

Atna's North Main Briggs Zone Expanding

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Atna Resources Ltd. ('Atna' or the 'Company') (TSX:ATN/ OTCBB:ATNAF) is pleased to report new drilling results from its Briggs Mine, California ('Briggs'). Our drill program is expanding the zone of Measured and Indicated resources adjacent to and beyond the North Main Briggs pit and continues to return broad intercepts of mineralization in the Deep Briggs target. Highlights of the recently assayed drill holes include:

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North Main Briggs

-- 25 feet (7.6 m) grading 0.060 oz/ton gold (2.06 g/t) in hole NMB11-050;
45 feet (13.7 m) grading 0.030 oz/ton gold (1.03 g/t) in NMB11-053,
and
50 feet (15.2 m) grading 0.040 oz/ton gold (1.36 g/t) in hole NMB11-055. These holes extend the North Main Briggs zone approximately 100 feet (30.5m) to the west of the existing reserve zone.
-- 80 feet (24.4 m) grading 0.033 oz/ton gold (1.13 g/t) in hole NMB11-057
and 60 feet (18.3 m) grading 0.035 oz/ton gold (1.19 g/t) in hole NMB11-071. Both holes are infill drilling within Inferred Resource blocks adjacent to the Proven and Probable Reserves in the North Main Briggs pit area.

Deep Briggs

-- 280 feet (85.4 m) grading 0.020 oz/ton gold (0.69 g/t) in hole number BMD11-069
-- 190 feet (57.9 m) grading 0.014 oz/ton gold (0.49 g/t), 45 feet (13.7 m) grading 0.032 oz/ton gold (1.10 g/t), and 55 feet (16.8 m) grading 0.026 oz/ton gold (0.90 g/t) in three separate intercepts in hole BMD11-070

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'We are pleased that the development and expansion drilling in the North Main Briggs area is returning better than anticipated grades and intercept thicknesses. The positive results we continue to see in our Deep Briggs drilling, highlights the potential for future resource and reserve expansion,' said James Hesketh, President & CEO.

These new drill holes are contiguous with, extend and infill the broad mineralized zones reported in previous press releases issued between February and May 2011. Infill drilling at Deep Briggs and both infill and step-out drilling at North Main Briggs will continue through June and July. Upon completion of the drill program and receipt of all assay results, the mineral zones will be remodeled and an updated mineral resource will be compiled to serve as the basis for mine planning, year-end reserves and resources statement for the Briggs Mine.

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Detailed Assay Results

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	From-feet ----- (meters) -----	To-feet ----- (meters) -----	* Length-feet ----- (meters) -----
BMD11-056 (Azimuth 090, Angle -70)			
	0 (0)	40 (12.2)	40 (12.2)
	260 (79.3)	305 (93.0)	45 (13.7)
BMD11-069 (Azimuth 270, Angle -70)			
	0 (0)	65 (18.3)	65 (18.3)
	185 (56.4)	465 (141.8)	280 (85.4)
including	185 (56.4)	325 (99.1)	140 (42.7)
	500 (152.4)	565 (172.3)	65 (19.8)
	805 (245.4)	835 (254.6)	30 (9.1)
BMD11-070 (Azimuth 270, Angle -50)			
	100 (30.5)	125 (38.1)	25 (7.6)
	160 (48.8)	350 (106.7)	190 (57.9)
	395 (120.4)	440 (134.1)	45 (13.7)
including	395 (120.4)	405 (123.5)	10 (3.0)
	455 (138.7)	510 (155.5)	55 (16.8)
including	470 (143.3)	485 (147.9)	15 (4.6)
	560 (170.7)	680 (207.3)	120 (36.6)
NMB11-050 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)			
	115 (35.1)	140 (42.7)	25 (7.6)
NMB11-053 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)			
	130 (39.6)	175 (53.4)	45 (13.7)

NMB11-055 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)	-----		
	130 (39.6)	180 (54.9)	50 (15.2)

NMB11-057 (Azimuth 030, Angle -45)	-----		
	140 (42.7)	170 (51.8)	30 (9.1)
	185 (56.4)	265 (80.8)	80 (24.4)
including	215 (65.5)	245 (74.7)	30 (9.1)

NMB11-058 (Azimuth 045, Angle -45)	-----		
	145 (44.2)	255 (77.7)	110 (33.5)
including	150 (45.7)	190 (57.9)	40 (12.2)

NMB11-071 (Azimuth 275, Angle -60)	-----		
	280 (85.4)	315 (96.1)	35 (10.7)
	340 (103.7)	400 (122.0)	60 (18.3)
including	365 (111.3)	390 (118.9)	25 (7.6)

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	Ounces/ton Au	Zone
	(grams/tonne Au)	----

BMD11-056 (Azimuth 090, Angle -70)	-----	
	0.024 (0.81)	Main Briggs
	0.028 (0.95)	East Wall

BMD11-069 (Azimuth 270, Angle -70)	-----	
	0.013 (0.44)	Main/Deep
	0.020 (0.69)	Deep Briggs
including	0.027 (0.94)	Deep Briggs
	0.021 (0.73)	Deep Briggs
	0.017 (0.61)	Deep Briggs

BMD11-070 (Azimuth 270, Angle -50)	-----	
	0.015 (0.51)	Main Briggs
	0.014 (0.49)	Deep Briggs
	0.032 (1.10)	Deep Briggs
including	0.093 (3.17)	
	0.026 (0.90)	Deep Briggs
including	0.062 (2.13)	
	0.017 (0.58)	Deep Briggs

NMB11-050 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)

0.060 (2.06) N. Main Briggs

NMB11-053 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)

0.030 (1.04) N. Main Briggs

NMB11-055 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)

0.040 (1.36) N. Main Briggs

NMB11-057 (Azimuth 030, Angle -45)

0.032 (1.10) N. Main Briggs

0.033 (1.13) N. Main Briggs

including

0.048 (1.65)

NMB11-058 (Azimuth 045, Angle -45)

0.015 (0.50) N. Main Briggs

including

0.023 (0.78)

NMB11-071 (Azimuth 275, Angle -60)

0.017 (0.58) N. Main Briggs

0.035 (1.19) N. Main Briggs

including

0.066 (2.26)

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* Intercept length may not represent true thicknesses of the mineralized body due to oblique intersection of the mineralized zone by the drill hole.

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Analytical results contained within this press release were completed by standard fire assay methods with an atomic absorption or gravimetric finish by Inspectorate America Corporation, an independent, ISO certified, analytical laboratory located in Sparks, Nevada. Atna maintains a rigorous Quality Assurance - Quality Control (QA/QC) program utilizing both certified gold standards and blanks to augment Inspectorate's internal QA/QC program.

This press release was prepared under the supervision and review of William Stanley, V.P. Exploration of Atna, a Licensed Geologist, and Qualified Person with the ability and authority to verify the authenticity and validity of information contained within this news release.

For additional information on Atna Resources and the Briggs Mine, please visit our website at www.atna.com.

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