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The Discover Abitibi Initiative announced today that the contract to complete the HIGH RESOLUTION AIRBORNE MAGNETOMETER SURVEYS has been awarded to Fugro Airborne Surveys Corp of Mississauga, Ontario. The \$1.1 million contract involves data acquisition, interpretation and final map production for 4 large areas spread across the region.

Fugro intends to complete the surveys utilizing fixed-wing aircraft, operated by sister company Fugro Airborne Surveys Quebec Limited and helicopters operated from Mississauga, flying from the Iroquois Falls, Earlton, Kirkland Lake and Timmins airports. All fixed-wing aircraft will be equipped with horizontal gradient magnetometers and the helicopters will be equipped with Fugro's Midas systems.

Dave McGirr, chair Timmins Economic Development Corporation, said, "we are pleased that this large project, a significant component of the initiative is now underway. These surveys will provide the exploration community with an improved data set and will undoubtedly assist in the interpretation of the geology over a large section of the greenstone belt."

Dan Gignac, chair of the management committee agreed with McGirr's comments. "the start-up of these large surveys in conjunction with the release of the MegaTEM survey results will create additional excitement and encouragement within the exploration community about the initiative's long term impact on the region. We have already seen an increase in claim staking in the area and this will hopefully continue the momentum."

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