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## DRILL PROGRAM EXPANDED AT ELK GOLD PROJECT

Almaden is pleased to announce that it has expanded the current drill program at the Company's wholly owned Elk gold project near Merritt, B.C.

The drill program has been increased from 6000 metres to 8500 metres and another drill has been brought to the property to complete the extra holes in a timely fashion.

The main thrust of the extra drilling will be to fill in between existing holes in the near surface portion of the WD vein and to test for parallel veins that are known to occur in parts of the WD vein area. The company is reconfiguring data so that the potential for open pit mining of the Siwash and WD veins systems can be better analysed. This work and the drilling are expected to be completed by the end of October.

Duane Poliquin (President) stated: "This work will advance our understanding of the Elk property's vein systems and will give us a much better feel for the best methods for development of this former and potential future gold producer".

Existing resources and previous production are detailed on the company's website [www.almadenminerals.com](http://www.almadenminerals.com)

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