Moneta Intercepts 2.33 m @ 10.21 g/t Gold, 5.50 m @ 4.65g/t Gold and 1.00 m @ 15.10 g/t Gold at the South West Deposit

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TORONTO, April 11, 2018 /CNW/ - <u>Moneta Porcupine Mines Inc.</u> (TSX:ME) (OTC:MPUCF) (XETRA:MOP) ("Moneta" of "Company") is pleased to announce the results from eight additional diamond drill holes completed on the South West ("South West") located within the Company's Golden Highway Project (located 110 km east of Timmins, Ontario, see F

Highlights:

Step-out drilling at South West continued to extend the strike and depth extent of the tension vein structures, the SW-1 mineralized shoots and intersected a new shoot (SW-5). Drilling has increased the total number of veins to fifteen and i shoots to five.

Tension Veins

•	Yew Vein	Drill hole MGH17-073 intersected 2.33 metres ("m") @ 10.21 grams per tonne ge m @ 15.35 g/t Au, extending the vein to depth
•	Willow Vein	Drill hole MGH17-073 intersected 1.00 m @ 15.10 g/t Au confirming the strike ar vein
•	Maple Vein	Drill hole MGH17-075 intersected 1.31 m @ 7.46 g/t Au extending the up-dip por
•	Arbutus Vein	Drill hole MGH17-070 intersected 3.00 m @ 4.41 g/t Au and drill hole MGH17-07 4.12 g/t Au, extending the vein to depth
•	Tamarack Vein	Drill hole MGH17-065 intersected 2.00 m @ 4.61 g/t Au, extending the vein to de
•	Balsam Vein	Drill hole MGH17-065 intersected 5.00 m @ 2.26 g/t Au, extending the vein to de
	(one of the six core veins)	
•	Cedar Vein (one of the six core veins)	Drill hole MGH17-075 intersected 1.05 m @ 8.20g/t Au extending the vein to the

SW-1 and SW-2 Mineralized Shoots

•	SW-1: Drill hole MGH17-065 intersected 5.50 m @ 4.65 g/t Au, expanding the shoot to the south
•	SW-2: Drill hole MGH17-075 intersected 1.67 m @ 5.15 g/t Au, expanding the shoot to the south

SW-5 (new) Mineralized Shoot

• Drill hole MGH17-069 intersected a new shoot (SW-5) intersecting 2.61m @ 6.35 g/t Au, including 1.00 m @ 12.15 g/t Au, expanding the system 150 m to the east

Gary O'Connor, CEO & Chief Geologist commented, "We are very pleased to see the continued expansion of gold min the South West area. Step-out drilling has extended the strike and depth extent of the veins and mineralized shoots. Th continues to expand the size potential and confirms the grades of these higher-grade structures being targeted by the o total number of veins has increased to fifteen and mineralized shoots to five. We have been very encouraged by the re and continue to drill at South West to expand the size of the system, increase the number of veins and shoots, and con the higher grades."

The latest assay results are from eight drill holes totalling 4,885.90 m of drilling at South West testing higher grade stru targets. The ongoing drill program at South West continues as part of the previously announced exploration drill progra undertaken by the Company in late 2017 on the Golden Highway Project. The program consisted of over 20,000 metre holes and the encouraging results have driven the Company to expand the drill program. Assays for additional drill hole pending and will be released as they become available.

South West Deposit

Drilling to date at South West has been successful in confirming the existence of fifteen tension veins and five shear pla mineralized shoots. The NW trending tension vein arrays occur as stacked en échelon veins, steeply dipping to the SW occur south of the ENE trending shear zone within clastic sediments in contact with the Banded Iron Formation ("BIF"). sheared contact hosts the mineralized shoots or "D" structures which plunge ~65° to the west and occur up to 50 m Ion wide and have been traced to depths of 400 m.

The tension veins and stock-work style veining within the shoots occur as quartz-carbonate-pyrite veins within a distinc alteration halo occasionally associated with sericite. A zone of pyrite-chlorite and quartz veinlets occurs adjacent to the also hosts mineralization. The veins can be brecciated and occur as quartz matrix supported breccia zones.

The modelled veins have an average width of approximately 3.00 m and are spaced 25 m to 30 m apart. The veins car for up to 350 m strike length, have been historically drilled to 1,200 m depth and remain open to the south. A fifth (SW-mineralized shoot has now been successfully drilled to the east extending the foot print of the vein system to 1,000 m. Tested fifteenth vein (Gap Vein) occurs to the east in the Gap area.

South West Drill Results

Drill holes MGH17-068, MGH17-070 and MGH17-073 successfully connected the veins historically drilled below South depths of up to 1,200 m, to the new up-dip extensions. The near surface projections of the Arbutus and Yew veins from now been confirmed. Drill testing of the Arbutus vein assayed 3.00 m @ 4.41g/t Au (MGH17-070) and 5.00 m @ 4.12g including 2.00 m @ 6.13g/t Au (MGH17-073). Drilling of the Yew vein returned 2.80 m @ 3.75g/t Au including 0.80 m @ (MGH17-070) and 2.33 m @ 10.21g/t Au (MGH17-073). The Willow vein returned intersections of 5.62m @ 3.13g/t Au (MGH17-0768), 0.67 m @ 11.25g/t Au (MGH17-070), and 1.00 m @ 15.10g/t Au (MGH17-073) from the up-dip zone. Drintersected the EB-1, EB-2, EB-3 and Beech veins however these have not yet been drilled and modelled in sufficient of included in the current vein total.

Drill hole MGH17-075 was drilled to test the southern extensions of the SW-2 shoot, the northern strike extensions of the original six veins (Cedar, Pine and Spruce) and the depth extensions of the Maple, Oak and Willow veins which occur i the east of the central block. The hole extended the SW-2 shoot to the south (1.67 m @ 5.55g/t Au and 1.01 m @ 6.74 intersected the Cedar (1.05 m @ 8.20g/t Au), Pine (0.37 m @ 7.71g/t Au), Spruce (0.70 m @ 2.48g/t Au), Maple (1.31 Au) and Oak (1.00 m @ 4.50g/t Au) vein structures. Assays for the bottom of hole MGH17-075 are pending.

The MGH17-065 and MGH17-071 holes were drilled to test the down dip extensions of the first six modelled veins, the vein and the SW-1 shoot. The drilling confirmed the extensions of Tamarack intersecting 2.00 m @ 4.61g/t Au in MGH1 1.80 m @ 3.42g/t Au in hole MGH17-071. The SW-1 mineralized shoot was intersected in hole MGH17-065 intersection 3.77g/t Au including 5.50 m @ 4.65g/t Au, at a depth of 566.00 m. The depth extensions of the Birch, Cedar, Balsam ai vein structures were intersected with results of up to 5.00 m @ 2.26g/t Au for Cedar in hole MGH17-065, 1.00 m @ 2.9 Birch in hole MGH17-071 and Spruce with up to 1.00 m @ 4.24g/t Au in MGH17-065.

The extensions of the west block veins were tested in hole MGH17-072 and returned up to 1.35 m @ 5.24g/t Au and the of Elm vein returned 2.90 m @ 3.27g/t Au at a depth of 371.00m.

Drill hole MGH17-069 was testing the new Gap vein which is currently the eastern most vein structure identified and the contact to the east of this. The hole intersected the Gap Vein at 206.10m returning 1.00 m @ 4.17g/t Au and intersected structure/mineralized shoot at 568.38 m depth assaying 2.61 m @ 6.35g/t Au including 1.00 m @ 12.15g/t Au. The new shoot extended the system by 150 m to the east.

Table 1: South West: Selected Significant Drill Results

Hole	From	То	Length	Δ	Vein
#	(m)	(m)	(m)	Au (g/t)	Name
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MGH17-065				4.61	Tamarack
includes	509.00	510.00	1.00	6.81	Tamarack
MGH17-065	566.00	574.00	8.00	3.77	SW-1
Includes	567.80	573.30	5.50	4.65	SW-1
includes	567.80	569.46	1.66	5.95	SW-1
MGH17-065	658.00	663.00	5.00	2.26	Cedar
MGH17-065	782.00	783.00	1.00	4.24	Spruce
MGH17-068	263.64	264.50	1.76	4.80	EB-3
MGH17-068	321.00	321.51	0.51	6.24	New vein
MGH17-068	362.59	368.21	5.62	3.13	Willow
includes	362.59	363.60	1.01	6.63	Willow
MGH17-069	206.10	207.10	1.00	4.17	Gap Vein
MGH17-069	568.39	571.00	2.61	6.35	SW-5
MGH17-069	569.00	570.00	1.00	12.15	SW-5
MGH17-070	98.07	98.74	0.67	11.75	Willow
MGH17-070	267.00	270.00	3.00	4.41	Arbutus
MGH17-070	360.00	362.80	2.80	3.75	Yew
includes	362.00	362.80	0.80	6.37	Yew
MGH17-071	374.00	377.00	3.00	2.31	West Vein
MGH17-071	451.20	453.00	1.80	3.42	Tamarack
MGH17-071	630.00	631.00	1.00	2.98	Birch
MGH17-071	655.70	659.20	3.50	2.04	New vein
includes	655.70	656.50	0.80	4.30	New vein
and	658.20	659.20	1.00	3.67	New vein
MGH17-072	164.65	166.00	1.35	5.24	New vein
MGH17-072	182.00	183.00	1.00	4.44	New vein
MGH17-072	347.00	348.00	1.00	4.11	West Vein
MGH17-072					

371.00



2.90

3.27

Elm Vein

172.86	173.90	1.04	4.89	New vein
286.00	287.00	2.00	3.71	EB-3
460.00	461.00	1.00	15.10	Willow
500.00	505.00	5.00	4.12	Arbutus
503.00	505.00	2.00	6.13	Arbutus
551.59	553.92	2.33	10.21	Yew
551.59	552.50	0.91	15.35	Yew
553.16	553.92	0.76	11.25	Yew
80.91	82.58	1.67	5.15	SW-2
80.91	81.76	0.85	6.74	SW-2
102.00	103.00	1.00	6.16	SW-2
106.60	107.65	1.05	8.20	Cedar
135.80	136.17	0.37	7.71	Pine
271.92	275.00	3.08	3.99	Maple
272.90	274.21	1.31	7.46	Maple
273.80	274.21	0.41	15.75	Maple
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Please click here for Figure 1: South West Location Map- Golden Highway Project: http://www.monetaporcupine.com/i/maps/2018-04-11_NR-Fig1.jpg

Please click here for Figure 2: South West: Geology and Drill Location Map: http://www.monetaporcupine.com/i/maps/2018-04-11_NR-Fig2.jpg

Please click here for Figure 3: South West: Schematic Cross Section: http://www.monetaporcupine.com/i/maps/2018-04-11_NR-Fig3.jpg

Table 2: Drill Hole Details

Hole	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Azimuth	Inclination	Depth
#	mE	mN	masl	o	0	m
MGH17-065	570,540	5,369,300	320	90	-55	793.90
MGH17-068	571,201	5,369,632	325	90	-56	453.00
MGH17-069	571,571	5,369,897	325	30	-60	573.00
MGH17-070	571,205	5,369,757	325	90	-53	525.00
MGH17-071	570,600	5,369,220	320	90	-50	846.00
MGH17-072	570,555	5,369,444	320	90	-55	501.00
MGH17-073	571,000	5,369,757	320	90	-58	600.00
MGH17-075	571,032	5,369,457	320	90	-51	594.00

QA/QC Procedures

All core drilling conducted by Moneta is oriented. Drill core is sawn and half is sent ALS Canada Inc. for drying and crushing to -2 mm, with a 1.00 kg split pulverized to -75 μ m (200#). A 50 g charge is Fire Assayed and analyzed using a AAS finish for Gold. Samples above 10.00 g/t Au are analyzed by Fire Assay with a gravimetric finish and selected samples with visible gold or high-grade mineralization are assayed by Metallic Screen Fire Assay on a 1.00 kg sample. Moneta inserts independent certified reference material and blanks with the samples and assays routine pulp repeats and coarse reject sample duplicates with the samples, as well as completing third-party check assays at Activation Laboratories Ltd. Gary O'Connor, MAusIMM is a qualified person under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release.

About Moneta

The Company holds a 100% interest in 5 core gold projects strategically located along the Destor-Porcupine Fault Zone in the Timmins Gold Camp with over 85 million ounces of past gold production. The projects consist of the Golden Highway, North Tisdale, Nighthawk Lake, Kayorum and Denton projects. The Golden Highway Project covers 12 kilometres of prospective ultramafic/mafic volcanic/sedimentary rocks along the DPFZ hosting a NI 43-101 indicated resource estimate of 1,091,000 ounces (31.1 Mt at 1.09 g/t Au) and 3,204,000 ounces inferred (83.3 Mt at 1.20 g/t Au), clustered within four kilometres.

The Company's public documents may be accessed at www.sedar.com. For further information on the Company, please visit our website at www.monetaporcupine.com or email us at info@monetaporcupine.com.

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