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Maura Kolb is a professional geologist with 15 years experience in mining and exploration. She has a diverse background from grassroots exploration to bring projects to commercial production. Maura holds two roles currently, first as President and Head of Exploration for Dryden Gold Corp, a private junior exploration company working on going public during 2023. Maura is also a founder and director of Critical Discoveries, a private exploration company focused on critical minerals/metals through early-stage exploration.

Before working on critical metals, Maura had been primarily focused on precious metals mining and exploration. Maura was Director of Exploration for Treasury Metals leading the strategy for geology and exploration. At Treasury Maura, revamped the geological standards for data collection and integration of this data into geological models. Maura led the resource conversion for their updated Mineral Resource Estimate as well as created a path for growth through greenfield exploration.

Maura spent eight years in the Red Lake Camp with Goldcorp, Newmont, Evaluation and Battle North leading geology and exploration for Mine sites and regionally. During her tenure at the Red Lake Mine, Maura took several zones, such as the R Zone, Aviation Complex from exploration target into resource, then reserve. Project evaluation in collaboration with engineering and metallurgy departments was key for these projects even at early stages to prioritize exploration spend.

Prior to working in Red Lake, Maura worked consulting for junior mining companies focused on precious metals, which took her to a variety of different geologically settings and locations. Maura completed a Master of Science at Lakehead University; her research was focused on structural controls of gold mineralization. Throughout her career this background in structural geology has been a foundation for unlocking exploration potential in complex geologic settings.

Maura has been living in Northwestern Ontario for the last 15 years in Thunder Bay, Red Lake and now in Dryden. She is a mother of two children, Bear and Alexis and understands the challenges of being a woman and mother in mining. Maura has joined the board of WIM NWO to help represent women in mining that are based more remotely but still want to be connected to their fellow women in mining.