Benton Completes Plan of Arrangement, Provides Update and Benton Resources Inc. Commences Trading

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THUNDER BAY, ON, Aug. 2, 2012 /CNW/ - Benton Capital Corp. (TSXV: BTC) ("Benton Capital" formerly Benton Resources Corp.) is pleased to inform shareholders that it has completed its previously announced spin out transaction by way of plan of arrangement whereby, with the exception of its investment in Coro Mining Corp., \$730,000 in working capital and the Goodchild Project, it has transferred all of its assets to a newly listed company named Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton Resources"). Shareholders received one new common share in Benton Resources for each share held of Benton Resources Corp. which changed its name to Benton Capital Corp. on closing of the transaction. Benton Resources Inc. commenced trading under the symbol "BEX" at market open on August 1, 2012. Benton Capital Corp. continued trading under the existing symbol "BTC".

Benton Resources Inc. would also like to inform shareholders that it has commenced a second phase diamond drill program on the Elizabeth Anne gold project located approximately 19km west of the Mountain Pass rare earth mine in San Bernardino County, California. This drilling campaign is designed to follow up on the previously announced (news release dated June 6, 2012) new discovery of high grade zones on the Elizabeth Anne gold project which included intersections of 10.92 grams per tonne (gpt) gold (Au) over 15.24 metres (m) in hole EA-12C-05, 5.56gpt over 6.1m in hole EA-12C-03 and 5.54gpt over 4.58m in hole EA-12C-01. The second phase program is designed as a follow up to EA-12C-05 which was in an area referred to as the mega breccia zone. Several other zones were also encountered in the initial drilling program indicating the possibility of a large low grade shell around the higher grade zones. Benton Resources will release results once they are received and compiled.

Stephen Stares, President and CEO commented "We are pleased to have completed our spinout transaction and are hopeful that our shareholders will now receive full value for the aggregate of the assets now that they are segregated into separate companies. We are excited to follow up with a second phase of drilling on the Elizabeth Anne project after an encouraging first program in the spring. Finally, we will continue to identify opportunities to add shareholder value moving forward for both companies".

Clinton Barr (P.Geo.), V.P. Exploration for Benton Capital Corp., is the qualified person responsible for this release.

About Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX)

Benton Resources Inc is a newly listed Canadian based junior with multiple joint ventures and a diversified property portfolio in Gold, Nickel, Copper, and Platinum group elements. Benton Resources Inc. currently has approximately \$6.0 million in cash, owns 348,000 shares of Stillwater Mining Company (NYSE:SWC), holds 782,500 shares in Marathon Gold Corp. (TSX.MOZ), holds 1.6 million shares in Puget Ventures (TSX-V.PVS), holds approximately 8.5 million shares of Mineral Mountain Resources Ltd. (TSX-V.MMV), holds 815,000 shares of Bell Copper Corporation (TSX-V.BCU), holds 1.67 million shares of Trillium North Minerals (TSX-V.TNM), holds 1.55 million shares of Golden Dory Resources (TSX-V.GDR) and 3.0 million shares of Parkside Resources (currently private).

About Benton Capital Corp (TSXV: BTC)

Benton Capital Corp. (formerly Benton Resources Corp.) is a Canadian based junior which currently holds the Goodchild Copper-Nickel-PGM project located 5km NE of Stillwater Mining's Marathon Copper-PGM deposit currently being permitted for production. Benton Capital Corp. also holds approximately 57.87 million shares (approximately 41.84%) of Coro Mining Corp. (TSX: COP). Coro Mining Corp. is a Vancouver based copper exploration company with projects located in South America.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benton Capital Corp.,

"Stephen Stares"

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Stephen Stares, President

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