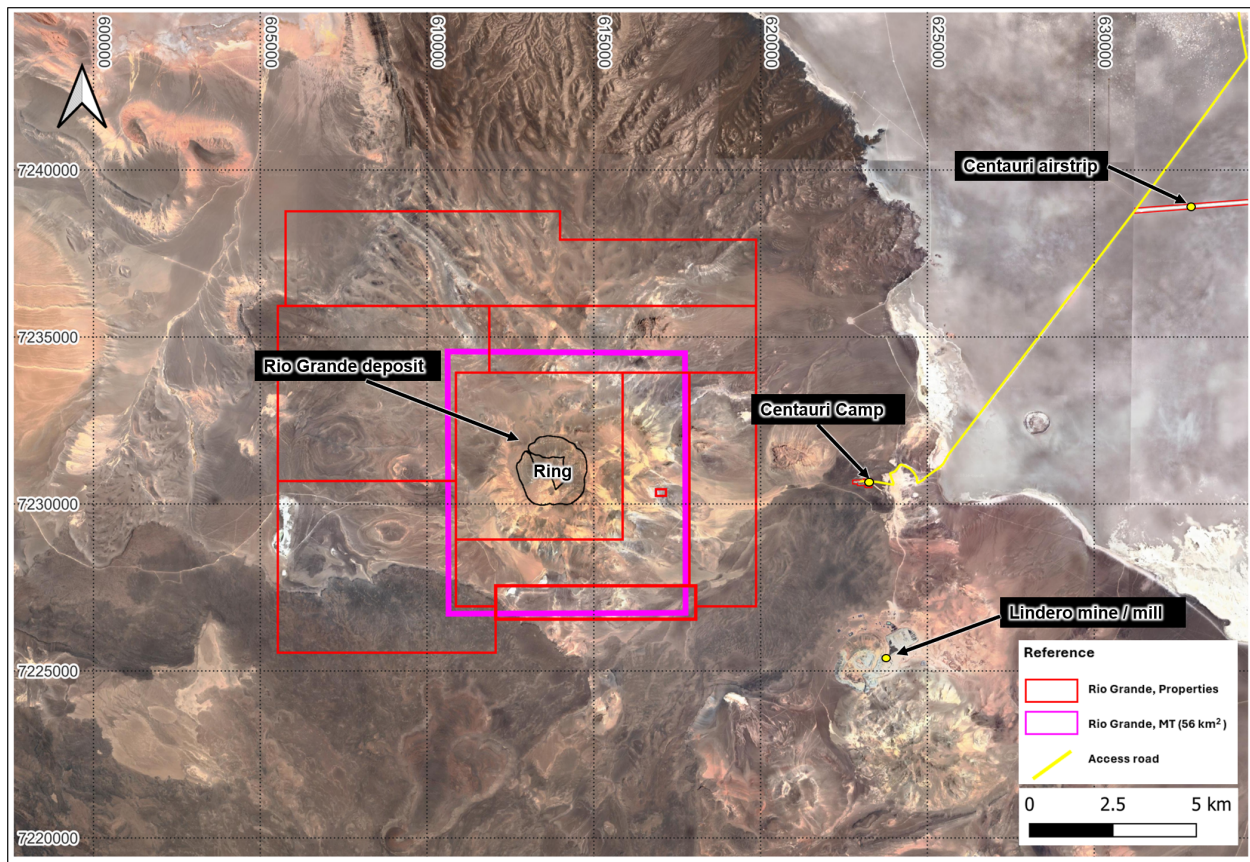


Figure 1: Location map of the Rio Grande MT survey area (magenta) in relation to the property boundaries, the Centauri exploration camp, and Fortuna Mining's Lindero Mine.

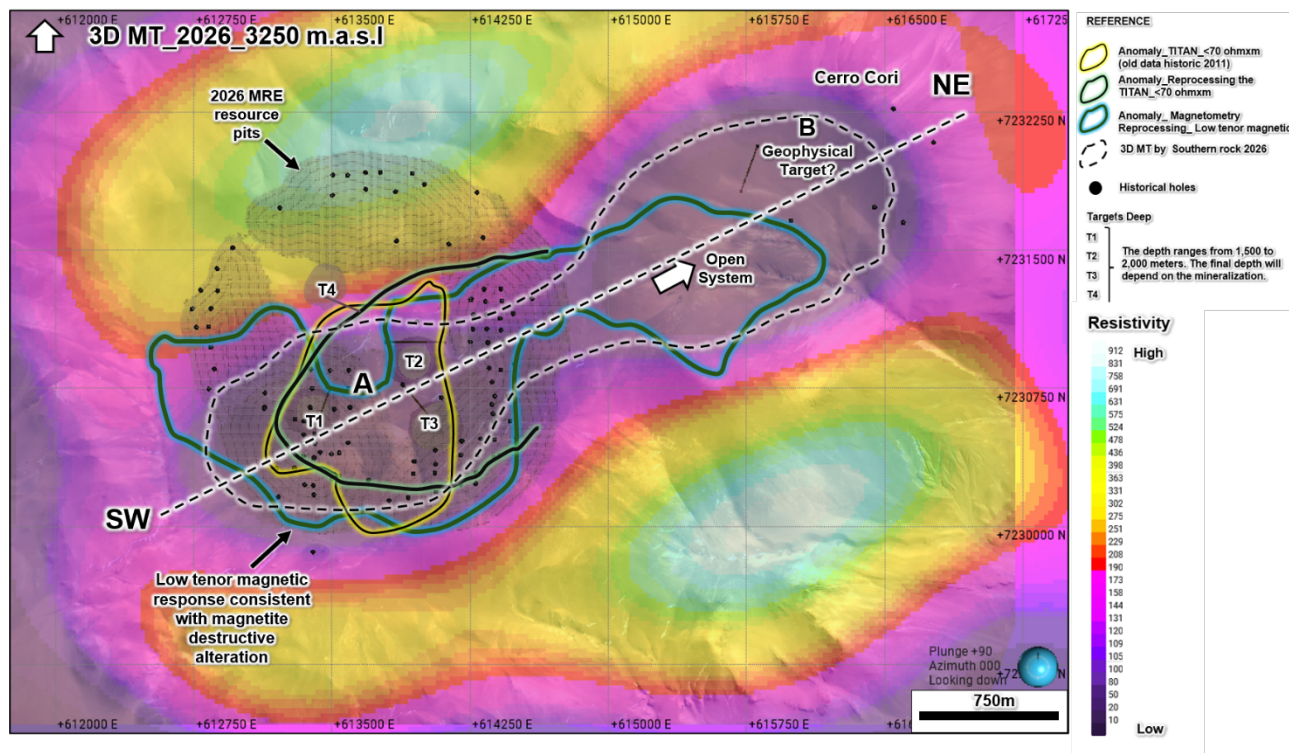


Figure 2: Centauri's Rio Grande Plan View Map. Interpretation of the reprocessed historical, geophysics and new MT resistivity model. Resistivity contours of < 70 ohm·m are shown, as well as the magnetic low contour. The plan view represents a horizontal slice at an elevation of 3,250 m.a.s.l.

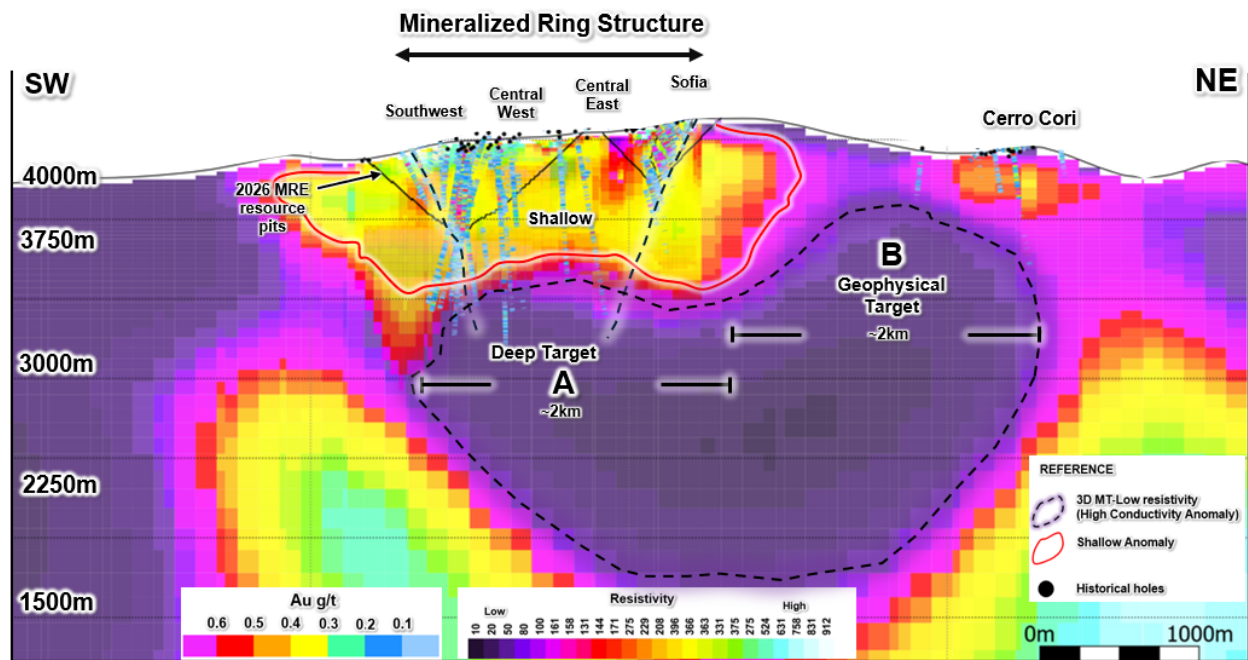


Figure 3: Centauri's Rio Grande section NE-SW displaying resistivity (Area A = ~2km across, Area B = ~2 km across, A+B = 4 km across).