



**NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**LYDIAN INTERSECTS GREATER THAN 10m AT 10% ZINC IN  
THREE DRILL HOLES ON NEW SULPHIDE TARGET AT  
DRAZH NJE PROJECT IN KOSOVO**

Confirms base-metal potential below oxide gold zone and potential to add significant value to existing historical resource

TORONTO, Canada May 2nd, 2008 – Lydian International Ltd. (TSX:LYD), a diversified U.K. mineral exploration and development company, today announced results from step-out drilling in the St. Barbara area of the Drazhnje project in Kosovo. A fan of three drill holes intersected greater than 10m intervals of more than 10% zinc (Table 1) in new sulphide mineralisation that is located outside of the historical resource ( Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix). At Trpeza, some 900m along-strike from the St Barbara area and parallel to a chargeability trend in IP-geophysics, drilling has intersected further base-metal sulphides below a gold mineralised oxide zone in three drill holes along a fence (results pending; see Figure 1 in Appendix for location of base-metal sulphide intersections).

Hole	Dip	Azimuth	Total Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Inter-section (m)	Zinc%	Lead%	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)
DDZ-031	-70	10	128	13	24	11	18.10%	8.51%	0.71	25.3
DDZ-032*	-90	360	50.5	16	17	1	[1.21%]	[0.97%]	[0.5]	[8.6]
DDZ-033	-45	245	63	40	56	16	12.10%	3.87%	0.75	10.8
DDZ-034	-70	245	97	77	95	18	10.20%	3.25%	0.5	4.9
Cut-off 2% Zinc, maximum internal dilution 1m * vertical hole testing for shallow-dipping mineralisation. Not true width.										

Table 1.

“The grades and thicknesses encountered in this fan of step-out drill holes at St. Barbara are highly encouraging,” said Tim Coughlin, President and CEO of Lydian. “Intersections of apparently similarly mineralised material from below the gold mineralised oxide zone at Trpeza, which is 900m along strike to the northwest, suggest that the two systems may join along strike. This supports our contention that there is potential to add significantly to the existing historic resource at Drazhnje”

Fence drilling between the Trpeza and St. Barabara areas is continuing and results from a recently conducted ground gravity and magnetic survey from this area are pending.

The Drazhnje project is a historic exploration project located in central eastern Kosovo and with former Yugoslav resources of 4.7Mt at 4.9%Zn, 2.4%Pb and 45g/t Ag in A, B and C1 categories and a further 2Mt at 5.76%Zn, 3.23%Pb and 45g/t Ag in C2 category (not JORC compliant).

In 2006, Lydian completed an initial combined confirmatory and exploratory drilling programme of some 2500m in 20 diamond drill holes. Currently the Company is drilling a further 6000m on targets outside the historic resource. The Company is also preparing to open underground access for sampling and underground drilling to convert the historic resource into JORC compliant reserves.

### **About Lydian International**

Lydian is a diversified U.K. mineral exploration and development company, with expertise employing “first mover” strategies in emerging exploration environments. The Company is currently focused on Eastern Europe, exploring in the Balkan and Caucasus regions, and is developing advanced precious and base metal assets located in Armenia and in Kosovo.

Lydian’s management team has a track record of success in grassroots discovery, in acquiring and developing undervalued assets, and in building companies. Lydian has a strong social agenda and a unique understanding of the complex social and political issues that characterise emerging environments.

The Company’s two main projects are gold at Amulsar in Armenia, and zinc, lead, silver and gold at Drazhnje in Kosovo. Lydian also has a pipeline of promising gold and base metal exploration projects in the Balkans region, and operates a 50/50 gold and copper exploration joint venture with Newmont Overseas Exploration Limited, a subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation (NYSE & ASX:NEM, TSX:NMC), in the Caucasus region.

Lydian’s two largest shareholders are Newmont Mineral Holdings B.V., and International Finance Corporation (part of the World Bank Group). Lydian’s web site is [www.lydianinternational.co.uk](http://www.lydianinternational.co.uk) where more information can be found.

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Dr. Tim Coughlin MAusIMM; is the Qualified Person overseeing Lydian's exploration programmes. Dr. Coughlin has supervised the preparation of the technical information contained in this press release.

Lydian employees are instructed to follow standard operating and quality assurance procedures intended to ensure that all sampling techniques and sample results meet international reporting standards. All assay work for the released results was carried out by ALS Chemex analytical laboratory in Rosia Montania, Romania, in Perth Australia, or in Vancouver, BC. Please see Lydian’s web site for more information. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources

and Lydian is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources. The historical estimate should not be relied upon.

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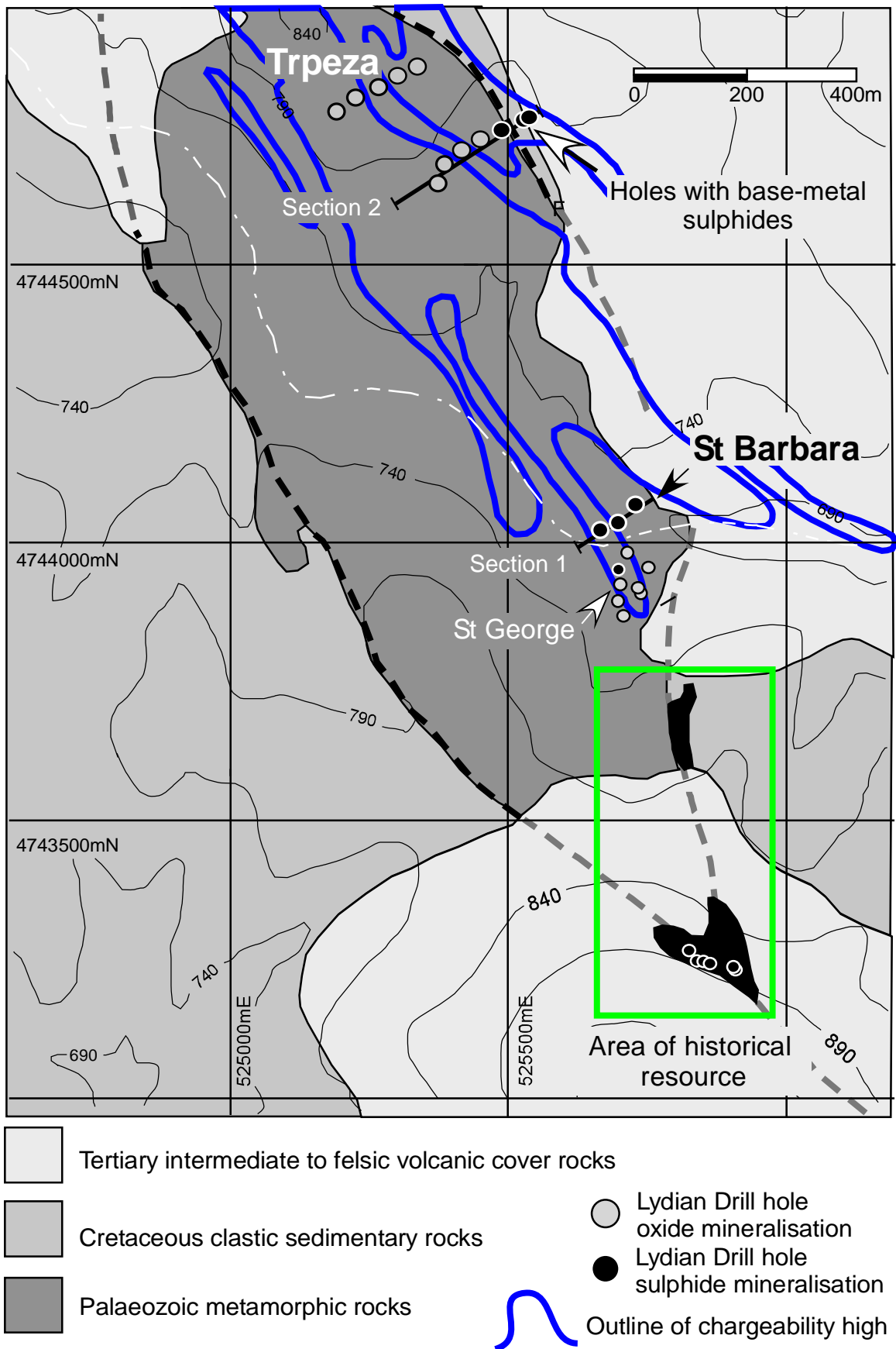


Figure 1. Simplified geologic plan of the Drazhnje project. Area of historical resource (4.7Mt @ 4.9% Zn, 2.4% Pb, 45ppm Ag, A+B+C1 Former Yugoslav categories and 2Mt @ 5.8% Zn, 3.2% Pb, 45ppm Ag, C2 category) highlighted in green. Blue outline indicates limit of IP-Geophysical anomaly for St. Barbara-Trpeza area. Section traces from Trpeza to St Barbara as illustrated in Figure 2.

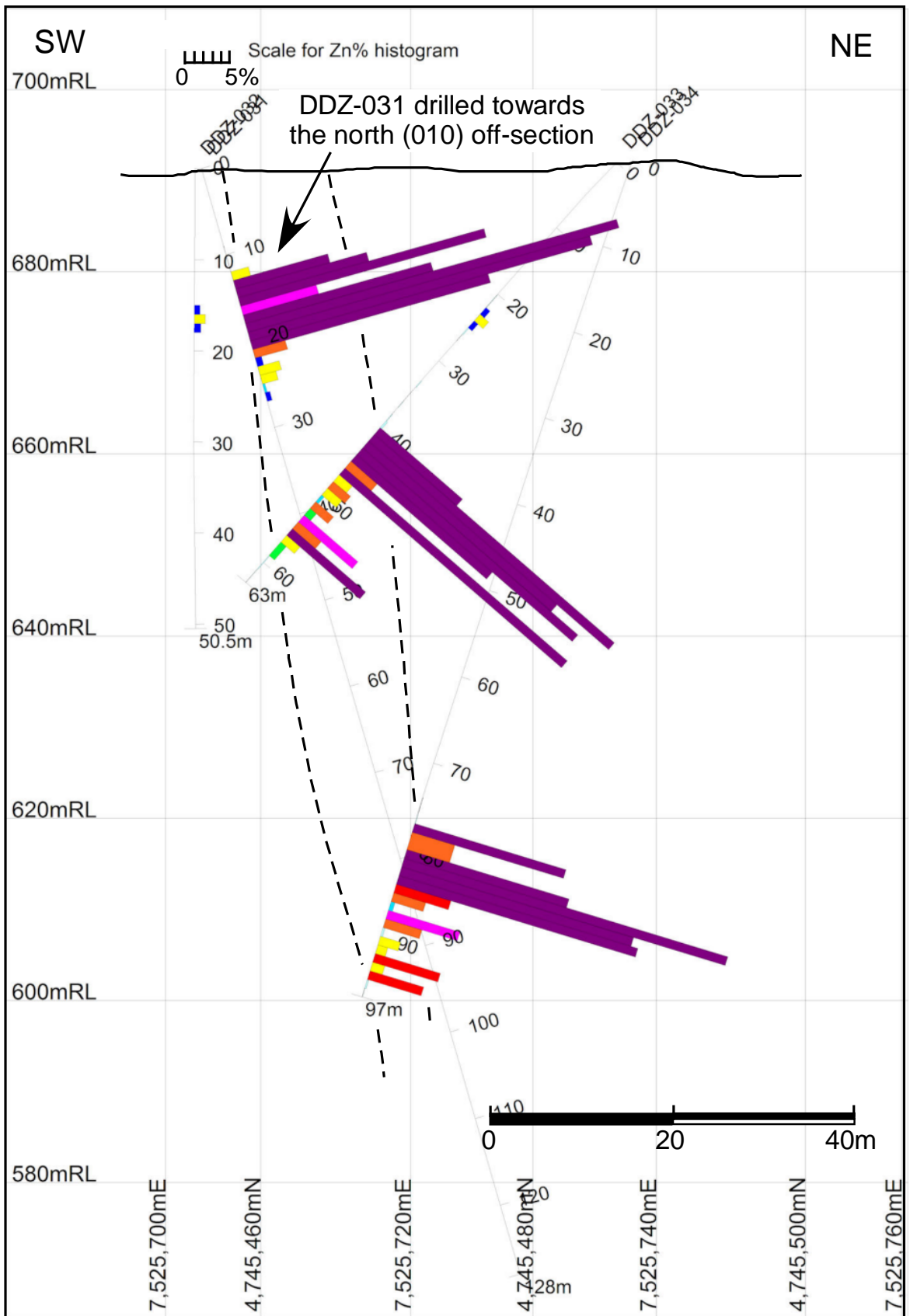


Figure 2. Cross section through the St. Barbara area (see location of Section 1 on Figure 1) showing distribution of zinc grade and interpreted envelope to sulphide mineralisation