AbraSilver Reports 104 m at 382 g/t Silver-Equivalent (5.1 g/t Gold-Equivalent); Continues to Demonstrate Continuity & Growth Potential of High-Grade Zone

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Key Highlights:

- Hole DDH 21-012 returned 104m at 382 g/t AgEq (216 g/t Ag and 2.21 g/t Au) from a depth of only 134m down-hole

May 17, 2021 - <u>AbraSilver Resource Corp.</u> (TSXV:ABRA) (OTC:ABBRF) ("AbraSilver" or the "Company") is pleased to report continued high-grade drill results received from two additional diamond drill holes completed on its wholly-owned Diablillos property in Salta Province, Argentina.

Table 1 - Drill Result Highlights (Intercepts greater than 2,000 gram-meter AgEq shown in bold text):

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|From |To |Type |Interval |Ag |Au |Cu
Drill
|AgEq1g/t|AuEq1g/t|
 |Hole |
                  |(m) |(m) | (m) | g/t |g/t | %
|DDH-21-011 |
|222.6 |2.97 |
                  |99.5 |102.5 | Oxides | 3.0 | 221.1 | 0.02 | -
|102.3 |1.36 |
DDH-21-011 |Including|126 |130.5|Oxides|4.5 |52.0 |2.84 |-
265.0 | 3.53 |
                |145.5|168 |Oxides|22.5 |20.5 |0.75 |-
|DDH-21-011 |
76.7 | 1.02
|DDH-21-011 |
                 |174 | 191 | Oxides | 17.0 | 12.9 | 1.01 | -
88.7 | 1.18
| DDH-21-011 | | 200 | 206 | Oxides | 6.0 | 11.4 | 0.94 | -
| DDH-21-011 |
                |235.5|254 |Sulphides |18.5 |61.3 |1.70 |-
188.8 | 2.52
 |DDH-21-011 |Including|247.5|254 |Sulphides |6.5 |85.4 |4.22 |-
|401.9 |5.36 |
DDH-21-011 |Including|253 |254 |Sulphides |1.0 |273.5|12.10|-
|1,181.0 |15.75 |
| DDH-21-012 | | 32 | 41 | Oxides | 9.0 | 7.7 | 1.43 | - | 115.0 | 1.53 |
             |112 |120 |Oxides | 8.0 |42.5 |- --
42.5 | 0.57 |
|DDH-21-012 | Including | 172 | 219 | Oxides | 47.0 | 280.2 | 4.26 | -
|599.7 |8.00 |
|DDH-21-012 | Including | 204 | 219 | Oxides | 15.0 | 302.3 | 7.99 | -
901.6 | 12.02 |
| DDH-21-012 | | 284.5|290.5|Sulphides | 6.0 | 3.7 | 0.58 | 0.72|121.3 | 1.62 |
 0.48 | 175.6 | 2.34
|DDH-21-012 |
|0.75|208.5 |2.78
                  |430 |431.5|Sulphides |1.5 |116.4|0.20
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Note: All results in this news release are rounded. Assays are uncut and undiluted. Widths are drilled widths, not true widths. True widths are estimated to be approximately 80% of the interval widths.

1 AgEq & AuEq calculations for reported drill results are based on USD \$20.00/oz Ag, \$1,500/oz Au and \$3.00/lb Cu. The calculations assume 100% metallurgical recovery and are indicative of gross in-situ metal

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value at the indicated metal prices. Refer to Technical Notes below for metallurgical recoveries assumed in the 2018 PEA study on Diablillos.

John Miniotis, President and CEO, commented, "Our drill results continue to demonstrate both the continuity and growth potential of the high-grade silver and gold mineralization at the Tesoro zone, as well as adding to the potential resources of the northeast gold zone beyond the open pit margin.

The Tesoro zone is the highest-grade area within the broader Oculto deposit. The consistent high-grade results we keep encountering, continue to support our view that excellent potential exists to significantly grow the tonnage and grades of the existing Mineral Resources. We look forward to receiving exploration results from our remaining 8 holes of the Phase I drill program, culminating in a resource update in Q3."

Figure 1 - Drill Hole Location Map and Proposed Drill Holes in the Oculto Zone

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Discussion of Drill Hole Results

Hole DDH 21-012 was drilled to test the newly-named Tesoro zone (ie. the intersection of the Main and Cross breccias). The hole intersected high grade gold and silver mineralisation, with 104 meters of 2.21 g/t Au and 216.2 g/t Ag from 134 to 238 meters down hole depth, including 47 meters of 4.26 g/t Au and 280.2 g/t Ag from 172 to 219 meters.

Hole DDH 21-012 is located on section line 8275 in the Tesoro Zone, between holes DDH 20-026 (section line 8,200) and DDH 20-027 (section line 8,300), both of which intersected thick zones of high-grade gold and silver mineralisation. This new intercept demonstrates continuity of the high-grade zone and should add substantially to the silver and gold resources in the Tesoro Zone.

Importantly, the Tesoro zone is not only expanding resources it is doing so within the existing open pit footprint. As such, the Company expects to add meaningful ounces at materially higher grades within the existing open pit resource used in the 2018 PEA study.

Figure 2 - Plan View of Drill Holes in Tesoro Zone

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Figure 3 - Cross Section 8275 (Looking East) with Highlighted intercepts in Hole DDH 21-012

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Hole 21-011 was drilled to test the Northeast zone of the Oculto deposit. It intersected zones of moderate grade oxide gold and silver mineralisation together with higher grade sulphide mineralisation beyond the Whittle pit margin defined in the 2018 PEA, with 18.5 meters of 1.70g/t gold and 61.3g/t silver from 235.5 to 254.0 meters down hole depth, including 6.5 meters of 4.22g/t gold and 85.4g/t silver from 247.5 to 254 meters. This hole shows the continuation of gold dominant mineralisation extending north-east of the Oculto Whittle pit.

The hole ended in high-grade silver and gold mineralisation, with the last 1m interval grading 12.1g/t gold and 273.5g/t silver (from 253.0 to 254.0 meters). Additional drilling is planned to test the depth extent of this mineralised zone.

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Figure 4 - Cross Section 8350 (Looking East) Highlighted Intercepts in Hole DDH 21-011

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Collar Data

Drill AgEg1g/t	: AuEq1g/t	From	To	Type	Interv	<i>r</i> al	Ag	Au	Cu
Hole		(m)	(m)		(m)		g/t	g/t	%
DDH-21-		99.5	102.5	Oxides	3.0		221.1	0.02	-
DDH-21-		111.5	133.5	Oxides	22.0		48.3	0.72	-
DDH-21-	-011 Including 3.53	126	130.5	Oxides	4.5		52.0	2.84	-
DDH-21-		145.5	168	Oxides	22.5		20.5	0.75	-
DDH-21-		174	191	Oxides	17.0		12.9	1.01	-
DDH-21-		200	206	Oxides	6	5.0	11.4	0.94	-
DDH-21-		235.5	254	Sulphio	des 1	L8.5	61.3	1.70	-
DDH-21-	-011 Including 5.36	247.5	254	Sulphio	des 6	5.5	85.4	4.22	-
DDH-21-	-011 Including 15.75	253	254	Sulphio	des 1	L.0	273.5	12.10	-
DDH-21-		32	41	Oxides		9.0	7.7	1.43	-
DDH-21-		112	120	Oxides	3	3.0	42.5	-	
DDH-21-		134	238	Oxides	1	L04.0	216.2	2.21	-
DDH-21-	-012 Including 8.00	172	219	Oxides	4	17.0	280.2	4.26	-
	-012 Including 12.02	204	219	Oxides	1	L5.0	302.3	7.99	-
DDH-21-		284.5	290.5	Sulphio	des 6	5.0	3.7	0.58	
DDH-21-		416.5 	418	Sulphic	 des 1	 L.5	6.2	1.60	
DDH-21-	-012 3.5 2.78	430 	431.5 	Sulphio	des 1	L.5	116.4 	0.20	

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About Diablillos

The 80 km2 Diablillos property is located in the Argentine Puna region - the southern extension of the Altiplano of southern Peru, Bolivia, and northern Chile - and was acquired from SSR Mining Inc. by the Company in 2016. There are several known mineral zones on the Diablillos property, with the Oculto zone being the most advanced with approximately 90,000 metres drilled to date. Oculto is a high-sulphidation epithermal silver-gold deposit derived from remnant hot springs activity following Tertiarty-age local magmatic and volcanic activity. Comparatively nearby examples of high sulphidation epithermal deposits include: El Indio, Chile; Veladero, Argentina; and Pascua Lama, on the Chile-Argentine border.

Table 2 - 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Oculto Deposit, Diablillos Project

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Drill AgEq1g/t AuEq1g Hole 	r/t	From (m)	TO (m)	Type		rval			Cu %
 DDH-21-011 222.6 2.97		 99.5	102.5	Oxides	3.0		221.1	0.02	- -
DDH-21-011 102.3 1.36		111.5	133.5	Oxides	22.0		48.3	0.72	-
DDH-21-011 In 265.0 3.53	cluding	126	130.5	Oxides	4.5		52.0	2.84	-
DDH-21-011 76.7 1.02		145.5	168	Oxides	22.5		20.5	0.75	-
DDH-21-011 88.7 1.18		174	191	Oxides	17.0		12.9	1.01	-
DDH-21-011 81.9 1.09		200	206	Oxides		6.0	11.4	0.94	-
DDH-21-011 188.8 2.52		235.5	254	Sulphic	ies	18.5	61.3	1.70	- -
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DDH-21-012 0.75 208.5 2		430 	431.5	Sulphic	les	1.5	116.4	0.20	

Effective August 31, 2017. The resource estimate and supporting technical report are N.I. 43-101 compliant. Full details of the Mineral Resources are available in a Company news release dated March 2, 2018. For additional information please see Technical Report on the Diablillos Project, Salta Province, Argentina, dated April 16, 2018, completed by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc, and available on www.SEDAR.com.

QA/QC and Core Sampling Protocols

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AbraSilver applies industry standard exploration methodologies and techniques, and all drill core samples are collected under the supervision of the Company's geologists in accordance with industry practices. Drill core is transported from the drill platform to the logging facility where drill data is compared and verified with the core in the trays. Thereafter, it is logged, photographed, and split by diamond saw prior to being sampled. Samples are then bagged, and quality control materials are inserted at regular intervals; these include blanks and certified reference materials as well as duplicate core samples which are collected in order to measure sample representivity. Groups of samples are then placed in large bags which are sealed with numbered tags in order to maintain a chain-of-custody during the transport of the samples from the project site to the laboratory.

All samples are received by the SGS offices in Salta who then dispatch the samples to the SGS preparation facility in San Juan. From there, the prepared samples are sent to the SGS laboratory in Lima, Peru where they are analyzed. All samples are analyzed using a multi-element technique consisting of a four acid digestion followed by ICP/AES detection, and gold is analyzed by 50g Fire Assay with an AAS finish. Silver results greater than 100g/t are reanalyzed using four acid digestion with an ore grade AAS finish.

Qualified Persons

David O'Connor P.Geo., Chief Geologist for AbraSilver, is the qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this news release.

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About AbraSilver

AbraSilver is a well-funded silver-gold focused advanced-stage exploration company. The Company is rapidly advancing its 100%-owned Diablillos silver-gold project in the mining-friendly Salta province of Argentina, which has an Indicated resource base of over 140Moz on a silver-equivalent basis and an initial open pit PEA study completed in 2018. The Company is led by an experienced management team and has long-term supportive shareholders including Mr. Eric Sprott, Altius Minerals and SSR Mining. In addition, AbraSilver owns a portfolio of earlier-stage copper-gold projects, including the Arcas project in Chile where Rio Tinto has an option to earn up to a 75% interest by funding up to US\$25 million in exploration. AbraSilver is listed on the TSX-V under the symbol "ABRA" and in the U.S. under the symbol "ABBRF".

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