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# Exploration Update at the Buen Retiro and Caballos Copper Projects, Chile

Vancouver, British Columbia – December 2, 2025 – Fitzroy Minerals Inc. (TSXV: FTZ, OTCQB: FTZFF) ("Fitzroy" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on exploration progress at its Buen Retiro and Caballos copper projects (the "Copper Projects") in northern Chile.

At Buen Retiro, several parallel work-streams are underway, including a new drilling campaign for resource definition related to the planned oxide development, environmental baseline studies, Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") planning, ongoing commercial discussions with Pucobre S.A. ("Pucobre"), and continued exploration within the wider project area. The team participated in a field-trip to Capstone Copper's Manto Verde mine, Lundin Mining's Candelaria mine, and separately to Pucobre's leaching facility at Planta Biocobre, near Copiapó. Fitzroy has completed 7,150 m of diamond drilling ("DD") and 5,100 m of reverse circulation ("RC") drilling at Buen Retiro in 2025. Drilling continues with one core rig and one RC rig. Results from holes 36 to 39 are reported below, with assays pending from holes 40 to 42.

At Caballos, progress has been slow due to technical challenges. Diamond drill holes 2 and 4 were aborted short of target depths (Figure 5). Hole 3 and 5 intersected mineralized breccias and results are reported below. A new drilling contractor has been appointed, and one rig is currently drilling on the Chincolco target (hole 6), and another at Mule Hill (hole 7). The aim is to complete 3,000 m in 2025, including two holes at Mule Hill, and at least one more hole at Chincolco.

#### Highlights (Buen Retiro):

- Holes BRT-DDH040 to BRT-DDH042 all intersected intervals in excess of 145 m of disseminated chalcopyrite in stratiform "Candelaria-style" geology.
- Hole BRT-DDH039 intersected 85.4 m @ 0.22% Cu from 58.6 m, confirming a width of 360 metres, near surface oxide mineralization in the gap between the South and Southwest areas.
- Hole SFR-RCD002 intersected 5.0 m @ 1.33% Cu from 301.0 m, in newly recognised 'La Farola'\* style mineralization.

Merlin Marr-Johnson, President and CEO of Fitzroy Minerals, commented: "The more we explore at Buen Retiro the more copper we find – it is a remarkable system. What is particularly interesting is the sheer variety of mineralizing styles that we're seeing. In the southern part of the old pit area mineralization is strongly associated with sub-vertical structures and hematite breccias, and the rocks look very similar to geology and structural controls seen at the Manto Verde deposit. In the northern part of the old pit are we are now seeing disseminated chalcopyrite in drill-core that looks very similar to mineralized core seen at the Candelaria deposit. And off to the southeast we have

<sup>\*</sup>La Farola style mineralization refers to a specific type of late-stage, low-temperature, hematite-dominant iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposit found in the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre District

also found late-stage-copper, which looks very similar to a newly-commissioned body within the Manto Verde complex and the recently approved, privately-held La Farola deposit next to Candelaria. Having all three mineralizing styles in the Buen Retiro project is hugely encouraging. We are also delighted that the near-surface mineralization has been given extra width by latest drilling in the South and Southwest Areas as that is the area that will be the focus of infill drilling for potential mineral resource definition in 2026.

At Caballos we are delighted to be regaining momentum after several months of technical challenges. Our understanding of the geology at Caballos is evolving with every completed drillhole and the project has real scale potential.

We look forward to publishing ongoing results from both projects in the weeks ahead."

Mineralization described on adjacent and/or nearby properties or mines is not necessarily indicative of mineralization hosted on the Buen Retiro property.

#### **Buen Retiro Report**

As noted above, Fitzroy has completed 7,150 m of diamond drilling and 5,100 m of reverse circulation drilling at Buen Retiro in 2025. Drilling continues with one core rig and one RC rig. Reverse circulation drilling is being used to test blind anomalies under gravel and new mineralization hypotheses, while the diamond drilling rig continues to perform step-outs, testing extensions to known mineralization . Results from holes 36 to 39 are reported below, with assays pending from holes 40 to 42.

#### **Diamond Drilling**

In the South and Southwest areas, diamond drill holes BRT-DDH036, 038 and 039 confirm that oxide and secondary sulphide copper minerals persist laterally into areas previously untested by drilling. See Table 1 for results. Hole 36 was drilled to the southwest to define the western boundary of mineralization intersected in hole 6, which returned 135.1 m @ 0.73% Cu starting in mineralization immediately below the gravel cover. As expected, hole 36 also started in mineralization below the gravel cover, returning 20 m @ 0.31% Cu from 4.8 m, extending the real thickness of the mineralized breccia in this section to 80 metres. A further interval of 9 m @ 0.33% Cu from 46 m also present in hole 36. The mineralization is hosted within albite-altered andesite volcanic units cut by hematite-rich hydrothermal breccias. These breccias are a key geological control that are spatially related with faults in the southern portion of the Buen Retiro project, and are very similar in style to the fault-controlled hematite-rich hydrothermal breccias seen at Manto Verde.

Holes 38 and 39 were drilled in an area of ground believed to be off-structure between the South and Southwest areas. Nevertheless, both holes intersected intervals of lower-grade copper oxide mineralization adjacent to structurally controlled, higher-grade intervals reported from earlier drilling. These results effectively link the two mineralized trends in this sector and create a zone up to 360 metres wide with oxidized mineralization near surface. Hole 39 intersected 85.4 m @ 0.22% Cu from 58.6 m, including 13.0 m @ 0.33% Cu from 111 metres. Hole 38 intersected 59.0

m @ 0.19% Cu from 68 metres. Both holes exhibit a degree of hydrothermal zoning away from structure, which Fitzroy interprets to be part of a broad lateral mineral system extending between the South and Southwest areas.



Hole 37 was drilled in the North Area, and intersected low-grade mineralization in what is believed to be hanging-wall mineralization to a shear zone. The best intersection in hole 37 was 12 m @ 0.35% Cu from 91 metres.

Holes 40 to 42 are pending assays but all three holes have intersected broad swathes of disseminated chalcopyrite downhole. Hole 40, drilled to a final depth of 308 metres underneath

the west side of the old pit intersected approximately 63 metres of sparse oxide mineralization prior to entering a zone of approximately 223 metres of disseminated chalcopyrite and occasional veinlets of chalcopyrite. Hole 41, drilled close to northern limit of the old pit intersected approximately 24 metres of sparse oxide mineralization prior to entering a zone of approximately 149 metres of weakly disseminated chalcopyrite. Hole 42, located 214 metres north of hole 41, started in fresh rock after 8 metres of gravels and intersected approximately 234 metres of disseminated chalcopyrite including two zones of barren material.

Hole 43, 150 metres north of hole 42, is currently underway. Crucially, the core photographs look very similar to the style of mineralization from within the resource zone at Candelaria. These holes are the first time that Fitzroy has seen consistent sulphide mineralization of this nature, which further enhances the exploration model at this project.

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Table 1. Selected Phase 2 drill core assay results from BRT-DDH036 to BRT-DDH039, and SFR-RCD001 to SFR-RCD010, Buen Retiro Copper Project, Copiapó, Chile\*

to SFR-RCD010, Buen Retiro Copper Project, Copiapo, Chile											
Drill Hole	East (m) (WGS84)	North (m) (WGS84)	**Azimuth / Dip	From (m)	To (m)	***Interval (m)	Cu (%)	Co (ppm)			
BRT- DDH036	344962	6920985	263/-60	4.8	55.0	50.2	0.20				
including				4.8	25.0	20.2	0.31				
including				46.0	55.0	9.0	0.33	422			
BRT- DDH037	345067	6922753	294/-45	42.0	53.0	11.0	0.16				
including				48.0	53.0	5.0	0.20				
And				79.0	103.0	24.0	0.26				
including				91.0	103.0	12.0	0.35				
BRT- DDH038	345248	6920763	263/-44	68.0	127.0	59.0	0.19	145			
BRT- DDH039	345247	6920887	261/-46	58.6	144.0	85.4	0.22				
including				111.0	124.0	13.0	0.33	135			
including				131.0	141.0	10.0	0.25	340			
SFR-RCD001, SFR-RCD003 to SFR-RCD010: no significant intersections											
SFR-RCD002	347936	6920250	270/-60	270.0	306.0	36.0	0.24				
including				301.0	306.0	5.0	1.34	184			
And			_	379.0	395.0	16.0	0.26				
including				385.0	395.0	10.0	0.39	80			

<sup>\*</sup>calculated based on a minimum thickness of 5 m and minimum average grade of 0.1% Cu

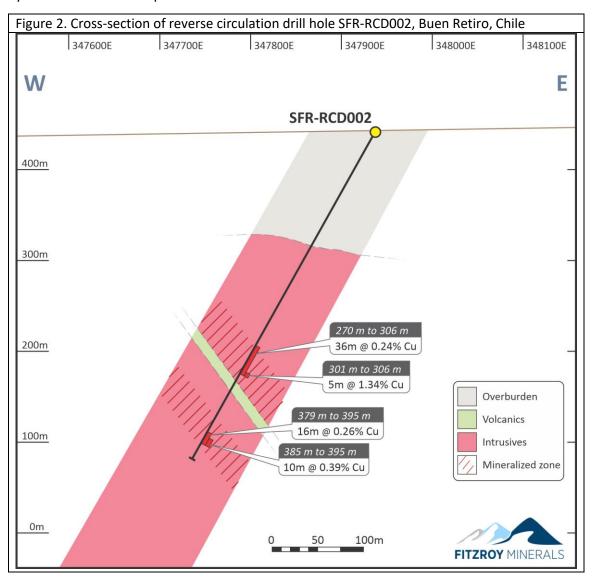
<sup>\*\*</sup>measured at the collar

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>true width estimated to be 75% of drill hole interval.

#### **Reverse Circulation Drilling**

Fitzroy Minerals has used an RC drill rig to test a wide range of blind geophysical targets that are completely gravel covered. Eighteen holes have been drilled to date, with ten of these drilled on 'Sierra Fritis' or regional concessions so they have "SFR" as the prefix to the hole number.

Hole SFR-RCD002 was drilled ~3.2 km east-southeast of the old pit, and intersected an interesting zone between 270 m and 395 m downhole. From 270 m a broad zone with chalcopyrite returned 36 m @ 0.24% Cu, including 5 m @ 1.34% Cu from 301 metres. Further down the hole from 379 m, another zone of chalcopyrite returned 16 m @ 0.26% Cu, including 10 m @ 0.39% Cu from 385 metres. The mineralization is characterized by chalcopyrite veins associated with calcite, specularite<sup>1</sup>, and quartz. The host rock for these veins is a micro-dioritic intrusive that exhibits hydrothermal chlorite—epidote alteration.



<sup>1</sup> Calcite is a carbonate mineral ( $CaCO_3$ ), chalcopyrite is a copper iron sulphide ( $CuFeS_2$ ), specularite is a glittery, flaky form of hematite ( $Fe_2O_3$ )

Fitzroy notes that this distinctive mineral assemblage is recognised in the wider Punta del Cobre Region to represent low-temperature, late-stage mineralization, and is usually spatially associated with the upper parts of multi-phase Iron Oxide-Copper-Gold ("IOCG") systems. Two of these late-stage-copper ore-bodies are currently under development in the wider Punta del Cobre Region, and the identification of this mineralization at Buen Retiro adds to the broader potential of the project. RC hole 2 coincides with an elongated geophysical anomaly running roughly northeast for about 1.8 km, which will be tested in further work.

#### **Next Steps**

Fitzroy Minerals continues to progress work for the planned heap leach project. Environmental baseline studies have started. An infill, geotechnical, and sterilization drill plan is being finalized and will be started subject to Board approval. Metallurgical sampling and the design of appropriate tests are in progress. Discussions with external consultants for key aspects of a PEA are ongoing and discussions with Pucobre, regarding commercial terms for operation and the use of spare capacity within the Planta Biocobre near Copiapó, are underway.

Exploration for primary sulphides is also proceeding. The field-trip to Capstone Copper's Manto Verde mine and to Lundin Mining's Candelaria mine provided extremely helpful insights into major IOCG mineralizing systems in this part of Chile. Manto Verde exhibits classic hematite-rich, hydrothermal breccia stockworks and copper mineralization, and also the lower-temperature, late-stage, calcite-chalcopyrite-specularite assemblage. Fitzroy is compiling a library of photographs of Buen Retiro core compared with core from Manto Verde and Candelaria, to act as a reference and exploration guide. A new sulphide exploration drill plan is being finalized and will be announced in due course, subject to Board approval.

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#### **Caballos Update**

At Caballos, progress has been slow due to technical challenges, related to difficult drilling conditions, steep access tracks that are impassable in wet weather, and a drilling contractor that struggled to replicate efficiencies achieved at Buen Retiro.

After hole 1 was completed, an attempt was made to drill a vertical hole (hole 2) from the same drill-pad. Unfortunately, the hole intersected a strong fault zone at 340 m and the hole had to be aborted prior to reaching the target depth. Despite this, hole 2 crossed two zones of mineralization; 29 m @ 0.55% Copper Equivalent ("CuEq") (0.19% Cu, 632 ppm Mo, and 0.03 g/t Au) from 215 m, and 16 m @ 0.32 CuEq (0.20% Cu and 179 ppm Mo, and 0.04 g/t Au) from 268 metres. See Table 2 below with respect to the calculation of CuEq amounts.

Eventually, hole 5 was drilled from the same pad, but with a dip of 80° to the west. Hole 5 intersected 410 metres of hydrothermal breccias, with mineralized zones in a large part of its length, before it crossed into unmineralized volcanics. Hole 5 was on average about 100 metres below hole one, but the intervals it intersected were lower grade. From 150 m downhole, there

was a continuously mineralized interval of 198 m at a grade of 0.25% CuEq, including a 97 m interval of 0.39% CuEq from 251 m downhole; see Table 2 for further information.

Table 2. Selected drill core assay results* from CAB-DDH002 to CAB-005, Caballos Copper Project, Valparaiso, Chile										
Drill Hole	E (m) (WGS84)	N (m) (WGS84)	Azimuth / Dip	From (m)	To (m)	<sup>∓</sup> Interval (m)	¥CuEq (%)	Cu (%)	Mo (ppm)	Au (g/t)
CAB- DDH002A	352235	6427986	vertical	215	244	29	0.55	0.19	632	0.03
and				268	284	16	0.32	0.20	179	0.04
CAB- DDH003	352217	6427719	270/-45	90	127	37	0.34	0.19	252	0.02
and				166	190	24	0.14	0.10	59	0.01
CAB- DDH004	hole abandoned at 104 m, no significant results									
CAB- DDH005	352235	6427986	270/-80	150	481	338	0.20	0.13	81	0.04
Including				150	348	198	0.25	0.15	114	0.05
including				150	159	9	0.51	0.22	500	0.04
including				188	198	10	0.33	0.20	7	0.19
including				255	268	13	0.31	0.21	130	0.06
including				251	348	97	0.39	0.22	245	0.06
including				447	465	18	0.61	0.42	208	0.12

<sup>\*</sup> calculated based on a minimum thickness of 5 m and minimum average grade of 0.13% Cu

Hole 3 was drilled approximately 220 m south of holes 1 and 2, and was completed at a depth of 343 metres. Hole 3 intersected two zones of mineralization in breccias; one interval of 37 m @ 0.34% CuEq from 90 m, and a second interval of 24 m @ 0.14% CuEq from 166 metres. Holes 2 and 4 were aborted short of reaching their target depths.

A new drilling contractor has been appointed, and one rig is currently drilling on the Chincolco target (hole 6), and another at Mule Hill (hole 7). The aim is to complete 3,000 m in 2025, including at least two holes at Mule Hill, and one more hole at Chincolco.

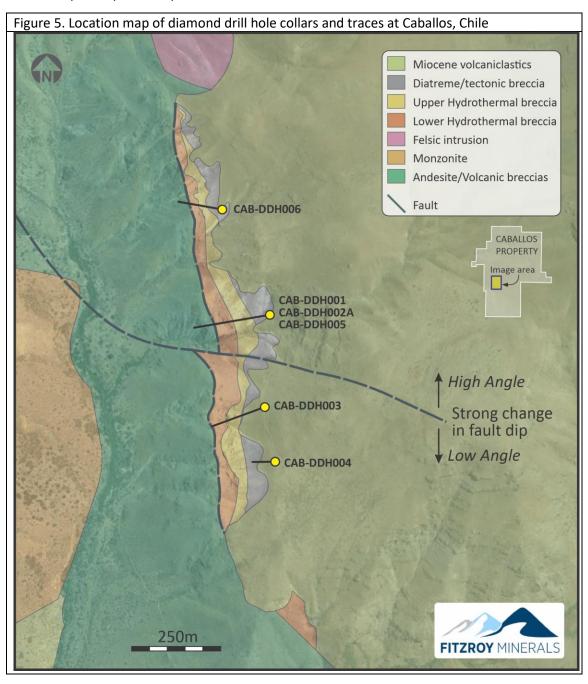
## **Interpretation and Next Steps**

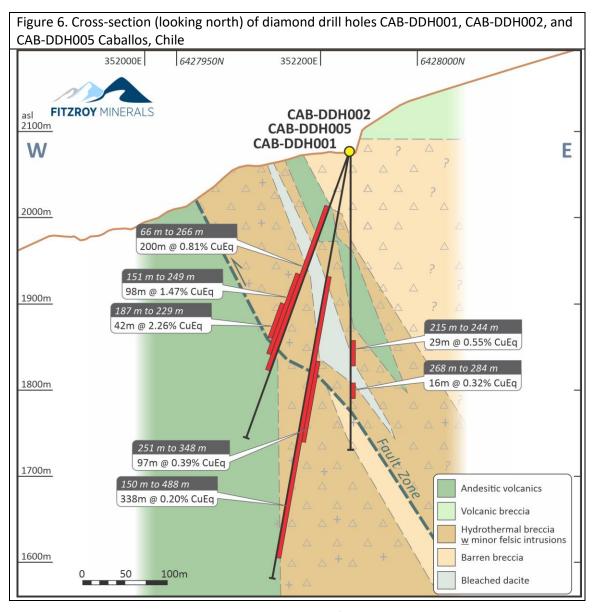
From logging the holes at Chincolco, on the Caballos Copper Project, it is evident that there is significant structural complexity in the geology. It is difficult to explain the geometries of the breccias and the drop in grade from hole 1 to hole 5, given their close proximity. What is clear is that Caballos is a large system of highly anomalous copper, molybdenum and gold mineralization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> estimated to be 75% to 100% of true thickness

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  CuEq calculated using assuming metal recovery metals of 85% for Cu, 85% for Mo, and 70% for Au. CuEq is calculated using the formula CuEq % = 0.85 Cu % + (0.6808 \* Au g/t) + (5.32 \* Mo g/t /10,000) and three year trailing average prices for 2022, 2023 and 2024: Cu \$3.99/lb, Au \$2,043/oz, Mo \$21.37/lb.

Fitzroy is finalizing quotations for a 500 line-km heliborne geophysical survey that would be used to generate exploration targets. Once the results from this drilling program are returned Fitzroy will develop an exploration plan for 2026.





## **Buen Retiro Sampling Procedures, Laboratory and QA/QC**

Buen Retiro drill core, in labelled and secured wooden core trays, is picked up by Company personnel and transported by truck from the drill rig to the core processing facility in Copiapó. Core depths are checked, after which geotechnical logging is performed.

Using a core cutting diamond blade saw, primary half core samples are collected from HQ- or NQ-sized drill core with the remaining half-core stored in the original wooden core trays at the rented core storage warehouse in Cuesta Cardones, south of Copiapó.

A silica blank is inserted every 20 samples (~20 m); a blank is always inserted immediately after a section that contains native copper. Pulp duplicates are randomly selected in proportion to the number of samples from each drill hole and inserted into the sample stream along with high, medium-, and low-grade copper standards. Sample identifications are changed and coded by the

Company. The QA/QC samples prepared by the Company represent about 12% of the total primary core samples. The three certified copper standards (both oxide and sulphide), acquired from Chilean company Instituto Nacional de Technologia Estandarizacion y Metrologia Ltda. ("INTEM"), have international standard certification. The certified standards are used to evaluate the accuracy (approximation versus true value) of the laboratory analysis. Blanks are used to evaluate the quality of the laboratory preparation and identify possible contamination. Pulp duplicates are used to test analytical accuracy (repeatability). No secondary laboratory (referee lab) samples were completed in this round of drilling; however, the next stage and subsequent stages of drilling will put in place laboratory replicate procedures.

Once prepared, the core samples are bagged, tagged, and transported to the laboratory by the project team. At the laboratory reception, the samples and their identification codes are verified and accepted once the physical inventory matches the assay request form.

The pulps and rejects of crushed samples are collected from the ALS-Patagonia laboratory in Copiapó every 3 months. The rejects are stocked in closed drums, identified with the corresponding batches and sample ranges, while the pulps are stocked in boxes and in shelves inside a container separated for this purpose. Both are located in the same Company warehouse facilities in Copiapó.

A visual review of the Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) results from the standards and blanks inserted by the Company and the laboratory's internal QA/QC information was completed by the Company and no significant issues were identified.

## **Core Preparation, Sampling and Assaying**

The Caballos Project diamond drill core is collected from site by Fitzroy personnel and transported to the Company's nearby sampling facilities where it is then processed for geological, geotechnical, and geochemical data. Sampling intervals were all of 1 metre. The core is cut into two halves using an electric diamond brick (core) saw with half-core samples each allocated a unique identifier code and bagged-tagged separately. Samples for each complete hole are transported by Fitzroy Minerals personnel to AAA laboratories in Santiago, Chile for sample preparation (drying, weighing, crushing and grinding) and assayed for Au (by 40 g fire assay with AAS finish method) plus a suite of 31 elements including Cu and Mo (by aqua regia digestion and ICP-AES finish). One batch of pulps from AAA was sent to ALS laboratories in Lima, Peru for check assays and rhenium assay by ICP-MS.

Sampling and assaying QA/QC protocols employed by the Company for this drill hole include routine insertion of certified reference materials ("CRM") including standards and blanks. Results for each CRM is assessed to monitor the accuracy and precision of the assay data for the core samples.

The Company is arm's length to the laboratories disclosed in this press release.

The Company did not identify any drilling, sampling, recovery, or other factors that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the data disclosed in this press release.

# **Qualified Person**

Dr. Scott Jobin-Bevans (P.Geo., Ph.D., PMP), a Qualified Person (the "QP") as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and independent geological consultant to the Company, has reviewed and approved the technical information provided in this news release and verified the data disclosed, including the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the technical information contained in this news release. Specifically, the QP verified selected laboratory assay certificates against the reported drill core intervals as well as drill core logs against the geology, as supplied by the Company.

# **About Fitzroy Minerals**

Fitzroy Minerals is focused on exploring and developing mineral assets with substantial upside potential in the Americas. The Company's current property portfolio includes the Buen Retiro Copper Project located near Copiapó, Chile, the Caballos Copper and Polimet Gold-Copper-Silver projects located in Valparaiso, Chile, the Taquetren Gold Project located in Rio Negro, Argentina, and the Cariboo Project in British Columbia, Canada. Fitzroy Minerals' shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol FTZ and on the OTCQB under the symbol FTZFF.

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