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# CONTANGO SILVER & GOLD

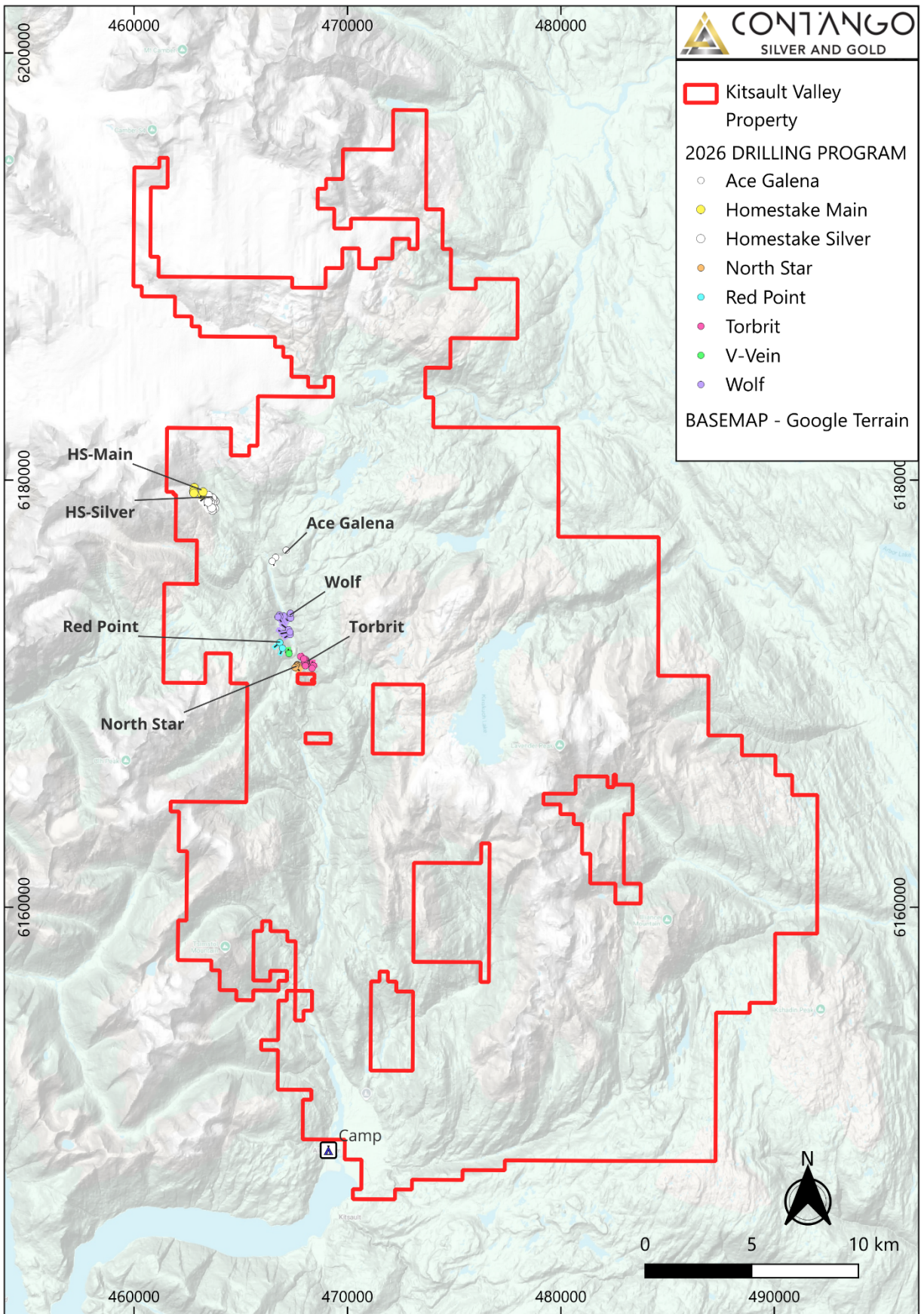
## *Contango Commences 40,000-meter 2026 Drill Program at the Kitsault Valley Silver-Gold Project*

FAIRBANKS, AK -- (May 26, 2026) – Contango Silver & Gold Inc. (“Contango” or the “Company”) (NYSE American: CTGO) (TSX: CTGO) is pleased to announce the start of the 2026 Kitsault Valley surface drill program. Three diamond drills are currently active, focused on infill and resource expansion on the Torbrit and North Star deposits, with two more drills expected to come online in the next week.

The 2026 drill program will consist of approximately 40,000 meters (“m”) of drilling largely focused on infill and resource expansion at the Dolly Varden deposits (Torbrit, North Star, and Dolly Varden), the Wolf deposit, and the Homestake Ridge deposits (Homestake Main and Homestake Silver). Drilling will support a new resource update along with a preliminary economic study expected to be completed in H1 2027 (Initial Assessment “IA” – under US reporting standards). Approximately 10,000 m of the planned program will be aimed at exploration holes in the Kitsault Valley and other areas of the extensive land package located in the highly prospective Golden Triangle of British Columbia.

Rob van Egmond, the Company’s VP Exploration – Canada, stated “It’s exciting to get back drilling at the Kitsault Valley for another drilling season. The focus of this year’s drill program is resource and infill holes which will support economic studies required to move these deposits from the exploration stage and into development stage. Drilling will initially focus on the Dolly Varden deposits (Torbrit and North Star) and Wolf deposits before moving north to finish the season out at the Homestake Ridge deposits. In addition to drilling, the Company will also focus efforts on environmental baseline studies, permitting, camp and infrastructure upgrades, metallurgical and hydrological studies.”

Mr. van Egmond continued, "With the exciting new discovery of Torbrit style mineralization at Wolf towards the end of the 2025 season, we are eager to get back there to test the continuity of this unique style of mineralization. Drill hole DV25-470 intersected 518 g/t Ag, 0.19% Pb and 0.34% Zn over 0.52 meters, within a wider zone of mineralization and wall rock alteration grading 66 g/t Ag, 0.12% Pb and 0.19% Zn over 12.45 meters, including the presence of native silver. This intersection opens a very exciting kilometer scale area for further testing the extension of Torbrit style mineralization at Wolf."



**2026 Kitsault Valley Silver-Gold Project Drill Program**

## **QUALIFIED PERSONS**

Rob van Egmond, P.Geo., Vice-President Exploration - Canada for Contango, the "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101 has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this news release. Rob van Egmond, P.Geo. is not independent of the Company in accordance with NI 43-101.

## **ABOUT CONTANGO**

Contango is a NYSE American and TSX listed company that engages in the exploration for and development and production of gold and associated minerals in Alaska and in the Golden Triangle in British Columbia. Contango holds a 30% interest in the Peak Gold JV, which leases approximately 675,000 acres of land for exploration and development on the Manh Choh project, with the remaining 70% owned by KG Mining (Alaska), Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corporation, operator of the Peak Gold JV. The Company and its subsidiaries also have (i) a lease on the Johnson Tract project, which consists of mineral rights to approximately 21,000 acres located near tidewater, 125 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska, from the underlying owner, CIRI, (ii) a lease on the Lucky Shot project, which consists of mineral rights to approximately 8,600 acres of State of Alaska and patented mining claims located in the Willow Mining District about 75 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska, from the underlying owner, Alaska Hardrock Inc., (iii) mineral rights to approximately 145,000 acres of State of Alaska mining claims, and (iv) mineral rights to approximately 11,700 acres of State of Alaska mining claims and upland mining leases, all of which give Contango the exclusive right to explore and develop minerals on these lands, (v) mineral tenures of approximately 247,000 acres (100,000 ha) located in and around the Kitsault Valley in the Golden Triangle of northwest British Columbia.

Additional information can be found on our web page at [www.contangoore.com](http://www.contangoore.com).

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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