THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Apr 20, 2016) - <u>Benton Resources Inc.</u> (TSX VENTURE:BEX) ("Benton" or "the Company") has agreed to sell a 100% interest in the Champion Graphite project to <u>Benton Capital Corp.</u> (TSX VENTURE:BTC) (a company related by common directorships) for a payment of 1 million shares to Benton and subject to a 2% NSR. Benton Capital will have the option to buy back 1% of the NSR for \$500,000. The Champion Graphite project represents a non-core asset of <u>Benton Resources Inc.</u> (see Benton PR dated February 17, 2016) and the related party directors of each of the respective companies abstained from voting to approve the acquisition. The retained NSR provides <u>Benton Resources Inc.</u> with the opportunity to participate in any future success of the project.

About Benton Resources Inc. (TSX VENTURE:BEX)

Benton Resources Inc. is a well-funded Canadian-based junior with a diversified property portfolio in Gold-Silver, Nickel, Copper, and Platinum group elements.

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

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benton Resources Inc.,

Stephen Stares, President

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