# Step-Out Drill Hole Intercepts 201.4 g/t Au and 2,139 g/t Ag Over 1 meter at Cerro Blanco - 20 meters Outside of Current Resource Envelope

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Vancouver, March 21, 2019 - <u>Bluestone Resources Inc.</u> (TSXV: BSR) (OTCQB: BBSRF) ("Bluestone" or the "Company") is pleased to announce additional high-grade intercepts from the infill resource drill program at its Cerro Blanco Gold Project. The primary focus of the program is to upgrade Inferred Resources identified during the previous drill program completed in 2018. In addition, this program is designed to define new resources along known veins in the mine plan that extend outside of the current resource envelope.

The Cerro Blanco Feasibility Study (see press release January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019) highlighted some 360,000 ounces of Inferred Resources that could be potentially converted to Measured and Indicated Resources through infill drilling. Two LM-75 diamond drill rigs are currently situated within the North Zone of the Cerro Blanco underground workings and are targeting key veins in the upper part of the Cerro Blanco resource.

David Cass, Bluestone's Vice President of Exploration, stated, "Results from our drilling continue to validate our belief in the exploration and growth potential of Cerro Blanco. Of special note is that the 201 g/t Au high-grade assay intercepted in drill hole UGCB19-119 is approximately 20 meters outside the current resource model and is a good example of the potential to define additional resources by drill definition of the extensions to known veins, in addition to the conversion of the Inferred Resources. Additionally, new parallel structures not yet classified as in the above table and therefore not included in the current resource model represent further potential."

Table 1. Significant Intercepts (this Press Release)

HOLE ID UGCB19-116	FROM 14.9
	21.6
	58.9
UGCB19-117	44.1
	50.9
UGCB19-118	45.3
	79.0
	82.6
UGCB19-119	38.7
	42.7
including	42.7
and	44.1

Notes: Intervals in bold are cited in the text of the news release. Hole coordinates and azimuth/dip information accompany the plan view attached to this release.

Drill holes UGCB18-116, 117 and 119 were all drilled at positive angles from Platform 04-N in the North Ramp to target veins VN\_01, VN\_02 and VN\_03 in the upper parts of the Cerro Blanco deposit. Drill hole UGCB18-118 was drilled from Platform 01-N also within the North Ramp of the underground workings and designed to intercept VN\_02 at depth, a primary vein with a total of 46,800 ounces in the Inferred Resource category as per the current resource estimate (154,500 tonnes grading 9.4 g/t Au).

Hole UGCB18-119 intercepted vein VN\_03 as anticipated which assayed 86.1 g/t Au and 963 g/t Ag over 2.4 meters, which included a one-meter interval that assayed 201.4 g/t Au and 2,139 g/t Ag (229 g/t Au Eq.\*, true width) representing some of the highest grades encountered in the infill drill program to date. At Cerro

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Blanco, exceptionally high grades are characteristically associated with fine colloform-banded quartz-adularia veins with silver sulphides as ginguro bands along with visible gold and electrum. Of special note is that this intercept is approximately 20 meters outside the current resource model and is a good example of the potential to add resources by drill definition of the extensions to known veins, in addition to the conversion of Inferred Resources. Additionally, new parallel structures not yet classified as in the above table and therefore not included in the current resource model represent further potential.

Drilling is ongoing and further results will be reported as received. A plan view showing drill hole locations, sections, and core photos can be accessed by clicking HERE.

\*Gold Equivalent (AuEq) calculated via the formula: Au (g/t) + [Ag (g/t) / 78 and assumes 100% metal recoveries.

**Quality Analysis and Quality Control** 

Assay results listed within this release were performed by Inspectorate Laboratories ("Inspectorate"), a division of Bureau Veritas, which are ISO 17025 accredited laboratories. Logging and sampling are undertaken on site at Cerro Blanco by Company personnel under a QA/QC protocol developed by Bluestone. Samples are transported in security-sealed bags to Inspectorate, Guatemala City, Guatemala, for sample preparation. Sample pulps are shipped to Inspectorate Laboratories in Vancouver, BC, Canada or Reno, NV, USA, and assayed using industry-standard assay techniques for gold and silver. Gold and silver were analyzed by a 30-gram charge with atomic absorption and/or gravimetric finish for values exceeding 5 g/t Au and 100 g/t Ag. Analytical accuracy and precision are monitored by the analysis of reagent blanks, reference material, and replicate samples. Quality control is further assured by Bluestone's QA/QC program, which involves the insertion of blind certified reference materials (standards) and field duplicates into the sample stream to independently assess analytical precision and accuracy of each batch of samples as they are received from the laboratory. A selection of samples is submitted to ALS Chemex Laboratories in Vancouver for check analysis and additional quality control.

## **Qualified Person**

David Cass, P.Geo., Vice President Exploration, is the designated Qualified Person for this news release within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and verified that the technical information set out above in this news release is accurate and therefore approves this written disclosure of the technical information.

# About Bluestone Resources

Bluestone Resources is a mineral exploration and development company that is focused on advancing its 100%-owned Cerro Blanco Gold and Mita Geothermal projects located in Guatemala. A Feasibility Study on Cerro Blanco returned robust economics with a quick pay back. The average annual production is projected to be 146,000 ounces per year over the first three years of production with all-in sustaining costs of \$579/oz (as defined per World Gold Council guidelines, less corporate general and administration costs). The Company trades under the symbol "BSR" on the TSX Venture Exchange and "BBSRF" on the OTCQB.

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All forward-looking statements are made based on the Company's current beliefs as well as various assumptions made by them and information currently available to them. Generally, these assumptions include, among others: the ability of Bluestone to carry on exploration and development activities; the price of gold, silver and other metals; there being no material variations in the current tax and regulatory environment; the exchange rates among the Canadian dollar, Guatemalan quetzal and the United States dollar remaining consistent with current levels; the presence of and continuity of metals at the Cerro Blanco Project at estimated grades; the availability of personnel, machinery and equipment at estimated prices and within estimated delivery times; metals sales prices and exchange rates assumed; appropriate discount rates applied to the cash flows in economic analyses; tax rates and royalty rates applicable to the proposed mining operation; the availability of acceptable financing; anticipated mining losses and dilution; success in realizing proposed operations; anticipated timelines for community consultations and the impact of those consultations on the regulatory approval process.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements and, even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, Bluestone. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things: risks relating to variations in the mineral content within the mineral identified as mineral resources from that predicted; risks and uncertainties related to expected production rates, timing and amount of production and total costs of production; risks and uncertainties related to ability to obtain or maintain necessary licenses, permits, or surface rights; risks associated with technical difficulties in connection with mining development activities; risks and uncertainties related to the accuracy of mineral resource estimates and estimates of future production, future cash flow, total costs of production and diminishing quantities or grades of mineral resources; risks associated with geopolitical uncertainty and political and economic instability in Guatemala; risks and uncertainties related to interruptions in production; the possibility that future exploration, development or mining results will not be consistent with the Company's expectations; uncertain political and economic environments and relationships with local communities; variations in rates of recovery and extraction; developments in world metals markets; risks related to fluctuations in currency exchange rates; as well as those factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Amended and Restated Annual Information Form.

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### Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measures

The Company has included certain non-International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") measures in this new release. The Company believes that these measures, in addition to measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, provide investors an improved ability to evaluate the underlying performance of the Company and to compare it to information reported by other companies. The non-IFRS measures are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS, and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.

### All-in sustaining costs

The Company believes that all-in sustaining costs ("AISC") more fully defines the total costs associated with producing gold.

The Company calculates AISC as the sum of refining costs, third party royalties, site operating costs, sustaining capital costs and closure capital costs all divided by the gold ounces sold to arrive at a per ounce amount. Other companies may calculate this measure differently as a result of differences in underlying principles and policies applied. Differences may also arise due to a different definition of sustaining versus non-sustaining capital.

#### Total cash costs

Total cash costs is a common financial performance measure in the gold mining industry but has no standard meaning. The Company reports total cash costs on a gold ounce sold basis. The Company believes that, in addition to measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, such as revenue, certain investors can use this information to evaluate the Company's performance and ability to generate operating earnings and cash flow from its mining operations. Management uses this metric as an important tool to monitor operating cost performance.

Total cash costs include (cost of sales such as mining, processing, maintenance and site administration, royalties, selling costs and by-product credits) to arrive at total cash costs per ounce of gold sold. Other companies may calculate this measure differently.

#### AISC and total cash costs reconciliation

ASIC and total cash costs are calculated based on the definitions published by the World Gold Council ("WGC") (a market development organization for the gold industry comprised of and funded by 18 gold mining companies from around the world). The WGC is not a regulatory organization.

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